

DASSEL COVENANT CHURCH

251 Lake Street  
Dassel, MN 55325

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	The Way Youth Group
	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



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Greatness

God is great! We say it and most of the time we believe it. Yet, we often and mistakenly attach greatness to things that don’t serve such an assessment. And if God is great than His people should be great also or at least have the appearance of greatness. Now, that I have your attention allow me to explain as Jesus explained.

Christ-like Greatness

Matthew 20:26

Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant.

The world tends to define greatness by power, success, fame, and recognition. Amazingly Jesus defines greatness as humility and putting others before themselves. Think about what that means for His people.

The Great Commandment

Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Again Jesus surprises us by saying greatness and the Law can be summarized by one word – Love! Now, love is complicated because it is often misused and manipulated by the receiver into the concept of, “love me as I want to be loved.” Greatness is loving God and loving people as God wants us to love them. Love is not simply giving people what they want, but what they need. And sometimes the world doesn’t perceive that kind of love as loving. That is what makes love complicated.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Greatness is sharing Jesus Christ so that others become disciples of Him. That is the mission of the Church.

Three Words

So if I could define greatness it would be with these three words – serve, love, and share.

Friends, let us live into this call to Greatness,  
Pastor Darren

March Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 5: Leon Nordberg, Marlene Blunt 12: Jim Hallquist, Dan Rinden 19: Tim Paulson, Chad Dischinger 26: Al Olson, Sharon Radke	<u>Nursery</u> 5: Tim & Candy 12: Tonya 19: Maddy 26: Brenda	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 5: Pritchard's 12: Dischinger's 19: Community Meal 26:
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Leadership Team Note

- Contact Kara Stromberg at NWC and start the process to hire an interim Pastor
- Establish a search committee. This will require congregation approval
- Discuss, review and establish clear procedures to resolve conflict or remove voting privileges for disruptive members
- Establish future mission and ministry objectives

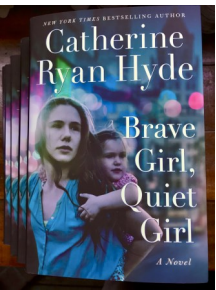
March Meals on Wheels

March 1-3: Crayford  
March 6-10: Hungerford  
March 13-17: Eng  
March 20-24: Carold & Lois Anderson  
March 27-31: Koehnen

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to deliver Meals!

Book Club

Book Club will be meeting  
Tuesday, March 28th at  
6:30pm.  
The book selection is  
"Brave Girl Quiet Girl"  
by Catherine Ryan Hyde



Cribbage Tournament & Board Games

All are invited to the  
Cribbage Tournament and  
Board & Card game afternoon  
on Sunday, March 12th  
beginning at 2pm.  
This is open for all who play  
cribbage or want to learn  
how to play. If you don't  
want to play cribbage, bring  
your favorite Board game or  
card game.  
Bring a snack to share!

February Church Attendance

5th	Sunday: 104	Online: 58	Total: 162
12th	Sunday: 101	Online: 55	Total: 156
19th	Sunday:106	Online: 68	Total: 174
26th	Sunday:	Online:	Total:
	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

Church Family Humor

By Su Asplin  
-What do you call a women on the beach?  
Sandy  
-What do you call a former jogger with poor grades?  
Ran dee  
-What do you call a Vietnamese wom-  
en with average grades?  
Nan cee

March 2023 "The Way"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm The Way at FBC	2	3 9pm-12am Friday Night Frenzy at FBC	4
5 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	6	7	8 6:30pm The Way at FBC	9	10 6pm Cornhole Tournament practice	11 9am-finish Cornhole Tournament
12 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	13	14	15 6:30pm The Way at FBC	16	17	18
19 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	20	21	22 6:30pm The Way at FBC	23	24	25
26 No Sunday School or Confirmation	27 Spring Break	28 Spring Break	29 Youth Lock-in at DCC 9pm-7am	30 Youth Lock-in at DCC Ends at 7am	31 Spring Break	
DCC=Dassel Covenant Church			FBC=First Baptist Church			





## **FEBRUARY YOUTH events**

**March 1st:** 6:30pm Youth Group (FBC)



**March 3rd:** Friday Night Frenzy 9pm-midnight (FBC)

**March 8th:** 6:30pm Youth Groups (FBC)

**March 10th & 11th:** 6pm on March 10th.  
9am-finish on March 11th Cornhole Tournament  
(Dassel Covenant)



**March 15th:** 6:30pm Youth Group (FBC)

**March 22nd:** 6:30pm Youth Group (FBC)

**March 29th** NO YOUTH GROUP



**March 29th-30th:** LOCK - IN 9PM-7AM  
(Dassel Covenant)

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

### 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.



### **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*

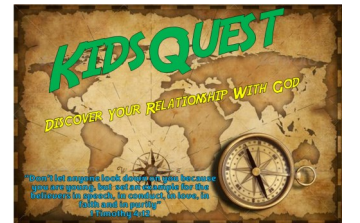
What a fun month we have had at KidsQuest! BINGO, Game Night, Box Racing, & Trivia! Along with having all of these fun activities, the students have continued learning verses, as well as learning about Truth's from God. These Truth's have included: Gratefulness, Kindness, Fear, and Being Left-Out. We will continue this journey of Truth in the month of March. Worry, Sadness, Prayer, and Forgiveness are the upcoming Truths.

Everyone is welcome to come and check out what we do on Wednesday nights!

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



### **2023 Leadership Team Members**

**Chair:** Al Olson

**Vice Chair:** Tom Nelson

**Secretary:** Marcia Dischinger

**Financial Officer:** Ron Hungerford

**At Large:** Diane Dodge &  
Wayne Jorgenson

Thank you for your service!

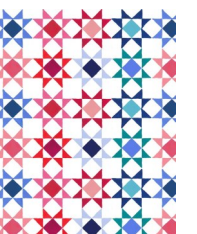
### **Dassel Covenant Quilt Retreat**

**March 30-April 1**

**9:00am-9:00pm**

**Please sign up by the Church office.**

**Contact Marlene Blunt with  
questions or for more  
details!**







**At Dassel Covenant Church**  
**251 Lake Street. Dassel**

**Date: Friday and Saturday, March 10th & 11th**

**Friday Practice: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Saturday Starts at 9:00 am to Finish**

**Team Registration: \$40.00**

**Fill out the paper form, or register online at:**

**[www.dasselcovenant.org/2023-cornhole-tournament.html](http://www.dasselcovenant.org/2023-cornhole-tournament.html)**

**HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE**  
**DC GIRLS SWIM & DIVE TEAM &**  
**DASSEL ELEMENTARY GAGA PIT**

**Prizes, Food for Purchase, Silent Auction, & More**



### March Birthdays

- 1 **Eugenio Restrepo**
- 3 Margaret Engelson\*
- Candy Paulson
- 4 Chloe Benson
- 5 Matt Hohenstein
- 6 Mike Johnson
- Jess Gasta
- 7 Bonnie Eng
- Phillip Tipke
- 8 Pam Dille
- 9 Jazmine Hankins
- Elizabeth Weseloh
- 12 Terry McStotts
- Chad Dischinger
- 13 John Dahl
- 15 Debbie (T) Nelson
- 16 Lizzie Frieler
- 17 Jayla Hastings
- 18 Diane Johnson
- 19 MaryLynn Boeson
- 20 Brent Swanson
- Gwen Hallquist
- Evan Darwin
- 21 Andrew Carlson
- 24 Angela Swanson
- 31 Tracy Hanson

\*80+ years

### March Anniversaries

Bill & Sandy Ward  
 March 2 1974

Josh & Susan Samuelson  
 March 9, 2019

Randy & Marcia Dischinger  
 March 27, 1982

Russ & Debbie Koehler  
 March 31, 1984

\*50+ years





# March 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 5:30pm KQ Meal 6pm KidsQuest 6:30pm The Way at FBC	2 9am Seated Fitness	3 Friday Night Frenzy FBC 9pm-12am	4 7am Men's Bible Study
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19 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 11:15am Community Meal	20 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	21 7pm Leadership Team	22 9am Kitchen Committee 6pm KidsQuest 6pm Men's Group 6:30pm The Way at FBC	23 9am Seated Fitness	24	25 7am Men's Bible Study
26 10am Worship <i>Spring Break week</i>	27 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	28 6:30pm Book Club	29 No KidsQuest & The Way Youth Lock-in at DCC	30 Youth Lock-in at DCC 9am Seated Fitness 9am-9pm Quilt Retreat	31 9am-9pm Quilt Retreat	

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## Community Meal

*All are WELCOME!*



**You are invited to a Community Meal**

**Sunday, March 19th, 2023 at 11:15am**

**Dassel Covenant Church  
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***Come and enjoy Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit,  
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, April 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

**Sign up by the church  
office if you would  
like to help cook &  
serve, or clean up!**

### **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.



### **Women Ministries**

It is an exciting time in Women Ministries! We have started monthly Community Meals, we have some great ideas for this spring, and have many new members to the board!

A few changes have also been made. Women Ministries is now under the same umbrella as the other Ministry Teams. What does this mean? It means that we will still function the same, but our finances are run through the church and not on our own. Why did we make this change? To simplify Women Ministries so we could do our ministry more effectively! With that said, our money has its own line items and fund balances. This is the same as when we had our own account. If you give to WM, the money still goes to that ministry and is used for WM events, projects, and other WM areas as it always has.

Please consider giving to Women Ministries in your regular offering. Designate your desired amount to Women Ministries on your envelope or online.

Thank you!

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# Leadership Team meeting , February 2023

The following are highlights from the submitted reports.

Reports:

**Pastor Darren:** Will be finishing up the series on Psalms in March. Pastor Hollis Kim, Director of Pastoral Care and Development, NWC, will be preaching on March 12. Preparations are being made for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter services. In April and May, Pastor Darren’s messages will be from 2 Timothy. Confirmation is scheduled for May 21. The Cornhole tournament is March 10-11. Proceeds from the tournament and the silent auc-tion will go to the DC Girls Swim Team and Dassel Elementary School. Darren highlighted the Rural Impact Lead-ership Conference to be held in Alexandria on March 18. He encouraged all to attend. The NWC Annual meeting is April 27-29 in Bemidji.

**Youth Director** - no report

**Care and Life** - no report

**Christian Education** - A summary from the written report:

Youth sledding event at Darwin Hill was a success, Sunday School update, KidsQuest update, Lake Beauty Bible Camp funding proposal, Senior Sunday to be scheduled, It was noted that the Leadership Team will serve cof-fee/cake on Confirmation Sunday, May 21. Julie Ardoff will order the cake., Adventures in Leadership candidates were discussed, Upcoming summer events, Tim gave an update on the summer mission trip, July 24-29. This is a local mission opportunity and 15 students have shown interest. Looking for service projects. The trip will end with a day at Valleyfair.

**Mission, Evangelism and Outreach** - no report

**Properties and Maintenance** - no report

**Stewardship and Finance** - Ron highlighted the following from the S&F report:

● There is now a Women Ministries Fund Balance line ● Going forward, auditors will sign a confidentiality form. In addition, the Benevolent (Elder) Fund will be audited by the Leadership Team in order to maintain confidentiali-ty. The S&F Team will establish guidelines to oversee this fund which will be presented at the semi-annual meeting. This is being done to protect the administrator of the funds. ● Paulette Dahlseng will serve a second year as auditor for 2023. One more auditor will need to be approved at the semi-annual meeting. ● 3 CD’s are maturing in 2023. These three will be reinvested into one CD. ● The building loan balance is \$77,700.

**Visitation** - Diane reported that the Visitation Team will meet on April 6.

**Worship and Music** - items discussed: Pastor Darren’s upcoming sermon series, set up for communion, technology and Livestream, brass followers for candles, and request for worship team for KidsQuest Praise Night on April 26.

**Women Ministries** - highlights from the written report:

Community meals have been well received: January 15, February 19, March 19, Spring bible study “Jesus Calling, Receiving Christ’s Hope”, Planning date is March 12 for the Spring Salad Luncheon on April 29

Gwen Hallquist and Julie Ardoff addressed their concerns about Pastor Darren’s resignation to the Leadership Team. There was a lengthy discussion about how to handle the issues.

**Old Business**

1. The Tentmaker refund is coming. Darren will contact Dick Amundson again.
2. Technology Committee - Matt Fusari and Debbie (G) Nelson have volunteered to be on the committee. Amanda Fusari will ask Chad Ardoff to assist the group and get a list of what is needed.
3. Annual employee reviews are all completed except for Randy’s. This will be scheduled.
4. The annual mission and ministry objectives which were tabled in January were discussed briefly. In light of Darren’s resignation, the objectives presented to the Team in January will be revised as follows:
  - a. Contact Kara Stromberg at NWC and start the process to hire an interim Pastor
  - b. Establish a search committee. This will require congregation approval.
  - c. Discuss, review and establish clear procedures to resolve conflict or remove voting privileges for disruptive mem-bers
  - d. Establish future mission and ministry objectives

**New Business**

1. Motion to appoint Ron Hungerford and Tom Nelson as auditors of the Benevolent Fund was made & carried
2. Wayne called for the vote on the assignment of officers: See pg 3 of the Newsletter for officers.
6. Darren talked about what could happen at the ECC annual meeting in June with 2 churches being voted out of the Covenant for their stance on human sexuality. The Covenant Church as a whole could split.
7. There were 3 requests for Benevolent Funds.

## CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel  
Financial Summary

1/31/23

General Fund	Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income	16,360	16,360
Actual Expenses	23,307	23,307
Total Income Less Expense	(6,947)	(6,947)
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2022		15,402

<b>Building Fund</b> —Beginning Balance 1/1/2023		9,859
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Contributions: Building Fund contributions	1,960	1,960
Designated Memorials	0	0
Transfer from Carry over/under	20,000	20,000
Payments: Payments to NCP	22,600	22,600
<b>Current Building Fund Balance</b>		<b>9,219</b>
Building Loan 1/1/2023		<b>99,836</b>
2023 Principal Payments-Regular Giving	2,136	35,913
Principal Payments-Carry over/under	20,000	20,000
Principal Payment-Memorials	0	0
<b>Current Loan Balance 1/31/2023</b>		<b>77,700</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>	
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>8:30am-3:00pm</b>	Monday:	In Office
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>8:30am-3:00pm</b>	Tuesday:	In Office
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>8:30am-3:00pm</b>	Wednesday:	In Office
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Closed</b>	Thursday:	In Office
		Friday:	Off