

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!

www.dasselcovenant.org



Dassel Covenant Courier
October 2023

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Romans 12:3–5 – “Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

The message of these verses is highly applicable for churches today just as it was during the New Testament time period. Paul uses the human body to illustrate our dependency on each other. Yet we know that just as our physical body isn’t always healthy, likewise churches often struggle to become healthy. We’re looking forward to bringing a special workshop and teaching series that we hope will be an encouragement and help for our church.

Next Step in Church Transitions: Healthy Church Systems Workshop
Please join us Saturday morning, October 28th from 9:00-12:00 for a workshop on changing the culture of our church to be one which understands, prevents and resolves conflict.

The workshop will include a series of teaching videos produced by Covenant Missional Vitality explaining the dynamics of relationships in churches. We will learn how to recognize when change produces anxiety in our church family and what are the unhealthy responses that can result. We will also learn how to respond in a healthy manner, so our church can be empowered to become mature in its ability to prevent and resolve potential conflicts. Finally, we will learn the power of such spiritual practices as gratitude, remembrance, confession, lament, laughter and developing a rule of life which provide protection against unhealthy relationships and promote healthy ones.

We are looking forward to a great morning of interaction and conversation on steps we can take to become a more healthy church.

Fall Teaching Series on the Ingredients of Healthy Relationships
Please make it a priority to join us for our Sunday morning worship services this fall beginning on the 8th of October when we will launch a new teaching series on the ingredients of healthy relationships. We will look at our own identity in Jesus and the image of God in others, especially the difficult people in our lives. We will explore sources and common responses to conflict and learn the elements of an authentic apology. Come and learn with us how to have conversations that actually heal instead of making a problem worse. Finally, examine with us what forgiveness really is and what it is not and just how powerful it can be to set us free from anger and pain that is only hurting us!

We’re looking forward to bringing this series of messages and pray that they will both challenge and inspire us in our relationships with one another.

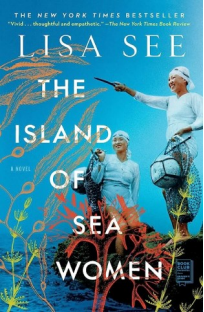
God’s blessings to you!

October Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 1: Leon Nordberg, Marlene Blunt 8: Chad Dischinger, Dan Rinden 15: Tim Paulson, Jim Hallquist 22: Al Olson, Sharon Radke 29: Jon Young, Diane Dodge	<u>Nursery</u> 1: Sonja Olson 8: Tim & Candy Paulson 15: Kristi M & Karlie K 22: Jess & Kenna Gasta 29: Catherine Y & Larissa K	<u>Coffee Cart</u> 1: Marlene Blunt 8: Judy Riebe 15: Amanda Fusari 22: No Coffee Cart 29: Dan & Mary Rinden
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<u>Leadership Team Note</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vitality Update• Security Task Force• 2023 and 2024 Budget• Nominating Committee	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 1: 8: 15: Community Meal 22: Jason Crayford 29: Maria & Diane
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Book Club
Book Club will be meeting
Tuesday, October 31st at
6:30pm.
The book selection is
“Island of Sea Women”
by Lisa See
*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.

Mustard Seeds Trivial Night
Is your mind filled with a lot of random information? Do you know a little bit about this and a little bit about that?
Well, you are in luck!
Come Sunday night, October 29th at 6:30pm for Trivia Night.
We will divide into teams to see who knows the most. It will be an evening of fun and socialization. Of course we will have dessert afterward. If you are interested in bringing a 9x13 dessert, please talk to Sandy Ward

September Church Attendance			
3rd	Sunday:	Online:	Total:
10th	Sunday: 142	Online: 17	Total: 159
17th	Sunday: 124	Online: 14	Total: 138
24th	Sunday: 94	Online: 26	Total: 120
	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.



October 2023 Youth Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	2	3	4 6:15pm Jr High 7:30pm Sr High	5	6	7 Outdoor Movie Night 7-9pm
8 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	9	10	11 6:15pm Jr High 7:30pm Sr High	12	13	14
15 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	16	17	18 No Events	19	20	21
22 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	23	24	25 6:15pm Jr High 7:30pm Sr High	26	27 4:30pm Sr High Newsboys Concert	28
29 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	30	31 4-6pm Trunk-or-Treat				

October 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

October 4, 11, 25

Youth Group: Junior High, 6:15-7:15 pm

Senior High, 7:30-8:30 pm

No Youth Group on Oct 18 - Have a great MEA

Special events:

Saturday, October 7, 7:00-9:00 pm

Outdoor Movie Night

Bring your own chair

Snacks provided



Friday, October 27 - Newsboys
Concert in Alexandria

This is open to senior high students. There are a limited number of tickets. Contact Randy as soon as possible to secure your spot.

The cost is \$65. Student event accounts can be used.
We will leave church at 4:30 pm. Bring money for a supper stop on the way. Concert starts at 7:00 pm.

*You are invited to Trunk-or-Treat
with us!*

Tuesday, October 31st from 4-6pm
In the parking lot

We will be serving hot dogs, chips, and cider.
If you would like to sign up to dress up your car and hand out candy, please do so by the Church office.



We also need candy to hand out.
Donations can be made with bags of candy, or monetary donations.

Set up needs to be complete by 2pm on October 31st.



Join us for our next Bible study!

In this 4-session study, you'll learn how to foster a thankful heart that can be cultivated into a continual harvest of gratitude, regardless of the circumstances.

There will be a four session Women's study from Lifeway Women titled "Grateful". As we head toward Thanksgiving, I thought this would be a great study! You can sign up by the church office, or by calling the office by October 15th.

The schedule: Meeting in the Library

- Session One Sunday October 29th 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Session Two Sunday November 5th 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Session Three Sunday November 12th 6:30pm - 7:30pm
- Session Four Sunday November 19th 6:30pm - 7:30pm

I look forward to joining us together in this study!
Please reach out if you have any questions, or if you want me to order a book for you.

Blessings,
Tracy Hanson

The Ecuador Mission Trip is October 14-22!
Please be praying for the team!

KIDSQUEST

We are off to a great start at KidsQuest this fall! We are starting right after school with a snack and homework time. At 4pm, we begin our regular programming with games, crafts, and scripture memory time. The regular programming ends with a Bible lesson, and praise time!

This year, we are serving a meal to the children every Wednesday night. The gratitude we have seen in the past month has been heartwarming.

Our focus for the first 9 week is the Fruit of the Spirit. Our Bible lesson, craft, and praise time are where we put most of the focus on the Fruit of the Spirit.

I am so grateful for the leaders we have this year for KidsQuest. I know it is not easy finding volunteers when we start at 3:30pm on Wednesday's.

Thank you to:

Becky Hungerford—Bible Lesson

Amara Hastings—Crafts

Randy Dischinger—Games

Harvey & Glenda Peterson—Praise Time

Gordy Nelson—Group 1 Leader

Al & Nancy Olson—Group 1 Leader

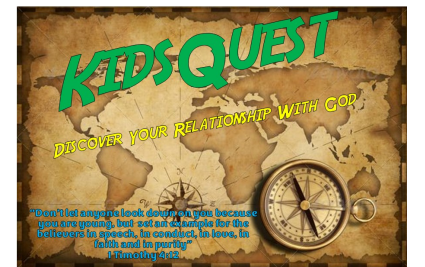
Marcia Dischinger—Group 2 Leader

Glenda Peterson—Group 2 Leader

Candy Paulson, Carol Lindberg, Renee Swanson—Scripture Listeners

Jessie Hohenstein, Bonnie Eng, and crew—Meal Crew

Ava, Cassie, & Emily—6th grade helpers



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

Let's Celebrate!

October Birthdays

3	Marcella Craswell
4	Eric McStotts
	Dale Hultgren*
	Isabella Frieler
6	Darlene Wuotila
8	Caleb Michel
9	Ethan Latt
	Carolee Michel
11	Jayne Kusler
13	Marcia Dischinger
	Abby (Tritabaugh) Carlson
16	Ralph Anderson
	Judy Riebe*
	Sonja Olson
18	Kurt Hungerford
22	Jason Crayford
23	Kelly Kraemer
	Charlotte Wilkins
27	Matthew Hendrickson
29	Lois Anderson*
	Anthony Amundson
	Connor Mackenthun
30	Virgil Anderson
31	Annie Luoto

*80+ years

October Anniversaries

*Dale & Sharon Hultgren October 6, 1962	Pete & Cleo Johnson October 13, 1995
Brandon & Aryn Hedlund October 7, 2017	*Phillip & Jackie Tipka October 23, 1965
Colton & Amber Tompkins October 8, 2016	Grant & Tami Hungerford October 26, 2013
Brian & Maria Anderson October 11, 1997	Joe & Rachel Latt October 27
*Cliff & LaRene Johnson October 12, 1957	*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

NEXT STEP in Church Transitions: Healthy Church Systems Workshop

Saturday, October 28th from 9am-12pm
In the Fellowship Hall

Videos by Covenant Missional Vitality, Discussion, and Interaction.

Practical ways we can use this information in our church relationships and conflicts. Please read the front page of the newsletter for more detailed information.

All are encouraged to attend!



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

OCTOBER 31 | **DASSEL COVENANT CHURCH** | **4-6PM**

We will be serving hot dogs, chips, and cider.
Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join in the fun!

251 Lake Street, Dassel, MN 55325

Community Meal

All are WELCOME!

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

Dassel Covenant Church
251 Lake Street, Dassel, MN 55325

**Come and enjoy Hot Dish, Pickles, Bread,
Dessert, and good conversation!**

Freewill donation

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

*The next Community Meal will be Sunday, November 19th at 11:15am

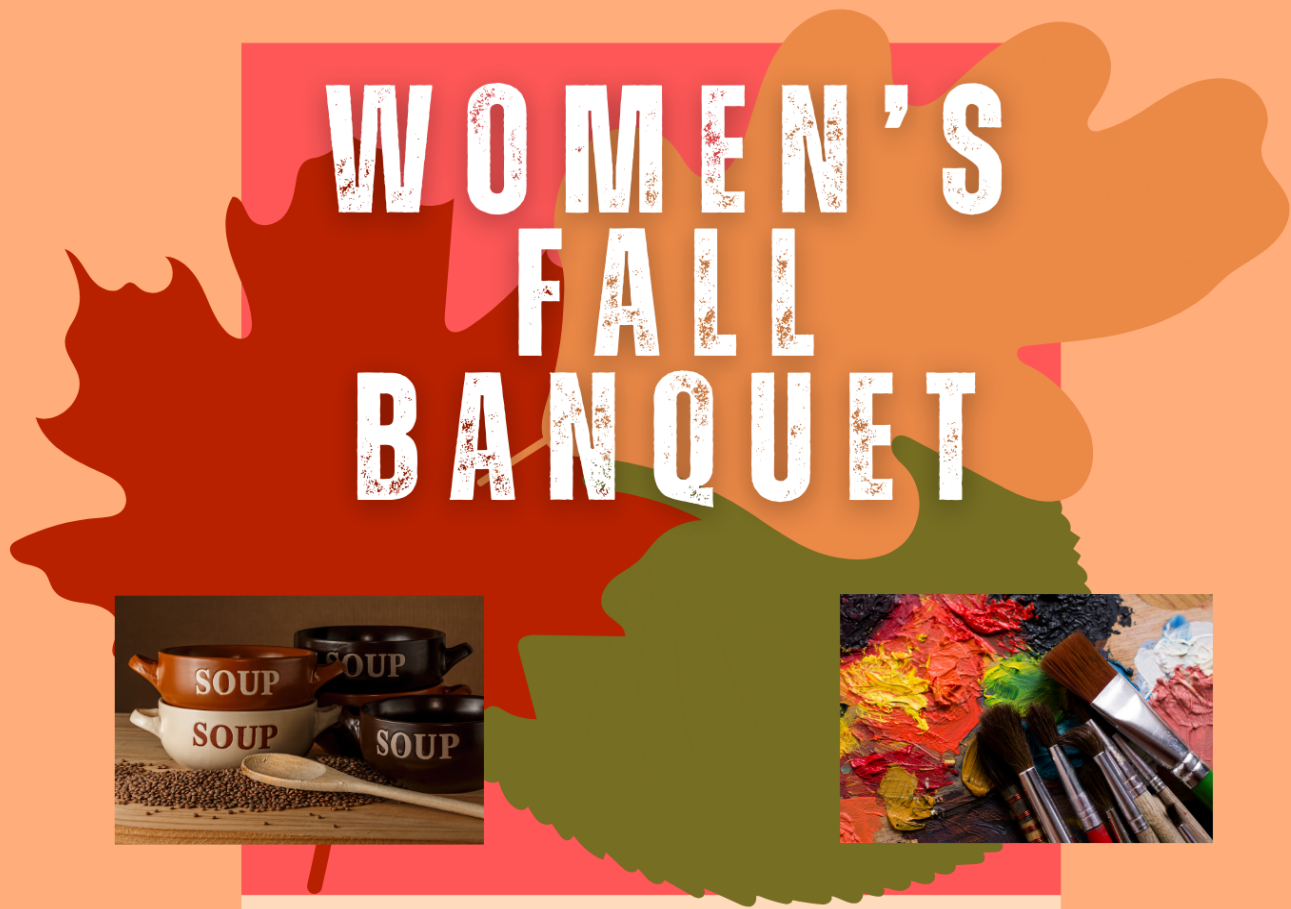
*Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." —John 6:35



October 2023



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OCTOBER 19TH, 2023
5:30PM

SOUP | PAINTING | FUN
251 LAKE STREET., DASSEL, MN 55325
FREEWILL DONATIONS TO COVER
COST OF SUPPLIES
DASSEL COVENANT CHURCH

Leadership Team meeting , September 18, 2023

Reports

Vitality Task Force

Bill Ward gave a report on Vitality. The Task Force has been meeting since June 12 and is now at the stage of determining how to accomplish the identified themes of the survey. Bill explained the need to keep moving forward and the buy-in from the congregation and their involvement. A rough draft of the Vitality Report will be presented at the October Leadership Team meeting. The next step will be a joint meeting of the Leadership Team and Vitality Task Force on October 30, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Pastors Report

Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda highlighted their current sermon series on Colossians. The next series of sermons will focus on the ingredients of developing healthy relationships and resolving conflicts. They are excited to offer a Saturday morning seminar on October 28. The theme is “Healthy Systems in the Church.” This video series was developed by the ECC and it covers healthy transitions in the church. Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda continue to meet people and are getting to know us.

The submitted reports were reviewed (Christian Education, Properties and Maintenance, Women Ministries, Stewardship and Finance). Marcia indicated there was great support for the youth fundraiser lunch on Sunday; Al commended Tom Hedlund for the nice job on the patio area; it is hoped that the cracks in the parking lot will be sealed and stripes painted this fall. Women Ministries is adding a Fall banquet as a new yearly event. Ron highlighted a few items from the Stewardship and Finance Team report: the are working on a memorial pamphlet; insurance premium increase due to valuation increase in property; budget planning for 2024.

The S&F Team is discussing ways to accurately reflect the budget since we are currently not paying health insurance or a pension for the transitional pastors or the youth director salary/benefits.

Motion to approve the reports as presented was made by Ron, seconded by Tom. Carried unanimously.

Old Business

Security Plan Update - Tom has contacted several people who have agreed to be on the Security Task Force. The documents developed by Diane and Marcia, with input from Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda will be shared with them.

New Business

A. 2024 Budget. Ministry Teams will be given the 2023 year-to-date detail expenditure report for their respective teams this week. Stewardship and Finance request the budget worksheets be returned by their November meeting in order to have a first draft of the 2024 budget to the Leadership Team by the November 23 meeting.

B. Nominating Committee. Ron, Tom and Gwen Hallquist will meet to start the process of securing nominations for the 2024 ballot. Marcia Dischinger and Wayne Jorgenson are the Leadership Team members up for re-election. The election will take place at the annual meeting in January.

C. Rental Agreements and Funeral Policy. Diane presented the draft changes to the current church rental agreement and funeral policy. Primary updates are in the fees charged. Leadership Team members were asked to read and provide feedback to Diane before the October 16 meeting.

LBBC Annual Meeting Delegates - October 28, 2023. Marcia will be responsible for finding delegates.

Vitality Taskforce Report

The Vitality Taskforce is continuing to meet on a weekly basis. The group is using the data provided through the congregational survey to focus in on twelve themes. Those are Service, Education, Mutual Support, Conflict Resolution, Music, Church Mission, Missions/Evangelism, Worship, Youth, Marketing/Telling Our Story, Governance and Staffing.

The team spent the first half of its work time understanding our own church and local region. We are now into the phase of specific recommendations in each of the twelve themes.

It is our anticipation that the Vitality work and report will serve as a foundation for the selection of future pastoral staff, so we are busy trying to wrap up our work in a timely fashion, with an October presentation to the Leadership Team.

We still welcome input from church members. You can pass any comments or suggestions to Bill Ward, the Vitality chair, at bwward@charter.net. Meetings are Mondays at 5 p.m. in the library and visitors are welcome. Please pray for the best wisdom and insight for the taskforce members, and that the Holy Spirit will be an active participant in the future of the church.

Bill Ward, Vitality Chair

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel
Financial Summary
8/31/23

	Month Ended	YTD
General Fund		
General Operating Income	29,847	179,771
Actual Expenses	19,946	177,866
Total Income Less Expense	9,901	1,906
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2022		209,788

Building Fund —Beginning Balance 1/1/2023		9,859
	This Month	YTD
Contributions: Building Fund contributions	1,960	17,201
Designated Memorials	0	75
Transfer from Carry over/under	0	20,000
Payments: Payments to NCP	2,600	40,855
Current Building Fund Balance		6,289
Building Loan 1/1/2023		99,836
2023 Principal Payments-Regular Giving	2,346	18,254
Principal Payments-Carry over/under	0	20,000
Principal Payment-Memorials	0	55
Current Loan Balance 3/31/2023		61,527

Women Ministries Fund Balance (8/31/2023):	\$11,229.63
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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