

DASSEL COVENANT  
CHURCH  
251 Lake Street  
Dassel, MN 55325

Leading People to a Transforming  
Relationship with Jesus Christ



Weekly Activities & Ministries

Sundays	8:30am	Prayer
	9:00am	Sunday School & Confirmation (Sept-May)
	10:00am	Worship
Mondays	9:00am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00am	Seated Fitness
Wednesday	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting
	6:00pm	KidsQuest (Sept-April)
	6:00pm	Men’s Group
	6:30pm	The Way Youth Group (Sept-April)
Thursday	9:00am	Seated Fitness
Saturday	7:00am	Men’s Bible Study

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

www.dasselcovenant.org



Dassel Covenant Courier  
June 2023

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Parting with Gratitude

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We are deeply thankful to Dassel Covenant Church. Instead of trying to say all those reasons for being thankful in fear of missing someone or something allow us to simply share some of the things we miss as our thankfulness to you as a congregation and the Dassel-Cokato community (in no particular order).

- Monday night prayer with the many prayer warriors of Dassel.
- The wonderful and gifted individuals that led worship every Sunday. Thank you for leading us to the throne room of Christ.
- Baptizing a whole family. To baptize an entire family was so special to me.
- Red Rooster Days and the celebration of this wonderful community.
- The tremendously faithful staff of Dassel Covenant Church. The laughter and joy of working together for the gospel is a privilege.
- Teaching Confirmation to wonderfully receptive students that want to follow Jesus.
- Seeing Brenda and my family so accepted and allowed to be involved in the ministry of Dassel. Especially with the passing of her father and my mother. Your love was so appreciated during these times.
- Being able to coach young people at Dassel-Cokato schools. And being a part of a state championship.
- Seeing people come to Christ and come back to Christ because of the gracious people of Dassel Covenant.
- Saturday morning Bible study with the men.
- The parsonage (enough said).
- The amazing faithful volunteers, those seen and those unseen, which make everything happen at Dassel Covenant.
- The incredible support of Lake Beauty Bible Camp, children, and youth.
- The many special services (Christmas, Easter, Good Friday, Maundy Thursday... etc).
- The times of fellowship around the table of people’s homes and at favorite restaurants.
- So many things that make Dassel Covenant Church a place where the community feels welcomed (Meals on Wheels, Quilters, Blood Mobile, the Dassel Elementary emergency building... etc.)

And these are just some of those things we will miss. But mostly it will be you the people who simply love Jesus and want to share Him with our community. Thank you for making this a special place with special memories.

For the Praise of His Glory,  
Pastor Darren and Brenda

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May Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 4: Chad Dischinger & Dan Rinden 11: Tim Paulson & Jim Hallquist 18: Al Olson & Sharon Radke 25: Ralph Anderson & Diane Dodge	<u>Nursery</u> 4: Maddy Pankratz 11: Jess & Kenna Gasta 18: Kristi M & Karlie K 25: Tonya Hastings	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 4: Hungerford's 11: 18: 25:
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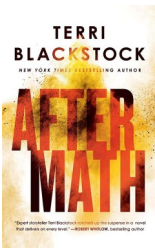
**Leadership Team Note**

- Virgil Anderson’s message preview
- Tim Roemer’s resignation and youth discussion
- Vitality Task Force Revitalized
- Approved revised Ministry Guidelines
- Complete May minutes are available in the church office

**Mission Trip Fund Raiser**  
Do you have a wood burning fire-place?  
A firepit? A woodburning stove? Campfires? These firestartes 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.



**Book Club**  
Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30pm. The book selection is “*Aftermath*” by Terri Blackstock  
*All are welcome to join book Club!*



**Meals-On-Wheels**  
Thank you to:  
Wayne & Lois Koehnen  
Cliff & Bonnie Eng  
Ron & Becky Hungerford  
Bill & Sandy Ward  
Jon & Catherine Young  
Thank you for delivering meals for the month of June!  
The Ecuador Mission Trip is October 14-22!  
Please be praying for the team!

May Church Attendance			
7th	Sunday: 122	Online: 48	Total: 170
14th	Sunday: 102	Online: 46	Total: 148
21st	Sunday: 152	Online: 29	Total: 181
28th	Sunday: 138	Online:	Total:
	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

**Church Family Humor**  
By Su Asplin  
-What do you call Judy’s favorite vegetable? *Kohl Riebe*  
-What does a man with a lisp have in his pocket? *Keith*  
-What do you call Bonnie’s favorite place? *Eng land*  
-What do you call a women who is as cute as can be? *Dahl*

Senior Class of 2023



Name: [Dylan Nels Seaberg](#)  
Date of birth: [July 29, 2004](#)  
Parent/Guardian Names: [Mike & Deb](#)

Open House: [Saturday, June 10th from 10am-1pm.](#)  
[26323 743rd Ave. Dassel, MN 55325](#)

Name: [Atreya Butcher](#)  
Date of birth: [February 11, 2005](#)  
Parent/Guardian Names: [Denise Alger](#)  
Open House: [Sunday, June 11th from 3-6pm](#)  
[Lamson Free Church](#)



Name: [Jazmine Hankins](#)  
Date of birth: [March 9, 2005](#)  
Parent/Guardian Names: [Beth Weseloh,](#)  
[Gus & LuAnn Weseloh](#)  
Open House: [Sunday, May 28th from 1-5pm](#)  
[Dassel Rod & Gun Club](#)

**Adventures In Leadership**  
Jayla Hastings and Kelly Kraemer have been accepted to attend AIL (Adventures in Leadership), June 12-19 at Adventurous Christians in the BWCA. Keep these girls in your prayers as they prepare to go and also while they are there. They will be challenged to grow in their faith and, with a strong biblical foundation, they will discover their own leadership style, gifts and abilities.





## YOUTH NEWS

After the Leadership Team met with Tim Roemer to discuss his decision to resign his position, we have accepted his letter of resignation as the youth Pastor here at Dassel Covenant Church effective May 30, 2023.

We appreciate the partnership with First Baptist and the good work Tim has done throughout the year.

The youth program already has plans in place to continue events throughout the summer.

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Watch the bulletin and emails for special events this summer. The CE Team is planning fun activities to build relationships and have fun together.

Randy is excited to take the youth on an adventure! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 28** for the whitewater rafting day trip to Sandstone.

Permission slips will be necessary to participate.

More details to come!

### Lake Beauty Summer Camp 2023

Camp Dates:

Frontier Kids—July 5th-7th

Trailblazers—July 16th-20th

Jr High—July 9th-14th

Sr High—July 30th-August 4th

LIT—July 9th-20th

2023 Campers:

**Frontier Kids** Alex Darwin, Mackenzey Mills

**Trailblazers** Jeffrey Diederich, Jagger Hastings, Kendall Hendrickson, Ava Ring, Khetta Schultz, Story Beyer, True Beyer, Carmello Booker, Emily Darwin, Skylee Jones, Brooklyn Schlichting

**Jr High** Rachel Fusari, Russell Fusari, Amara Hastings, Karlie Keith, Connor Mackenthun, Cash Olson, Evan Darwin, Britton Harrison,

**LIT** Dylan Mackenthun

*Thank you to everyone who helped get all of the students to camp for FREE this year!*



*“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Col. 2:6–7*



Greetings, from Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda Norlien,

We are looking forward to coming and serving the Lord with you during this time of transition in the life of the church. While some people may be uncomfortable with transitions, they do give us an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and in our trust of Him for a great future. We invite you to see this as a time for personal spiritual growth, an opportunity to grow closer to one another and an opportunity reach out to others with the good news of Jesus.

### Getting to know each other

One of our first objectives is to get to know you and let you get to know us. We look forward to conversations with you before and after church on Sundays, as well as sharing coffee or a meal with you. We want to hear your story of how you came to know Jesus and how God has been at work in your life and in the life of the church. And, we look forward to sharing our story with you as well. Our first Sunday with you will be July 2<sup>nd</sup> and, in addition to teaching from the Scripture, we'll share a brief introduction of ourselves. We hope you will also join us on Sunday morning July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am for a special time of introduction and Q&A where there will be an opportunity to ask any questions of us that you would like.

#### About Pastor Marv & Pastor Linda:

- ⇒ Married 48 years.
- ⇒ Two children and nine grandchildren
- ⇒ Both graduated from Oak Hills Bible Institute.
- ⇒ Both have Masters of Divinity from Bethel Theological Seminary.
- ⇒ Linda is a retired active duty Army Chaplaincy.
- ⇒ Marv has over 35 years of pastoral ministry including serving 10 churches as Transitional Interim Pastor. We have co-pastored two churches together.

### A Call to Prayer

One of our desires is to encourage additional prayer for this very important time in the life of the church. We observe so clearly that the church in the book of Acts was a praying church from the beginning. “They all joined together constantly in prayer...” (Acts 1:14 ) They were together praying on the Day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon them. It is our desire to see a wonderful work of the Holy Spirit during this transition time so please join us in praying.

We are very excited to see the Lord work in and through all of us during this very important time in the life of Dassel Covenant Church. We are confident that He who began a good work in you will complete it (Phil. 1:6). And, it is our joy to serve as your transitional pastors during this time.

## Bridal Shower

*An open house bridal shower for Maddi Mayer is on Friday, June 16, at 6:30 pm. All women are invited to come and "shower" Maddi with love and blessings.*

*An envelope is in the church office for those wishing to contribute a monetary gift.*



## Church Family Camping Weekend at Lake Beauty Bible Camp

Plans are being made for summer vacations and activities. It's true....summer is coming and the calendar is quickly filling up.

*The Millpoint Campground is reserved for Dassel Covenant on August 11-13, 2023.*

Here are a few details:

- Arrival time is 3:00 pm on Friday, August 11
- Departure time is 2:00 pm on Sunday, August 13
- There are 15 sites with full hook-up. One tent is allowed per RV site. There are other sites in an adjoining campground available with water/electric
- The cost is \$37 per night
- Beach and waterfront activities available (canoes, paddleboats, kayaks)
- Lawn games or sitting around the campfire
- Great fellowship and fun!
- Payment details coming

See Marcia if you have any questions.



## **Mustard Seeds**

Mustard Seeds Garden Tour and Music in the Park

June 25 - Munsinger Gardens in St Cloud

3:00 - Listen to a musical group called Gathering Wool. Bring a lawn chair.

Come early to enjoy the gardens, stay for the music by the river. Then let's stop for supper somewhere before we go home.



Judith Bengtson Brinkmann passed away May 12, 2023, in Seattle WA. Judy is the daughter of Harry and Della Bengtson. She is survived by her husband George Brinkmann, her children, Benjamin Brinkmann (Debra) and Anna Brinkmann, four grandchildren and her brother Bruce Bengtson (Ruth).

A memorial and committal service will be held at Dassel Covenant Church on July 2, 2023, at 2 pm.



## **June Birthdays**

1	Andrea (McCain) Kuchle
2	Brian Anderson
	Josh Olson
7	Rachel Ardoff
	Brenda Olson
8	Nicholas Dille
11	Ann Hoffke
13	David Koehler
	Kayla Benson
	Alexis Schwarze
14	Ed Otto
15	Sue Carlson
	Dale Eng
	Ben Beckman
	John Bengtson*
	Amber Tompkins
16	Sandy Ward
	Marit Wituki
	Jessie Hohenstein
17	Gordon Nelson
19	Diane Anderson *
20	Wayne Jorgenson
22	Rachel Fusari
23	Aryn Hedlund
	Lauren Waage
24	<b>Pia Restrepo</b>
	Fabrianne Shoultz
	Deb Seaberg
25	Ruth Block
	Dan Revard *
26	Lois Dahl
	Peder Thostenson
	Larry Oberg
27	Kyle Williams
28	Heather Taina
	Luke Kraemer
29	David Wuotila
30	Janet Latt *

\*80+ years

## June Anniversaries

\*Bryan & Jeanne Voelker  
June 7, 1969

Lyle & Aurellia Talley  
June 9, 1978

Ron & Becky Hungerforf  
June 10, 1978

Ed & Mary Otto  
June 14, 1969

Mike & Deb Seaberg  
June 19, 1993

Brent & Renee Swanson  
June 20, 1980

Chad & Julie Ardoff  
June 25, 2005

\*50+ years

## **Office Hours**

### General office hours:

<b>Monday:</b>	<b>8:30am-3:00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>8:30am-3:00pm</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>8:30am-3:00pm</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Closed</b>



# June 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9am Seated Fitness	2	3 7am Men's Bible Study
4 10am Worship 11:15am Women Ministries meeting 11:15am Progressive Supper Meeting	5 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	6 6:30pm Christian Ed	7	8 9am Seated Fitness	9	10 7am Men's Bible Study
11 10am Worship	12 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	13	14	15 9am Seated Fitness	16 6:30pm Maddi Mayer Shower	17 7am Men's Bible Study
18 10am Worship 11:15 Community Meal  <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	19 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	20 7pm Leadership Team	21 6pm Men's Group	22 9am Seated Fitness	23	24 7am Men's Bible Study
25 10am Worship  3pm Mustard Seeds	26 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	27 6:30pm Book Club	28 6pm Men's Group 5pm Women's Progressive Supper	29 9am Seated Fitness	30	

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## 2023 Women Ministries Progressive Summer Picnic

Please join us

Thursday, June 28th

\*Appetizers at 5:30pm  
Jan Pritchard's home  
20995 735th Ave. Dassel

\*Entrée at 6:15pm  
Sue Carlson's home  
21373 728th Ave. Dassel

\*Dessert at 7:00pm  
Aurellia Talley's home  
17804 718th Ave. Dassel

Bring your friends and enjoy great food,  
fun, and fellowship!

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## Community Meal

*All are WELCOME!*



You are invited to a Community Meal

Sunday, June 18th, 2023 at 11:15-12pm

Dassel Covenant Church  
251 Lake Street, Dassel, MN 55325

*Come and enjoy a BBQ's, Chips, Salad,  
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, July 16th 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 , May 23, 2023

Virgil Anderson gave a brief presentation on what he is doing through Cru to reach unchurched fathers of 3-10 year old children in the country of Dominica. He will be sharing this with the congregation on Sunday, June 4.

Tim Roemer thanked the Leadership Team and the Christian Education Team for the opportunity to serve as the youth pastor since October. We discussed his decision to resign his position with Dassel Covenant Church and accepted his letter of resignation effective May 30, 2023.

Bill Ward gave a brief summary of the four-year (2015-2018) effort of the Vitality Task Force. Due to many factors, the recommendations for actions on the adopted report (in 2017) never progressed. Bill recommends that we bring back Vitality and develop a focused effort to meet the vision and goals of the church. Wayne moved to commission Bill Ward to reconvene the Vitality Task Force. The motion was seconded by Tom. Carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meetings was made by Wayne, seconded by Ron. Carried unanimously.

There were no ministry team reports except from the Stewardship and Finance Team. Ron highlighted the expenses and income. The expenses are generally consistent each month while income fluctuates. With Pastor Darren’s and Tim’s departure, expenses will change. In addition, utilities have been high so far this year. All fund balances are good. Motion to approve the Stewardship and Finance report was made by Marcia, seconded by Diane. Carried unanimously.

Amanda Fusari reported that everything is set for the farewell dinner and party on May 28. She is looking for guidance on the birthday/anniversary lists, email lists and church mailboxes. We will consider the issues and discuss at a later time.

Al has been in contact with Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda. They will be writing an article for the June newsletter. They would like to have a Q&A time on Sunday, July 9 at 9:00 a.m. for the congregation to get to know them.

### Old Business:

- A. Revised Ministry Team Guidelines

Motion to approve the revised ministry team guidelines was made by Diane, seconded by Tom. Carried unanimously.
- B. Security Plan / Safety Team Training Procedure - tabled
- C. Dealing with members who willfully neglect their responsibilities to the church or who err in doctrine or conduct - tabled
- D. Birthday/Anniversary lists, email lists and mailboxes - discussed and tabled for further consideration

The next Leadership Team meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20th at 7:00pm

**Mission Trip Needed:**  
Prescription medicine containers for Ecuador Mission Trip. .The mission team will be bringing the containers to be used in the medical clinic. They must be WASHED and LABELS REMOVED. Please place in the box by the Missions display.

**Home For At Risk Children ( Santiago Partnership)**  
The Home for At Risk Children is in need of new twin size quilts. We brought down quilts for them 2016, but there are now 20 children instead of 10 that were originally in the Home. If you would like to donate a quilt top or money towards the purchase of supplies for the quilts, please mark your check "Ecuador Quilts". It takes about 5 yards of fabric for the top and another 5 yards of fabric for the backing. Fabric costs have risen to almost \$13 / yard.



## CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel  
Financial Summary  
4/30/23

	Month Ended	YTD
General Fund		
General Operating Income	17,750	85,765
Actual Expenses	25,628	99,094
Total Income Less Expense	(7,878)	(13,328)
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2022		71,002

<b>Building Fund</b> —Beginning Balance 1/1/2023		9,859
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Contributions: Building Fund contributions	2,760	9,340
Designated Memorials	0	0
Transfer from Carry over/under	0	20,000
Payments: Payments to NCP	2,600	30,400
<b>Current Building Fund Balance</b>		<b>8,799</b>
Building Loan 1/1/2023		<b>99,836</b>
2023 Principal Payments-Regular Giving	2,269	8,961
Principal Payments-Carry over/under	0	20,000
Principal Payment-Memorials	0	0
<b>Current Loan Balance 3/31/2023</b>		<b>70,875</b>

**Women Ministries Fund Balance (3/31/2023): \$7,078.90**

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.dasseltcov.org/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](http://www.dasseltcov.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)