

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
	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!

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Dassel Covenant Courier  
November 2023

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“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”  
Ephesians 6:18

We want to offer our **most sincere gratitude to our church family** for sending us to the Northwest Conference Pastor’s and Spouse’s Annual Retreat in October. We thoroughly enjoyed the retreat and spiritual refreshment it offered us and we also enjoyed the fellowship we had with other pastoral couples from our NW Conference. It was also a privilege to hear our Covenant President, Reverend Tammy Swanson-Draheim, speak. She is calling the entire Evangelical Covenant Church to prayer on current issues of our day and for God’s blessings for the flourishing of our churches. So, let’s definitely **join our Covenant brothers and sisters in prayer** for the needs of our own church and the many needs across the broader church around the world.

We are very enthusiastic to report that **Confirmation** is going very well. Please be in prayer for the 4 young men, all 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys, who are faithfully participating in Confirmation. They are applying themselves diligently to the study of the New Testament, which began with a lesson on the Bible as God’s Word and absolutely central to our faith in Jesus. We have also learned who Jesus is as the unique member of the Trinity who came in flesh, fully human and fully Divine, the Son of God, our Lord and our Savior. The students studied Jesus’ birth and youth, His baptism and the temptation in the wilderness as well as Jesus’ disciples and other followers, both men and women. This month we will be covering lessons 7-11 in The Journey: The New Testament and Beyond...

As we are writing this newsletter article, we are putting the finishing touches on the Next Step in Church Transitions: **Healthy Church Systems Workshop** held Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. We are planning now to repeat this workshop in the coming weeks to allow everyone the opportunity to participate in this very valuable training to improve the emotional and spiritual health of our congregation. If you were unable to participate in October, please watch for the announcement of the date and time and plan to join us.

We want to publicly **thank Pastor Keith** Carlson for his priceless ministry last month to Jim Morehouse and family members of Yvonne as well as to Phil Tipka and Jackie’s family. We are grateful to Keith for his willingness to care for these precious family members in their time of need.

Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda

## November Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 5: Brian & Maria Anderson 12: Leon Nordberg, Marlene Blunt 19: Chad Dischinger, Dan Rinden 26: Tim Paulson, Jim Hallquist	<u>Nursery</u> 5: Carolee, Britton, Rachel 12: Maddy Pankratz 19: Tonya Hastings 26: Tim & Candy Paulson	<u>Coffee Cart</u> 5: Dan & Mary Rinden 12: Judy Riebe 19: Amanda Fusari 26: Marlene Blunt
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### Leadership Team Note

- The Vitality team has been making strides with new ideas
- 4 delegates will be attending the LBBC Annual Meeting
- The nominating committee has been meeting

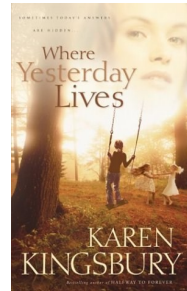
### Fellowship Time

5:  
12:  
19: Community Meal  
26:

### Book Club

Book Club will be meeting  
Tuesday, November 28th at  
6:30pm.

The book selection is  
“Where Yesterday Lives”  
by Karen Kingsbury  
All are welcome to join  
book Club!



**WE NEED YOU!**

The Worship Team needs vocalists and instrumentalists. If you are interested in joining the Worship Team, or what to give it a try, please contact Bill Ward, or the church office.

## Deck the Church

Join us as we decorate the  
Church for Christmas!  
Saturday, November 25th  
at 6pm.

Bring a snack to share.  
Many hands make light work.  
We will have something to do  
for everyone.

### October Church Attendance

1st	Sunday: 83	Online: 0	Total: 83
8th	Sunday: 114	Online: 13	Total: 127
15th	Sunday: 96	Online: 18	Total: 114
22nd	Sunday: 102	Online: 24	Total: 126
29th	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

### Directory Update

**It's time to update the church directory! You can do this a couple of ways. Log in to your Breeze account and edit your information, email the church office your information, or write down your information and leave it in the church drop box. Please update any information that needs updating, and your picture! Talk to Amanda in the office if you have questions or need assistance.**

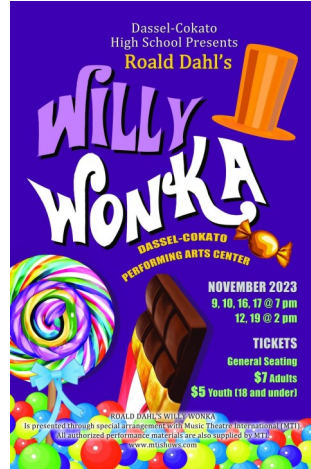


# November 2023 Youth calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	2	3	4
5 9am Sunday School & Confirmation *Daylight Savings Ends* Fall Back	6	7	8 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	9	10 7pm Musical at HS “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory”	11
12 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	13	14	15 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	16	17	18
19 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	20	21	22 6pm Thanksgiving Eve service & Pie	23	24 4:30pm Bowling at Howard Lake Bowl	25 6pm Deck the Church for Christmas
26 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	27	28	29 6:15pm Jr High YG 7:30pm Sr High YG	30		

# November 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



**Friday, Nov 10, 7 pm:**

**We will go to the high school musical “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” at the PAC. Tickets are available at the door. If you want a ride from church, be here at 6:15 otherwise meet at the PAC at 6:30 pm.**



**Friday, Nov 24, 5:00–7:00 pm**

**Bowling at Howard Lake Bowl. Youth families are welcome! Meet at church at 4:30 for a ride or at Howard Lake Bowl at 5 pm. Bring money for bowling and food.**



**Youth group will meet every Wednesday at the usual times except Nov 22, the day before Thanksgiving.**



**Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Wednesday, November 22nd  
6:00pm**

**We will have fellowship with pie following the service.  
Bring a pie to share!**

**Attention Women...**

**Mark your calendars!**

**The 2023 Women's Christmas Brunch is Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00am.**

**Watch for more information and FREE tickets!**

In all things,  
give thanks  
1 Thessalonians 5:18



## Mission Team

The Ecuador Mission Team would like to thank the congregation for all of their support through prayer, fundraising, and the donations of the beautiful quilts, the VBS and s'mores supplies. This trip was an amazing, exciting, relationship-building, sometimes challenging and a very rewarding experience for each Team member. Over the next several months, we plan to share some personal reflections in the newsletter so that you can get a sense of what this opportunity has meant to the Team. Again, thank you for giving so generously to the mission trip projects.

Al and Nancy Olson, Leon and Lisa Nordberg, Glenda Peterson, Andy, Tracy, Kelly and Kaleb Kraemer, Rob, Tonya, Jayla and Amara Hastings, Randy, Marcia and Chad Dischinger



Check out our church website for more pictures:  
<https://www.dasselcovenant.org/photos.html>

*Let's Celebrate!*

## November Birthdays

1 Mandy Carrigan  
 3 Jeanne Hedin  
 Sue Hammar  
 Kylie Johnson  
 4 Denise Alger  
 5 Riley Beckman  
 Marla Beckman  
 Alaina Werner  
 7 Stan Varland\*  
 8 Madison Mayer  
 9 Suzanne Asplin\*  
 Gladys Spurgeon\*  
 10 Carl Wilkins  
 11 Doug Carlson  
 13 Neal Hungerford  
 Daine Dodge  
 Nathan Dahlseng  
 16 Jim Hallquist  
 19 Shelby Carlson  
 Torrey Keith  
 Pat Johnson  
 21 Grace Jorgenson  
 23 Joe Latt  
 24 Lisa Nordberg  
 29 Sheldon Hedin  
 Jon Pankratz

\*80+ years

## November Anniversaries

\*John & Sandy Crayford  
 November 4, 1967

\*Dan & Sharon Revard  
 November 14, 1964

\*Carol & Lois Anderson  
 November 8, 1958

Paul & Amy Thostenson  
 November 16, 1996

Tim & Candace Paulson  
 November 14, 1981

\*John & Lois Dahl  
 November 19, 1971

\*50+ years

### General office hours:

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

### Pastors Office Hours:

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



**A BIG Thank You to the new Tech Team!**  
**These 3 men have been working on the technology of the church, mainly, the livestreaming.**

**Thank you Chad Ardoft, Josh Olson, and Tony Amundson**



# November 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 4pm KidsQuest 6:15pm Jr High 6:30pm Men's Group 7:30pm Sr High	2 9am-9pm Quilt Retreat 9am Seated Fitness	3 9am-9pm Quilt Retreat	4 7am Men's Bible Study 9am-4pm Quilt Retreat
5 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 10am Worship 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	6 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 5pm Vitality 6:30pm Prayer	7 6:30pm Christian Education	8 10am Planning 4pm KidsQuest 6:15pm Jr High 6:30pm Men's Group 7:30pm Sr High	9 9am Seated Fitness	10	11 7am Men's Bible Study
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## Community Meal

*All are WELCOME!*



You are invited to a Community Meal

Sunday, November 19th, 2023 at 11:15-12pm

Dassel Covenant Church  
251 Lake Street, Dassel, MN 55325

*Come and enjoy Soup, Bread, Dessert, and good conversation!*

Freewill donation

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

\*The next Community Meal will be in January.

\*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

## KIDSQUEST

What are the "Fruit of the Spirit"? This is what we have been learning about in KidsQuest so far this year! Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. The lessons, crafts, games, and memory verse time are going so well and everyone is learning so much.

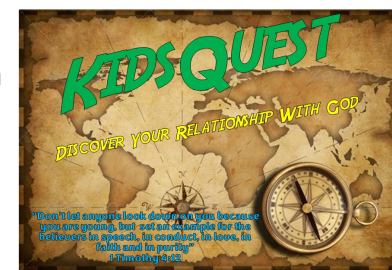
A couple new things this year are weekly meals, and scripture memory personal goals. The students appreciate the meal each week so much. *If you would like to help sponsor a meal, please talk to Amanda in the church office.*



The personal memory verse goals have been really fun! Each student picks how many verses they want to memorize that month. Some students have higher goals, and some a little lower. The best part about this, is that each student is setting the goal for themselves. We have had so much success with these goals!

We are in NEED of 1-2 more group leaders. A group leader takes the children from station to station during KidsQuest. 2 leaders per group is ideal. We would like to have 3 total groups again. Prayerfully consider volunteering!

Blessings,  
Amanda Fusari—KidsQuest Director



# Leadership Team meeting , October 16, 2023

Pastors' report:

- Thanked congregation for sending them to Northwest Conference.
- Confirmation is going well. 4 young men are faithfully participating in confirmation.
- “Next Step in Church Transition Healthy System Workshop” is planned for Oct 28th 9am to 12 pm
- Planning a Community prayer evening service Sunday Feb 4th at 5:00 pm followed by supper.

Women Ministries:

Met Oct 5th 2023

- Community meal will be Oct 15th.
- Dish fund update: Tonya H contacted a place in Willmar that will take old dishes. Extenders were ordered for current storage trays
- Committee 2024 members all will continue Tracy Hanson would like to be added.
- Fall Banquet will be Oct 19th 2023
- Sign up books will be ready by Jan 2024
- Changes were made to budget.
- Kitchen Committee updates Redoing cleaning closet suggest to redo desk area
- Christmas Brunch Will set a date for the committee to meet.
- Next meeting Nov 2 at 6:30

Stewardship and Finance:

- Ron gave highlights from the submitted report. August financials were reviewed and approved. Insurance premium: Ron will meet with insurance to receive another estimate.
- Budget planning Will receive estimates for 2024.
- None of the reports were approved as there were not enough members present. Will review and vote on the Nov meeting.

New Business

Budget for 2024

Will need to set a date for Ron to go over budget with the congregation.

Vitality

Vitality team will meet with the LT on Oct 30th to share a presentation of where the team goes from here. Bill will give an updated presentation of the upcoming meeting with LT to the congregation on Sunday the 29th.

Security update

Tom reported Andy and Torrey are putting things in place.

Annual meeting delegates

Approval for delegates Tim and Candy Paulson and Matt and Amanda Fusari as delegates. Need approval to increase LBBC membership from \$20 to \$25 per congregation members.

Will vote via text to approve of delegates and increase.

Nominating committee

Committee has met for LT positions. Will have a minimum of 4 people on the ballot. Marcia has consented for reelection.

Rental agreement and funeral policies Tabled

## Did you know we are helping Dassel Elementary with our plastic bags?

**Please consider saving your plastic bags (of many kinds) to help Dassel Elementary get a 100% recycled bench for the school!**

**Check out the big white box by the church office for what types of plastic you can donate!**



## CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel  
Financial Summary  
9/30/23

General Fund	Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income	21,812	201,583
Actual Expenses	20,159	198,025
Total Income Less Expense	1,653	3,558
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2022		228,476

<b>Building Fund</b> —Beginning Balance 1/1/2023		9,859
		<b>This Month</b>
Contributions:	Building Fund contributions	2,700
	Designated Memorials	0
	Transfer from Carry over/under	0
Payments:	Payments to NCP	2,600
		43,455
<b>Current Building Fund Balance</b>		<b>6,389</b>
Building Loan 1/1/2023		<b>99,836</b>
2023	Principal Payments-Regular Giving	2,339
	Principal Payments-Carry over/under	0
	Principal Payment-Memorials	0
<b>Current Loan Balance 3/31/2023</b>		<b>59,188</b>

**Women Ministries Fund Balance (8/31/2023):** **\$10,400.51**

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)