

Leading People to a Transforming Relationship with Jesus Christ



Weekly Activities & Ministries

Sundays	9:00am	Sunday School & Confirmation
	10:00am	Worship
Mondays	9:00am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00am	Seated Fitness
Tuesday	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting
	9:30am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00pm	KidsQuest
	6:00pm	Men’s Group
Thursday	6:30pm	Youth Group
	9:00am	Seated Fitness
Saturday	7:00am	Men’s Bible Study

\*Visit the Church website & social media for more information and details!

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Dassel Covenant Courier  
January 2023

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New Beginnings

A new year – new beginnings! We serve a God of new beginnings. The prophet Ezekiel wrote in Ezekiel 36:26:  
*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

What did the prophet Ezekiel mean? Simply put, that when Christ came, our lives would be transformed from a broken and stubborn heart into something that would reflect His power and presence at work in our lives.

As we all know, the New Year is a time when we make resolutions about many things – diet, exercise, time with family and friends, reading our Bibles... etc.. This are all good things and I would encourage all of us to make such resolutions. But the prophet Ezekiel is saying something different. He is saying, “Let God change you!” The Apostle Paul said it this way in 2 Corinthians 5:17, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”* There are some things only God can do, such as the changing and transforming of our lives.

One of biggest mistakes we can make as Christians is to think that this transformation is up to us to work harder and try harder. Our job is and has never been about this. Indeed we have a responsibility when it comes to this transformation into a new life. What is that? It’s called ‘surrender’! John 15:4-5 tells us:

*Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

Our job is to remain, abide, submit and surrender to Jesus Christ. This mans let Him have His way in our lives. And if we do this we are told that the Spirit will reproduce Himself in us. Galatians 5:22-25:  
*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

So a new year means to let God do amazing things in our lives. You may have sung these words:

I surrender all  
Oh, I surrender all  
All to Thee  
My blessed Savior  
I surrender all

For the Praise of His Glory,  
Pastor Darren

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January Volunteers

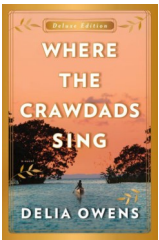
<u>Ushers</u> 1: Al Olson & Sharon Radke 8: Diane Dodge 15: Brian & Maria Anderson 22: Leon Nordberg & Marlene Blunt 29: Jim Hallquist & Dan Rinden	<u>Nursery</u> 1: Carolee Michel 8: Tim & Candy P. 15: Catherine Young 22: Brenda Olson 29: Hastings Family	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 1: Dan & Mary Rinden 8: 15: 22: 29:
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Leadership Team Note

- The Annual Congregational Meeting is January 29th, after the service and a potluck.
- The Nominating Committee is finalizing the nominees to fill up to four open posi-

Book Club

Book Club will be meeting  
Tuesday, January 31st at  
6:30pm.  
The book selection is  
“Where the Crawdads Sing”  
by Delia Owens



2022 Annual Meeting

The 2022 Annual meeting is Sunday, January 29th following worship.  
We will also have a potluck! Please bring a dish to share!  
All agenda items need to be turned in to the office by January 8th.

Our Sincere Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who blessed us with gifts this Christmas! We are grateful for each person in the Dassel Covenant Church family. It is our pleasure to serve as you church staff.  
Blessings, Dassel Covenant Church staff

Church Family  
Humor

By Su Asplin  
-What do you call a couple of Egyptian royals?  
Cleo-Pete-ra  
-What is Craig’s favorite Sweet?  
A Special Kay bar  
-What do you call a women who tells it like it is?  
Blunt  
-What do you call a man on the edge?  
Cliff  
-What do you call the other man on the edge?  
Darren

December Church Attendance

December 4	Sunday: 123	Online: 73	Total: 196
December 11	Sunday: 105	Online: 81	Total: 186
December 18	Sunday: 113	Online: 81	Total: 194
December 24	Sunday:	Online:	Total:
December 25	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

January 2023 “The Way”

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Friday Night Frenzy at FBC	7
8 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	9	10	11 6:30pm The Way at FBC	12	13	14
15 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	16	17	18 6:30pm The Way at FBC	19	20	21
22 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	23	24	25 6:30pm The Way at FBC	26	27	28
29 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	30	31				





## January youth events

- ⇒ Jan 4th youth group @ FBC (6:30pm)
- ⇒ Jan 6th Friday night frenzy @ FBC (9pm-12am)



- ⇒ Jan 11th youth group @ FBC (6:30pm)
- ⇒ Jan 18th youth group @ FBC (6:30pm)
- ⇒ Jan 25th youth group @ FBC (6:30pm)

The church van will leave for First Baptist at 6:10pm.

### Families with Young Children Event

Sunday, January 15th, 2023 at 4pm  
Come and get to know each other while your kids play together in a supervised setting.

Potluck meal at 5:15pm  
All families with young children are welcome!

Questions? Talk to Carolee or Marcia

### Mission Trip Fund Raiser

Do you have a wood burning fireplace? A firepit? A woodburning stove? Campfires? These firestarters are a 'sure fire' way to light your fuel source. Made from egg cartons, sawdust and wax OR muffin liners, sawdust and wax, these firestarters burn for 15 to 25 minutes.

Bag of a dozen - mixed egg carton and muffin liner - only \$5. Available in the office.



### Adult Sunday School "Come As You Are Class" - Formerly "Pot- Luck Class"

Why the change?

There are few, if any, under the age of sixty that have any idea why the "Pot Luck" title was chosen in the first place. You had to be old enough and tuned in to WCCO radio on Sunday morning at 7:00 A.M. to understand the background. Those who came expecting hot dishes and goodies were disappointed, so a change was in order.

The format will be as always. The coffee pot will be on, and we will continue with a variety of presenters and topics.

The next series will be Dr. David Jeremiah's most current program : *"The World of the End."* It is a prophetic theme based on the words of Jesus from Matthew Chapter 24, often referred to as the Mt. Olivet Discourse. The message is very timely and there are words of challenge and encouragement for these times.

See you on Sunday January 8th and - Come as you are!

**Dassel Covenant Friends & Family Winter Retreat at Lake Beauty Bible Camp.**

Friday, February 24, 2023, beginning at 6:00pm through Sunday, February 26, check out time is noon.

Loon Lodge and several cabins have been reserved for us. Come and enjoy our beautiful camp and the many activities offered. Or, just come and relax and have someone else do the cooking!

The cost includes lodging and 3 meals on Saturday. We will do our own "potluck" breakfast on Sunday.

Each family unit will be assigned their own bedroom. Bring your own bedding and towels.

Activities include:  
Snow Tubing, Snow Shoeing, Hiking, Sauna, Gym-9 Square, Basketball, Dodgeball, Carpetball, Laser Tag (additional cost)

Const information coming soon!

Questions? Talk to Amanda or Marcia  
Please sign up and pay by  
February 15, 2023

**No Regrets - Men's Conference**  
**Saturday, February 4th, 7:30am - 1:30pm**  
**Remote hosting at our church**

Each day presents circumstances that cause us to lose our hope and courage. As traditional institutions fail to grant security, where can we turn? David the Psalmist stated long ago: "He alone is our rock, our salvation and our fortress". Jesus is the solid ground. Knowing Him is the answer to life's greatest challenges. Together we will explore exactly how to build your life on the solid foundation of God and His Word. There will be group worship, compelling messages from leading pastors and teachers, testimonies of how other men have done it and seminars on the topics of most interest to you. Take advantage of this day to avoid the distractions of life and renew your dependence on Christ, the solid rock on which we stand.  
 Any questions, please talk with Matt Fusari.

Signup at church or at our website:  
<https://www.dasselcovenant.org/mens-no-regrets-conference.html>  
 More information at:  
<https://www.noregretsconference.org>



**KIDSQUEST UPDATE**

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in live, in faith and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12*

The month of December was a little different then our normal KidsQuest evenings! We practiced for the Christmas program, and did a few of our normal activities. Sadly, we had to postpone the program due to kids being sick. We are hopeful that after Christmas break, we will all feel better and able to have the program.

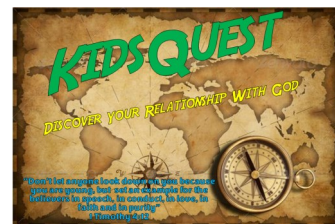
Coming up in 2023:

- ◆ We will be finishing up the Characteristic of God
- ◆ Next we will be learning about TRUTH
- ◆ KidsQuest Family meals will be each month
- ◆ Other fun activities to come: BINGO, Game Night, Race Night, Bring your Parents Night, and more!

Mark your calendar, the KidsQuest Christmas program is Wednesday, January 4th at 6pm!

We are in need of volunteers. Come by yourself or with a friend. We are also looking for more Bible Lesson leaders. We have the topic ready, and are looking for others to help lead the lesson. This could be with song, puppets, acting, reading a story, telling about yourself, and any variety of other ways!

Thank you to all of the volunteers and for all of your support!  
 Amanda Fusari—KidsQuest Director



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- |    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1  | Mary Rinden              |
| 4  | LaRene Johnson*          |
| 7  | Russell Fusari           |
| 8  | Dustin Darwin            |
| 9  | Marlene Blunt*           |
|    | Robert Hendrickson       |
| 10 | Amy Thostenson           |
| 11 | Hannah (Latt) Germscheid |
| 13 | Ryan Johnson             |
| 15 | Caitlin Latt             |
|    | Chad Ardoff              |
| 17 | Carol Anderson*          |
|    | Annie Seaberg            |
|    | Kirk Olson               |
| 19 | Barb Kay                 |
| 22 | LaVonne Hansen           |
|    | Joelle Woetzel           |
| 23 | Carol Tritabaugh         |
|    | Mary Otto                |
| 25 | Betty Ness*              |
|    | Kevin Hanson             |
| 26 | Gail Heid                |
| 27 | Darren Olson             |
| 28 | Tina McStotts            |
|    | Hannah Hohenstein        |
| 29 | Jon Young                |
|    | Daniel Darwin            |

\*80+ years

**January Anniversaries**

Dan & Mary Rinden  
 January 1, 1983

Craig & Barb Kay  
 January 2, 1987

Bob & Betty Ness  
 January 2, 2021

Ben & Tabitha Beckman  
 January 2, 2010

Anthony & Abigail Amundson  
 January 3, 2009

Dustin & Mandy Darwin  
 January 13, 2007

Brandon & Amber Diederich  
 January 16, 2021

\*50+ years





# January 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 No Sunday School or Confirmation 10am Worship	2 Closed	3 6:30pm CE	4 6pm Kid-sQuest Christmas Program 6:30pm The Way	5 9am Seated Fitness 6:30pm WM	6	7 7am Men's Bible Study
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# Community Meal

*All are WELCOME!*



**You are invited to a Community Meal**  
**Sunday, January 15th, 2023 at 11:15am**

Dassel Covenant Church  
251 Lake Street. Dassel, MN 55325

*Come and enjoy Chili, bread, dessert,  
and good conversation!*

Freewill donations are accepted, but not necessary.

Questions? Call the church office at 320-275-3315

\*The next Community Meal will be Sunday, February 19th at 11:15am

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.—John 6:35

# Leadership Team meeting , December 2022

The following are highlights from the submitted reports.

Pastor Darren: preaching on Psalms starting in January. The Tentmaker deposit will be re-  
turned to us. New members have been approved and presented to the congregation - more are  
interested in joining as members. He received a youth director application - will let them know  
we have an interim youth pastor, but will keep the application on file. Youth group is going  
well.

Missions: a trip is being planned for 2023 to Ecuador with a good interest from church mem-  
bers to go.

Properties & Maintenance: maintenance to furnaces have been completed. Continuing to mon-  
itor utility expenses. Will finalize their 2023 budget after the December bills are received. In  
cooperation with the Stewardship and Finance team, they will review the current farm property  
and related documents, exploring the option of selling the land. Still working to resolve the  
Narthex leak. A HUGE thanks for Al, Leon, and everyone else who helps out around church.

Stewardship & Finance: November financials were approved with a net income. A payment  
will be made from the Building Fund to the principal building loan, which along with memori-  
al monies, will bring the loan balance under \$100,000. Women Ministries will merge with the  
church budget in 2023. The first draft of the 2023 proposed budget was reviewed by the Lead-  
ership Team.

Visitation: gift cards were given to 12 families. Poinsettias and a nativity book to shut-ins. Our  
church is in charge of Meals on Wheels for December and March.

Torrey made a motion to accept the reports as submitted. Diane seconded the motion; the mo-  
tion passed.

Old Business:  
Annual employee reviews will happen in January.

New Business:  
Annual Meeting - January 29th  
Deadline for reports and agenda items is January 8th  
Nominating recommendations for Leadership Team  
-Al Olson, Tom Nelson, Bonnie Eng, Debbie Nelson  
-The Leadership Team had some discussion regarding the number of the Leadership  
Team members and if we should elect two or four new members.  
-Also discussed if we needed to elect a new nominating committee member in January,  
so the nominating team would already be set before the 2024 elections.

## CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel  
Financial Summary  
11/30/22

General Fund	Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income	25,273	285,872
Actual Expenses	22,555	267,193
Total Income Less Expense	2,718	18,679
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2021		268,674

<b>Building Fund</b> —Beginning Balance 1/1/2022		13,720
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Contributions: Building Fund contributions	7,140	32,605
Designated Memorials	110	8,971
Payments: Payments to NCP	2,650	41,682
<b>Current Building Fund Balance</b>		<b>13,614</b>
Building Loan 1/1/2020		<b>144,610</b>
2019 Principal Payments-Regular Giving	2,106	31,557
Principal Payments-Memorials	0	5,061
<b>Current Loan Balance 4/30/2020</b>		<b>107,992</b>

The 1st Sunday of each month, we will be taking a special offering for the Benevolent Fund.  
The money collected for the Benevolent Fund helps support those from our Church family in  
a time of need.

**Don't forget about the online giving option!**  
[http://www.dasselcovenant.org/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](http://www.dasselcovenant.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)

## Office Hours

Staff Meetings are Tuesday at 9:30am

<u>General office hours:</u>		<u>Pastors Office Hours:</u>	
Monday:	8:30am-3:00pm	Monday:	In Office
Tuesday:	8:30am-3:00pm	Tuesday:	In Office
Thursday:	8:30am-3:00pm	Wednesday:	In Office
Friday:	Closed	Thursday:	In Office
		Friday:	Off