

Leading People to a Transforming Relationship with Jesus Christ



Weekly Activities & Ministries

Sundays	8:30am	Prayer
	9:00am	Sunday School & Confirmation
	10:00am	Worship
Mondays	9:00am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00am	Seated Fitness
	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	9:30am	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	6:00pm	KidsQuest
	6:00pm	Men’s Group
	6:30pm	The Way Youth Group
Thursday	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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The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the living and abiding presence of God that lives in each true follower of Jesus Christ. Yet, we do not talk enough about what that means. So let’s at least have a brief conversation right now. The Holy Spirit was part of creation, we read in Genesis 1:2, “Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” I share this because a mistake that is commonly made is that the Holy Spirit was absent or virtually absent in the Old Testament. Nothing could be further from the truth. The Holy Spirit is part of the Godhead (The Trinity) that is eternal and has been at work for all infinity. He is worthy of our worship and trust.

Jumping ahead we see Jesus in John 14 promise that the Holy Spirit would be more powerful than Himself (His earthly incarnational self). John 14:16 tells us, *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate (Holy Spirit) to help you and be with you forever.* And then in John 14:26 Jesus tells us this, “*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.*” What the disciples then and what we now don’t understand is that the Holy Spirit is our source of strength and power to live in this world. In Acts 1:8 we read at Jesus’ ascension, “*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*”

The Apostle Paul exhorts us twice in 1 Corinthians to live as the “temple of the Holy Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 3:16-17: *Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy that person; for God’s temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.*

Again in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 we read: *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.*

Why then am I sharing these words with you? Because we are spirit-filled believers that can live with the power and the presence of God because we can with confidence know that greater is He that lives in us then he who lives in the world. The Holy Spirit embodied disciples can live in such a way that we can face this world knowing that we have already won the battle.

Now I share this in my last newsletter article because I want you to know that we have nothing to fear. As we see in 2 Timothy 1:7, “*For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.*” I share this because when life and circumstances disappoint us or change our course the Holy Spirit is fully alive and has everything under control.

Finally, allow me to say with deep gratitude thanks to all who have made our time at Dassel a special blessing. Yes, the time was shorter than any of us expected. But there are many dear friends in Christ that we hold in our prayers and in our hearts. Thank You for everything.

For the Praise of His Glory,
Pastor Darren and Brenda

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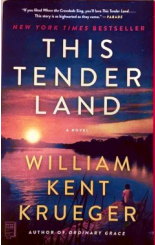
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May Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 7: Al Olson & Sharon Radke 14: Ralph Anderson, Diane Dodge 21: Brian & Maria Anderson 28: Leon Nordberg, Marlene Blunt	<u>Nursery</u> 7: Maddy Pankratz 14: Tonya Hastings 21: Tim & Candy P. 28: Brenda Olson	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 7: 14: Christian Ed 21: Leadership Team 28: Leadership Team
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<u>Leadership Team Note</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Transitional Co-Pastors candidates, interview and processMinistry Teams	<u>Book Club</u> <p>Book Club will be meeting Tuesday, May 30th at 6:30pm. The book selection is <i>"This Tender Land"</i> by William Kent Krueger  All are welcome to join book Club!</p>
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Mission Trip Fund Raiser
Do you have a wood burning fire-place?
A firepit? A woodburning stove? Camp-fires? 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.



Please join us as we say Farewell to Pastor Darren and Brenda Olson

Sunday, May 28th, 2023
Following the 10:00am Worship service, we will have a meal, fellowship time, and program.

Please come prepared with a favorite Bible Verse.



April Church Attendance			
2nd	Sunday: 98	Online: 65	Total: 163
9th	Sunday: 122	Online: 145	Total: 267
16th	Sunday:102	Online: 41	Total: 143
23rd	Sunday: 112	Online: 44	Total: 156
30th	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

Church Family Humor
By Su Asplin

-What do you call a man trying to me heard? *Mike*
-What do you call a women who thinks like a car? *Dodge*
-What do you call a man who throws a baseball? *Pritchard*
-When Carolee lost her sea shells, she kept asking, "Where has..." *Michel Ben*

Senior Class of 2023



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

Favorite Bible verse: [Philippians 2:3](#) "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves"

Plans after graduation: [Major in Finance & Marketing at Carlson School of Management at University of Minnesota.](#)
Dream job: [CEO](#)
Favorite vacation spot: [Colorado-Rocky Mountains](#)
If I could travel anywhere, I'd go to: [Japan](#)
Words of wisdom: [You can't change the direction of the wind, buy you can always adjust your sails.](#)
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](#)

Name: [Jazmine Hankins](#)
Date of birth: [March 9, 2005](#)
Parent/Guardian Names: [Beth Weseloh, Gus & LuAnn Weseloh](#)

Baccalaureate is Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00pm at the DC PAC
2023 Graduation is Friday, June 2nd at 7:00pm



SUMMER YOUTH EVENTS

June:

7th: Lock-in at FBC 9pm-7am
 14th: Paint Ball in Annandale
 21st: Youth Group at Logan Diers 6-8pm
 28th: White Water Rafting
 11, 18, 25: Church Softball

July:

2nd: Church Softball
 5th: Disc Gold in Annandale 6-8pm
 12th: Lake Day at Yates 11am-4pm
 19th: Beach Volleyball at Collinwood park 6-8pm
 24th-29th: Mission Trip

August:

2nd: Bowling in Howard Lake 6-8pm
 7th-9th: Corn Carnival
 16th: Laser Tag in St Cloud 5-8pm
 23: Youth Group at Stanley's 6-8pm
 30th: Lock in 9pm-7am location TBD

All Wednesday events meet at Dassel Cov. 10 minutes before the event for rides



**Join is as we celebrate our
 class of 2023 Confirmation class!**

Sunday, May 21st, 2023

10:00am Worship service

Our Confirmation students are:

Rachel Ardojff—Daughter of Chad & Julie
Rachel Fusari—Daughter of Matt & Amanda
Britton Harrison—Daughter of Chad & Lisa
Amara Hastings—Daughter of Rob & Tonya
Karlie Keith—Daughter of Torrey & Erin
Carli Taina—Daughter of Andy & Hiedi
Lily Turja—Daughter of Gary & Heather

Join us for Senior Sunday!
Let's celebrate our Graduating Class of 2023
Sunday, May 14th, during the 10:00am Worship
service.

**CLASS OF
 2023**

The Class of 2023:
Atreya Butcher—Granddaughter of Denise Alger
Jazmine Hankins—Daughter of Beth Weseloh,
Granddaughter of Gus & LuAnn Weseloh
Dylan Seaberg—Son of Mike & Deb Seaberg

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 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.



Confirmation Open House

Join us in celebrating the Confirmation of Rachel Fusari,
daughter of Matt and Amanda Fusari.

Sunday, May 21st from 12:00-2:00pm

At the Fusari home: 851 Willis Street. Dassel, Minnesota 55325

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. Matthew 5:13

May 13th - 9 -11 A.M. Spring cleanup - Phase II

Lake Beauty rescheduled their clean up to the same day and those who plan to do that should do so.

The only task that needs attention at church is the outside of the windows around the new addition and some cleanup around the building, so if we can get a few able bodies it should not take that long.

There is much work to be done in the grove, branches and brush etc. but the ground is still soft and P & M, " with volunteers" will chip away at that as conditions permit. All of this work is dependent on good weather so stay tuned.

P & M Team



May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Dahlseng
- 2 Kersten Pink (Beckman)
- 3 Matt Fusari
- 4 Mitchell Paulson
Kathy Anderson
- 5 Jared Nordberg
- 6 Megan Walther (Harmening)
- 7 Karee Anderson
Payton Amundson
- 12 Daniel McStotts
- 13 Amara Hastings
- 14 Ron Hungerford
Isaac Hanson
Lillianna Hanson
Bailey (Hanson) Thomas
- 16 Erin (Latt) Hitchcock
Dylan Mackenthun
- 17 Erin Crayford
- 19 Rev. Keith Carlson
Cody Harmening
- 20 Ben Mertz
Jacki Tipke
- 21 Lowell Tritabaugh
- 24 Kristin Carlson
- 25 Kari Jorgenson
John Woodson*
- 26 Owen Kusler
- 27 Russ Koehler
- 30 John Crayford
Cliff Johnson*
Carson Amundson
Alethia Olson
- 31 Keith McCain

*80+ years

May Anniversaries

Rev. Doug & Mary Johnson
May 6, 1978

Keith & Patty McCain
May 26, 1984

Lowell & Carol Tritabaugh
May 31, 1980

*50+ years

Office Hours

General office hours:

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

Pastors Office Hours:

Monday: In Office
Tuesday: In Office
Wednesday: In Office
Thursday: In Office
Friday: Off



May 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	2 6:30pm CE	3 6pm KidsQuest Awards Night	4 9am Seated Fitness	5	6 7am Men's Bible Study
7 8:30am Prayer 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship	8 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	9	10 6pm Men's Group	11 9am Seated Fitness	12	13 7am Men's Bible Study 9-11am Outdoor Spring Cleaning
14 8:30am Prayer 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship Senior Sunday <i>Mother's Day</i>	15 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	16 7pm Leadership Team meeting	17 6pm Men's Group 7pm Baccalaureate At the PAC	18 9am Seated Fitness	19	20 7am Men's Bible Study
21 8:30am Prayer 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship Confirmation Sunday	22 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	23	24 6pm Men's Group	25 9am Seated Fitness	26	27 7am Men's Bible Study
28 8:30am Prayer 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 11am Olson's Farewell	29 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	30 6:30pm Book Club	31 6pm Men's Group			

Community Meal

All are WELCOME!

**DUE TO SCHEDULING, WE
WILL NOT BE HAVING A MEAL
IN MAY.**

**PLEASE JOIN US AGAIN IN
JUNE!**

**You are invited to a Community Meal
Sunday, June 18th, 2023 at 11:15-12pm**

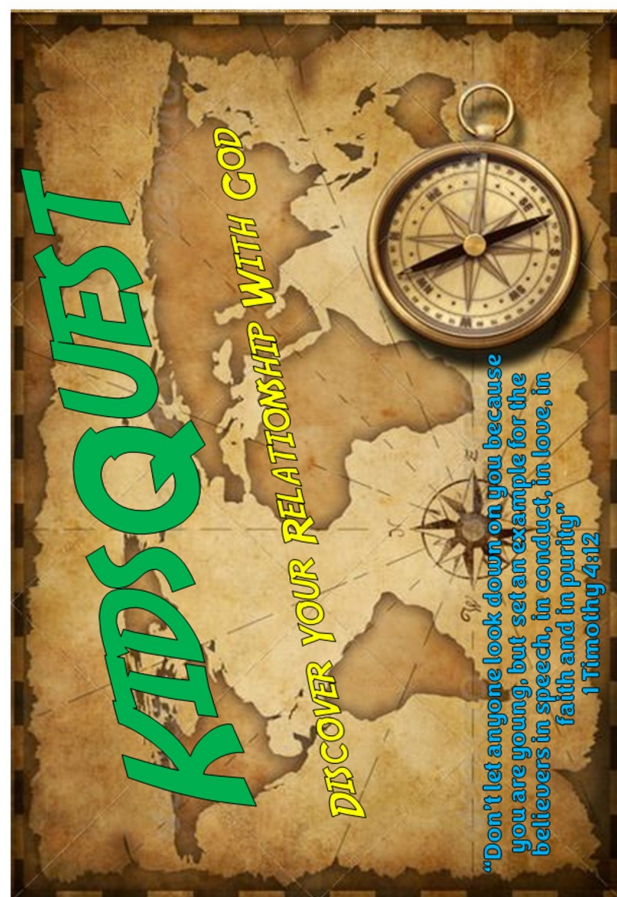
**Dassel Covenant Church
251 Lake Street. Dassel, MN 55325**

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



**You are Invited!
The 2022-2023 KidsQuest
Awards Night is
Wednesday, May 3rd
6:00pm**

**We will begin the evening in the sanctuary
with awards,, recognition, and a special video!
Following the program, we will have a cookout
together in the fellowship hall!**

**All are welcome to celebrate everything the
students have accomplished this year!**

Leadership Team meeting , April 2023

The following are highlights from the submitted reports.

Members Present: Marcia Dischinger, Diane Dodge, Ron Hungerford, Wayne Jorgenson, Al Olson, Tom Nelson
Others Present: Amanda Fusari

Al called the regular meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

Wayne made a motion to approve all the reports submitted (Christian Education, Visitation, Worship and Music, Women Ministries) except the Stewardship and Finance Team report by consent agenda, seconded by Tom. Carried unanimously.

Amanda gave a brief update on the Livestream technology and the plans for Pastor Darren’s and Brenda’s farewell party on May 28.

Ron highlighted items from the Stewardship and Finance Team report. The building fund giving is strong; three farm account CD’s have been consolidated into one CD; a letter was received from the insurance company about an increase in the premium. We had an extensive discussion on National Covenant Properties, the over/under fund and financing Pastor Darren’s farewell party.

Wayne made a motion to allow the Stewardship and Finance Team to determine the best way to account for paying for the farewell party, seconded by Tom. Carried unanimously.
The Stewardship and Finance report was approved.

The Leadership Team wishes to acknowledge the commitment of the Ministry Teams for their service of the church. Great things are happening and we want to thank each and every member of the teams for what they do.

Due to the late hour, it was decided to table the remaining agenda items and commit to discussing only those items at the next meeting on May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Dassel Covenant Church Special Leadership Team Meeting, April 18, 2023

Members Present: Marcia Dischinger, Diane Dodge, Ron Hungerford, Wayne Jorgenson, Al Olson, Tom Nelson

Al called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
Al led in devotions from Ephesians 4:3-20; Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians.
Introductions were made followed by good conversation and fellowship with the Transitional Co-Pastor candidates.

We had a time of prayer.
Motion made by Wayne, seconded by Ron to hire the Transitional Co-Pastor candidates with a full salary divided equally (.50/.50) plus vacation and travel expenses. Carried unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

CHURCH FINANCIALS			
Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel			
Financial Summary			
3/31/23			
General Fund		Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income		31,694	68,015
Actual Expenses		25,525	73,466
Total Income Less Expense		6,170	(5,451)
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2022			71,002

Building Fund —Beginning Balance 1/1/2023				9,859
		This Month	YTD	
Contributions:	Building Fund contributions	2,895	6,580	
	Designated Memorials	0	0	
	Transfer from Carry over/under	0	20,000	
Payments:	Payments to NCP	2,600	27,800	
Current Building Fund Balance				8,639
Building Loan 1/1/2023				99,836
2023	Principal Payments-Regular Giving	2,311	6,692	
	Principal Payments-Carry over/under	0	20,000	
	Principal Payment-Memorials	0	0	
Current Loan Balance 3/31/2023				73,144

Women Ministries Fund Balance (3/31/2023):	\$6959.46
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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