

DASSEL COVENANT
CHURCH
251 Lake Street
Dassel, MN 55325

Leading People to a Transforming
Relationship with Jesus Christ



Weekly Activities & Ministries

Sundays	8:30am	Take 25 Prayer
	9:00am	Sunday School & Confirmation (Sept-May)
	10:00am	Worship
Mondays	9:00am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00am	Seated Fitness
	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	4:00pm	KidsQuest (Sept-April)
	6:30pm	Men’s Group
	6:15pm	Jr High Youth Group (Sept-April)
	7:30pm	Sr High 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
March 2024

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“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”
1 Corinthians 15:58

Pastoral Search Committee
A very significant part of this time of transition is the selection of the next settled pastor to serve our church. We are delighted that seven highly qualified people are willing to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee! Thank you to each of you! We are writing this a few days before the congregational meeting which will be held on March 3rd when the church will vote to affirm these people as the search committee. This process involves much time and hard work on their part. We are thankful for a dedicated group of people willing to serve in this way. Please be praying for each of them, for wisdom and discernment and for God to guide them in each step of this process.

Membership Class
We want to invite you to attend the upcoming membership classes that will be held after church March 10th and 17th from 11:30-1:00. Please come both weeks as the material will be different at each session. We are excited to offer this class for all who want to know more about the Evangelical Covenant Church and, specifically, Dassel Covenant Church. You are welcome to come whether you choose to join the church or not, but of course, we hope you will decide to join! J We ask those planning to participate in the classes to move to the head of the fellowship line to be able to bring a beverage and snack with them to the class in the library so we can start right at 11:30.

Easter Celebration
Here is an overview of the events that comprise this significant time in the church calendar:

March 24 – Palm Sunday
Since this is the beginning of spring break and many people will be gone, we will not have Sunday School on Palm Sunday.

March 28th – Maundy Thursday Service at – 7:00 pm
We will share a special communion service as we remember Jesus’ final night with his disciples when he instituted this sacrament for the church to remember his death and covenant with us until he returns.

March 29th – Community Good Friday Service – 7:00 pm at Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Our local ministerium is planning this special service. Please join us along with believers from other community churches.

March 31st – Easter Sunday!!
Easter Breakfast at 8:00am
Sunday School 9-9:45am
Resurrection Celebration Service at 10:00am

Thank you
We want to thank you for our vacation February 19-26! It was such a wonderful time of visiting friends in Hawaii. We are also so grateful to Tom Nelson and Pastor Hollis Kim, our guest speaker from the NWC, for conducting the worship service Sunday, the 25th.

Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda Norlien

March Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 3: Jon Young, Diane Dodge, Wayne Koehnen 10: Brain & Maria Anderson 17: Leon Nordberg & Marlene Blunt 24: Jim Hallquist, Dan Rinden 31: Chad Dischinger, Tim Paulson	<u>Nursery</u> 3: Kristi Mackenthun 10: Marcia Dischinger 17: Carolee M. & Russell F. 24: Colton & Amber T. 31: Hastings Family	<u>Coffee Cart</u> 3: Judy 10: Amanda 17: Marlene 24: Rinden's 31: No Coffee Cart
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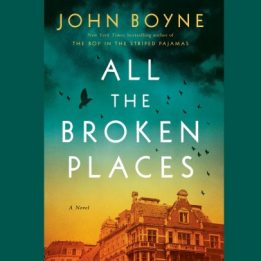
<u>Leadership Team Note</u> - LT and Ministry Team Chairs to meet quarterly (February/April/July/October) - Search Committee is being finalized	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 3: Pete & Cleo Johnson 10: Youth 17: Community Meal (Pasta Bar) 24: 31: Easter Breakfast (8:30am)
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Book Club

Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30pm.

The book selection is “All the Broken Places” by John Boyne

All are welcome to join book Club!



Easter Brass Ensemble

Anyone interested in being a part of the brass ensemble for Easter (March 31), come and practice with the group on March 10, 17, 24 following choir practice (around 12:00).

February Church Attendance			
4th	Sunday: 104	Online: 35	Total: 137
11th	Sunday: 110	Online: 24	Total: 134
18th	Sunday: 114	Online: 36	Total: 150
25th	Sunday:	Online:	Total:
	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

Church Membership Class

Are you interested in learning about Dassel Covenant Church?

Do you want to become a member of the church?

New membership classes will be offered in March!

Sunday, March 10th & Sunday, March 17th, both from 11:30am-1pm. Lunch will be served.

If you are interested, or have questions, please talk to Pastors Marv & Linda

*You do not have to become a member if you take the class. You can go just to learn!



Board Game Day!

Saturday, March 9th, at 1pm, in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.

Spend some time playing games, catching up with friends, and making some new friends! Open to all ages.

Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	4	5	6 6:15pm Jr High Youth Group 7:30pm Sr High Youth Group	7	8	9 4pm Sr High Baking
10 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 11am Sr High serving coffee	11	12	13 6:15pm Jr High Youth Group 7:30pm Sr High Youth Group	14	15 5:30pm Jr High Pizza Ranch & Arcade	16
17 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	18	19	20 6:15pm Jr High Youth Group 7:30pm Sr High Youth Group	21	22	23
24 No Sunday School or Confirmation	25	26 5:30pm Sr High Pizza Ranch & Arcade	27 No Youth Group Spring Break	28	29	30
31 8:30am Easter Breakfast						

January Youth Events:

Junior high (7th-8th grade) will meet from 6:15 - 7:15 pm with Randy and Julie
Senior high (9th-12th grade) will meet from 7:30 - 8:30 pm with Randy and Deb

Events



Saturday, March 9, 4:00 pm
Senior High Baking - church kitchen



Sunday, March 10, 11:00 am
Senior High serve coffee after worship



Friday, March 15, 5:30 pm
Junior High: Pizza Ranch and Arcade - bring money

Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 pm
Senior High: Pizza Ranch and Arcade - bring money



Regular youth group on Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20

KIDSQUEST

February was all about the 10 Commandments. WE learned them Texas Style with our Puppet friends (Marcia, Connor, & Russell). We also have A really fun BINGO night!



You are invited to KidsQuest on March 20th for Missions Night. The Ecuador Missions team will be leading the night with activities from their time in Ecuador. Come and experience a little bit of another culture with us!

Please join us any time! We would love to have visitors or new volunteers. Programming begins at 4:00pm every Wednesday. We have a snack and homework help starting at 3:30pm.

March 20: Missions Night
March 27: Spring Break.
No KidsQuest



Easter Schedule 2024

Palm Sunday

March 24

Worship at 10:00am

Maundy Thursday

March 28th

Holy Communion Service at 7:00pm

Good Friday

March 29th

Community Service at Gethsemane Lutheran Church
7:00pm

Easter Sunday

March 31st

Easter Breakfast 8:30am

Sunday School 9-9:45am

Resurrection Celebration Service at 10:00am

Ecuador Missions



As we start to enter a new season, I continue to think about impacts Ecuador made on us almost 5 months ago. I know most of you have been able to hear about the larger impact of the Ecuador Mission Trip, but equally important are the “smaller” details.

Mission trips take years of fundraising, planning and preparation. Our family, being new to our church mission trip came into this vision at the beginning of 2023. With multiple group fundraising efforts such as ice cream stands, our annual garage sale and meal fundraisers, to name a few, there were plenty of opportunities for all of us to get to know each other before the trip took place.

After spending 10 full days with one another, you naturally get to know others on your team on a much more personal level. You watch with appreciation of those who are not new to this adventure. You watch with anticipation not knowing what the trip will entail. You watch with amazement as all team members find ways they can use their talents to help others. You watch in admiration of relationships that built with Ecuador years prior, but still to this day have a lasting impact. You watch with pride as natural leaders step up to represent our group and our church. Lastly, you watch as comfort comes out of unexpected tears that you didn’t know would be there in the last days. On one of the last days of our trip our group took an evening to reflect on the strengths that each of us brought to our team. This can sometimes be uncomfortable as we aren’t always good at recognizing and appreciating our own gifts. It was honoring to see everyone be appreciated for the worth and value they brought to the team.

As parents it has been comforting to see the circle of support that has continued to be built around our kids. We have had our kids bring up relationships with different individuals in the church and about how much these relationships mean to them. They have a deeper connection, they feel cared for, and genuinely want to spend time with many of these adults. These people have done an amazing job at building a circle of safety and support within our children. What more could we ask of a church family than to have Christ following, caring adults who genuinely want to know, learn about and support our children. We are so thankful for the connections that have come out of this mission trip and other family events our church has hosted. Connections can continue to take place no matter your age or stage. Find the courage to step out of your comfort zone and participate in something you may not normally do. Talk to youth-even when you aren’t sure if they want to talk to you. Take time to find common connection, even when you may not think you have this with someone. Build connection to those around you- you never know the impact a simple kind word or gesture can have on someone else. You may see some of us wearing our shirts from Ecuador that say, ‘Bring the Impact Home with you’. I believe we as followers of Christ are tasked with finding the opportunities that will leave a lasting impact.

Tonya Hastings

Let's Celebrate!

March Birthdays

1	Eugenio Restrepo	16	Mary Johnson
3	Margaret Engelson		Lizzie Frieler
	Candy Paulson	17	Jayla Hastings
4	Chloe Benson	19	MaryLynn Boeson
5	Matt Hohenstein	20	Brent Swanson
6	Mike Johnson		Gwen Hallquist
	Jess Gasta		Evan Darwin
7	Bonnie Eng	21	Andrew Carlson
	Phillip Tipka	23	Caleb Latt
8	Pam Dille	24	Angela Swanson
9	Jazmine Hankins	31	Tracy Hanson
	Elizabeth Weseloh		
12	Terry McStotts		*80+ years
	Chad Dischinger		
13	John Dahl		
15	Debbie (T) Nelson		

General office hours:

Monday:	8:30am-3:00pm
Tuesday:	8:30am-3:00pm
Thursday:	8:30am-3:00pm

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

Pastors Office Hours:

Sunday:	In Office
Monday:	In Office
Tuesday:	In Office

Help send our kids to Summer Camp!

This year, we are working toward sending every kid to camp for **FREE!**
Lake Beauty Bible Camp is special place for our kids to connect with God.
Please consider helping sponsor a camper!

The goal is to raise enough funds for **30 students!**





Full cost for a camper:

Frontier Kids =	\$250
Trailblazers =	\$460
Junior High =	\$475
Senior High =	\$480



Donations can be made to Dassel Covenant Church with “Lake Beauty Bible Camp Fund” in the memo.

<div>  <h1>March 2024</h1>  </div>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 7am Men's Bible Study 1:30pm Bridal Shower for Emily Seaberg
3 8:30am Take 25 Prayer 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 11:15am Congregational Meeting	4 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	5 6:30pm Christian Education Team	6 4pm KidsQuest 6:15pm Jr High YG 6:30pm Men's Group 7:30pm Sr High YG	7 9am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Women Ministries Team	8	9 7am Men's Bible Study 1pm Board Game Day!
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24 8:30am Take 25 Prayer No Sunday School or Confirmation 10am Worship Palm Sunday	25 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	26	27 No KidsQuest or Youth Group	28 9am Seated Fitness	29	30 7am Men's Bible Study
31 8:30am Easter Breakfast 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship Easter Sunday						

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Emily Seaberg's

OPEN HOUSE

BRIDAL SHOWER

Emily is the bride-to-be of Christian Heglund.
Emily is the daughter of Mike & Deb Seaberg of Dassel.
Christian is the son of Colin & Tara Heglund of Bemidji.

MARCH

SATURDAY 2 1:30PM

2024

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The couple is registered at [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com) and [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)



Community Meal

All are WELCOME!



You are invited to a Community Meal

Sunday, March 17th, 2024 at 11:15am

Dassel Covenant Church
251 Lake Street, Dassel, MN 55325

Come and enjoy Pasta, Sauces, 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, April 21st 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 , January 15, 2024

Reports

- Pastors' Report - Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda are excited about the upcoming Marriage Enrichment event. 12 couples are registered. A membership orientation class will be held in March. Plans are underway for the Community Good Friday Service. Pastor Hollis Kim will be guest speaker on Sunday, February 25 while they are on vacation (19th-26th).
- Christian Education Team - Julie and Glenda were at the meeting to represent the CE Team. Highlights of the written report include KidsQuest, presentation of first grade bibles in March, Unite 2024, youth events and the upcoming Lake Beauty Bible Camp promo.
- Properties and Maintenance Team - Cliff reported on the small maintenance items which have been completed (the door closer in the fellowship hall, the low spot in the parking lot). The patio project to address the water issues now needs a new vision for tables/chairs. Cliff acknowledged the custodial staff for all they do for outside groups using the facility.
- Stewardship and Finance Team - Ron noted the finances of the church are looking good. The current insurance umbrella has been increased to \$2 million and the deductible has been increased to \$25,000.
- Visitation Team - Diane represented the Visitation Team. Easter plants have been ordered for shut-ins and each will also get a devotional book.
- Worship and Music Team - Becky said that Mary Rinden will direct the choir for Easter. Tony Amundson and Josh Olson have done a great job of improving the Livestream. She acknowledged Amanda for all she did before the technology team took over.
- Women Ministries Team - Amanda highlighted the following from the written report: February and March community meals, Women Ministries Sunday is April 21, ice maker for the kitchen is still being investigated and a transfer of funds to the camp fund will be made.

Motion to approve the reports as submitted was made by Andy, seconded by Tom. Carried unanimously.

New Business

- Mutual Ministry Committee - after much discussion, it was agreed that the Leadership Team and the Ministry Team chairs will meet quarterly to achieve better communication, larger collaboration and coordination of ministries. The quarterly meetings will take place in February, April, July and October. These meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m. on the regular Leadership Team meeting dates. The Leadership Team will begin at 4:00 p.m. In addition, Amanda will email Ministry Team chairs the financial information each month.
- Ministry Team Chairs and Members
1. Christian Education Team: Chairs - Julie Ardoff and Glenda Peterson. Members: Randy Dischinger, Matt Fusari, Tonya Hastings, Patty McCain, Deb Seaberg, Sandy Ward.
 2. Care and Life Team: Chair - Ron Hungerford. Members: Marcia Dischinger, Amanda Fusari, Nancy Olson, Susan Samuelson.
 3. Properties and Maintenance Team: Chair Cliff Eng. Members: Brian Anderson, Randy Dischinger, Leon Nordberg, Al Olson, Steve Schwalbe.
-Farm Committee: Keith Carlson, Pete Johnson, Mike Seaberg, Erhard Woetzel
 4. Worship and Music Team: Chair - Becky Hungerford. Members: Tony Amundson, John Crayford, Wayne Jorgenson, Harvey Peterson, Mary Rinden, Bill Ward.
 5. Women Ministries Team: Chair - to be determined. Members: Julie Ardoff, Lois Dahl, Margaret Engelson, Amanda Fusari, Tracy Hanson, Gwen Hallquist, Mary Otto.

Motion to approve the Ministry Team chairs and members was made by Marcia, seconded by Ron. Carried unanimously.

- Security Team Update - Andy and Tom reported that Security and Sound Company will be coming to install the security cameras and equipment in mid March. The security plan information drafted by Diane and Marcia will be reviewed by the Security Team.

Motion to adjourn the Mutual Ministry Committee meeting was made by Glenda, seconded by Becky. Carried unanimously at 5:22 p.m. Al thanked all the team leaders for coming and for their service to the church.

Appointment of Officers - motion made and carried unanimously to approve as follows:
Chair - Al Olson, Vice Chair - Tom Nelson, Financial Officer - Ron Hungerford
Secretary - Marcia Dischinger, Vice Secretary - Andy Kraemer

E. Staff Reviews. Diane noted that the Leadership Team is responsible for annual staff reviews. It was decided to wait until fall when we are closer to hiring a new pastor to do these reviews. Ron and another member of the Stewardship and Finance Team will be responsible for the bookkeeper (Kristin) review; Al and Cliff will be responsible for the custodian (Randy) review; Diane and Tom will be responsible for the secretary (Amanda) review with input from Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda.

- F. Upcoming conferences and events:
- Rural Impact Leadership Conference is coming up in March at Alexandria Covenant Church. Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda encouraged attendance to this conference designed for town and country churches like ours.
- NW Conference Annual Meeting, April 25-27, 2024 at Redeemer Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park.
Motion to approve Ron and Becky Hungerford as delegates with Pastor Marv or Pastor Linda serving as the third delegate was made and seconded. Carried unanimously.

G. Search Team Update - The search committee is being finalized. The list will be published prior to the special congregational meeting on March 3. Vote will be by paper ballot.

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel
Financial Summary
1/31/24

General Fund	Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income	24,010	24,010
Actual Expenses	22,867	22,867
Total Income Less Expense	1,143	1,143

Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2022 16,360

Building Fund —Beginning Balance 1/1/2024			9,275
		This Month	YTD
Contributions:	Building Fund contributions	1,600	1,600
	Designated Memorials	0	0
	Transfer from Carry over/under	19,488	19,488
Payments:	Payments to NCP	29,848	29,848
Current Building Fund Balance			515
Building Loan 1/1/2024			0

Women Ministries Fund Balance (10/31/2023): **\$11,795.10**

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