

Leading People to a Transforming  
Relationship with Jesus Christ



Weekly Activities & Ministries

Sundays	9:30am	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)
	6:00pm	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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“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”  
Colossians 3:1-2

We’re looking forward to the beginning of the new school year. We will be starting a four-week sermon series on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. For four weeks we will be “soaking” in Colossians 3:1-17. The passage begins with the above verses calling us to live with our affections and minds focused on God. Having our hearts and minds on the things of God shapes every aspect of our lives, in particular how we relate to one another. We use the word “soak” in this passage because we want to immerse ourselves in what Paul is teaching the Colossians in this letter. In order to really “soak” in these 17 verses, we are challenging the entire congregation to memorize this passage verbatim! We will be using the NIV 2011, but you can choose to memorize in the translation of your choice. It’s our prayer that by embedding God’s Word in our hearts we can become more and more the kind of person the Apostle Paul describes in this passage.

We’re also looking forward to beginning the confirmation class on Sunday, Sept 10. This year we will be studying *The New Testament and Beyond....* learning about the life of Jesus from eye witness accounts in the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Then we will move on to the book of Acts and the earthshaking birth of God’s people, the church. Please be praying for our confirmation students to really grow in their relationship with God.

This month, due to the Community Worship service during Red Rooster Days, we will be celebrating Communion on Sunday, Sept 10. We are excited about adding an element to our Communion service that we hope will be meaningful for families with young children. Young children who come up with parents as they receive the elements for Communion will be offered a grape. We will remind the congregation of the grapes each month to help parents and guests know so they can decide for their own child how they want to participate. The significance of the grapes is to help the tiny ones know they too are included in the “vine of Christ.” Also, we will be bringing Communion to the residents at Lakeside on the first Sunday afternoon of each month starting on October 1. We are thankful that our Visitation Team has offered to assist with bringing the residents from the full care unit to the apartments for the service.

God’s grace and peace to you,  
Pastor Marv & Pastor Linda

## August Volunteers

<u>Ushers</u> 3: Tim Paulson, Jim Hallquist 10: Al Olson, Sharon Radke 17: Diane Dodge, Jon Young 24: Brian & Maria Anderson	<u>Nursery</u> 3: Jess & Kenna 10: Maddy Pankratz 17: Carolee, Rachel, Britton 24: Catherine, Larissa	<u>Fellowship Time</u> 3: 10: 17: 24:
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### Leadership Team Note

- Ministry Teams are planning for Fall
- Vitality survey is complete
- Establishing a Security Task Force

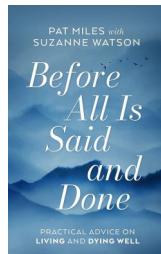
### Coffee Cart

3: No Coffee Cart  
 10: Judy Riebe  
 17: Amanda Fusari  
 24:

### Book Club

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

The book selection is  
*"Before All Is Said and Done"*  
 by Pat Miles  
*All are welcome to join  
 book Club!*



Thank you to the Hungerford's,  
 Carold & Lois Anderson, Koehnen's  
 and Wards for delivering Meals on  
 Wheels in September!

### Mustard Seeds

(Couples, Singles, Young & Old)

We are planning another "sing-a-long" around  
 the campfires on Sunday, September 24th at  
 6pm.

The Pastors have offered their backyard for an  
 evening of relaxation, fellowship and enjoying  
 music while roasting smores. Our own musi-  
 cians, Bill, Wayne, U Pastor Marv will serenade  
 us.

Hot Cider and fixings for smores will be provid-  
 ed. If you'd like to bring a snack to share, please  
 do.

Please bring a lawn chair, lantern or flashlight  
 and roasting sticks if you plan on roasting  
 smores.

In case of bad weather, we'll meet in the fellow-  
 ship hall.

## August Church Attendance

6th	Sunday: 112	Online: 25	Total: 137
13th	Sunday: 128	Online: 22	Total: 150
20th	Sunday: 119	Online: 13	Total: 132
27th	Sunday:	Online:	Total:
	Sunday:	Online:	Total:

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

### Church Family Humor

By Su Asplin  
 -How do the interim Pastors  
 feel about Dassel Covenant?  
*Marv E Lin*

# September 2023 Youth Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	11	12	13 Youth Group 6:15-7:15pm Jr High 7:30-8:30pm Sr High	14	15	16 8-11am Swappers Meet
17 9am Sunday School & Confirmation 11am Community Meal fundraiser	18	19	20 Youth Group 6:15-7:15pm Jr High 7:30-8:30pm Sr High	21	22 9-11pm 5th Quarter Par- ty	23
24 9am Sunday School & Confirmation	25	26	27 Youth Group 6:15-7:15pm Jr High 7:30-8:30pm Sr High	28	29	30

# September Youth Events:

Wednesday Night Youth Group is beginning again on September 13 with a different schedule and new leaders:  
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

There are three special events planned for September:

*Saturday, September 16, 8:00-11:00 am*

Wright County Swappers Meet - New twist to the usual game! You will receive \$2 to play the game. Bring your own spending money for other treasures you may find  
Meet in the lower church parking lot at 8:00 am.

*Sunday, September 17 - Community Lunch Fundraiser after church*

*Students, this is your opportunity to earn money for your student account. Student accounts are used for registration fees to MUUUCE, Unite or mission trips. Watch for an email with more details about bringing bars, serving and cleaning up after the event.*

*Friday, September 22 - 5th Quarter Party after the Home Football Game, 9:00 - 11:00 pm*

Come hang out with your friends for games, pizza, snacks.

Looking ahead - Unite 2024

Unite is a 5-day gathering of high school students from Covenant churches throughout the United States who come together to grow and learn about God's purposes for their lives. Students will experience amazing worship/speakers, seminars/workshops and fun activities. This is open to students who have completed 8th grade in 2023 through graduating seniors in 2024.

When: July 15-19, 2024

Where: Bowling Green University, Ohio

Cost: \$485 plus bus transportation (coordinated with other churches in the NW Conference)

## Confirmation

September 10th:

September 17th:

September 24th:

## 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.**



## 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.

### KIDSQUEST

**BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH AT 6PM  
WITH OUR REGISTRATION NIGHT!**

**Register online, or come to registration night on  
September 6th at 6pm.**

**We will officially start on Wednesday, September 13th at 4pm.**



**KIDSQUEST IS STARTING SOON,  
AND WE NEED YOU!!**

**We need:**

**Group Leaders, Activity Leaders, Scripture Listeners, Supper Crew, Music Crew**

**If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the provided forms, or online!**

**Questions? Contact Amanda in the church office**



## Sunday School Classes

Rally Sunday is September 10th! All classes will meet in the sanctuary at 9am to get started!

### *Preschool*

Teachers: Candy Paulson & Patty McCain  
Meet in the primary room downstairs

### *K-6th grade*

Teachers: Marcia & Randy Dischinger, Al Olson  
Meet in the Sanctuary

### *Confirmation*

Teacher: Pastor Linda Norlien  
Meet in the Confirmation room downstairs

### *Senior High*

Teachers: Ben Michel & Glenda Peterson  
Meet in the Youth Room

### Adult Classes

#### *"Come As You Are" Class*

Leader: Cliff Eng  
Room: Fellowship Hall  
The Theme of the class will be the topic of Eschatology (Prophecy) using a program entitled "Decoding the Future-A life changing journey through the book of Revelation" The primary source will be DVD presentations, along with comprehensive notes for discussion.

#### *Spiritual Gifts Class*

Leader: Gwen Hallquist  
Room: Library  
Spiritual Gifts -by R. Paul Stevens and other commentaries  
Spiritual gifts - what are they - what do we learn about them - what does the Bible teach about them.  
Come join us on Sunday!

#### *Parenting Class*

Leaders: Matt & Amanda Fusari  
Room: Green Room  
We will be focusing on God centered parenting, and having a lot of open discussion to help each other learn how to parent our



### September Birthdays

3	Debbie Hendrickson
4	Tim Paulson Hannah Hungerford
5	Julie Ardoff Danny McCain Colton Tompkins
6	Kaleb Kraemer Kristine Benson
11	Bill Ward Luke Woetzel
12	Nolan Carlson
14	Mary Beth Good
15	Mike Seaberg Caitlin Young
16	Grant Hungerford
17	Gus Weseloh
19	Rachel Latt
20	<b>Paulina Restrepo</b>
21	Jim Morehouse*
22	Alexis Olson Erin Keith
25	Rick Craswell Brock Olson
26	Kristi Mackenthun
27	Tracy Kraemer Sam Ardoff
28	Jeanette Anderson * Harlund Carlen*
29	Diane Ferrian

\*80+ years



### September Anniversaries

Harvey & Glenda Peterson  
September 5, 1987

\*Stu & Joan Johnson  
September 7, 1963

Jon & Maddy Pankratz  
September 7, 2019

Ben & Carolee Michel  
September 9, 2016

Steve & Dawn Schwalbe  
September 11, 1976

Dave & Jan Pritchard  
September 13, 1975

Matt & Joelle Woetzel  
September 26, 1992

Terry & Tina McStotts  
September 29, 1984

Kirk & Heather Olson  
September 30, 2000

Torrey & Erin Keith  
September 30, 2000

\*50+ years

#### Pastors Office Hours:

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

#### Office Hours

##### General office hours:

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





# September 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 8am-5pm Garage Sale Red Rooster weekend	2 8am-12pm Garage Sale
3 Community Worship Service at Gethsemane	4 Closed	5	6 6pm KidsQuest Registration Night 6:30pm Women Ministries	7 9am Seated Fitness	8	9 7am Men's Bible Study 9am Walk With Jesus
10 9am Sunday School 9am Confirmation 10am Worship 11am S&F	11 9am Coffee Fellowship 10am Seated Fitness 6:30pm Prayer	12 6:30pm CE	13 4pm KidsQuest 6:15pm Jr High 7:30pm Sr High	14 9am Seated Fitness	15	16 7am Men's Bible Study
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## Community Meal Youth Fundraiser *All are WELCOME!*

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**You are invited to a Community Meal**

**Sunday, September 17th, 2023 at 11:15-12pm**

Dassel Covenant Church  
251 Lake Street, Dassel, MN 55325

***Come and enjoy Pork Chops, Salad, Chips,  
Dessert, and good conversation!***

Freewill donation

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

\*The next Community Meal will be Sunday, October 15th 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

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## YOUTH & MISSIONS



Dassel Covenant Church

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**Thursday, August 31st—8am-5pm**

**Friday, September 1st—8am-5pm**

**Saturday, September 2nd—8am-12pm**

All proceeds are used to help our youth attend  
conference, go on trips, and other events, as well as  
our Ecuador Missions Team!

# Leadership Team meeting , August 14, 2023

## Pastor’s Report

Pastor Linda and Pastor Marv highlighted the following: Church Vitality Taskforce survey has just been completed, upcoming Sunday sermon series, monthly communion/service at Lakeside Assisted Living beginning October 1; Confirmation; Transition Overview on August 20 and 27. In addition, they will be participating in the Dassel Ministerium and will have a part in the Community worship service on Sept 3 and will be ticket takers on Red Rooster Day.

## Reports

The submitted reports (Christian Education, Stewardship and Finance, Visitation, Women Ministries and Vitality) were reviewed.

1. Christian Education - Sunday School will begin September 10 at 9:00 a.m., KidsQuest, and youth group will begin September 13.
2. Stewardship and Finance - Ron covered recent expenditures and the annual giving and changes in expenses/income. The Tentmaker deposit has been received. A request was made to distribute budgets to the Ministry Teams. Ron will ask Kristin to run reports.
3. Visitation - Diane highlighted the report. September is our month for Meals on Wheels. Decided on who will make personal visits and encouraged sharing ideas to help serve those needing contacts. The Team will assist Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda with the Lakeside Assisted Living services.
4. Women Ministries - There are four ladies interested in serving on the nursery remodel project; new dishes have been ordered. The next community meal is August 20. The September community meal will be on September 17. The youth will service this as a fundraiser.

Vitality - The Taskforce met on July 10 and July 17. 66 surveys have been submitted as of the deadline date. The Taskforce will review the results and report to the Leadership Team.

Motion to approve the reports was made by Diane, seconded by Ron. Carried unanimously.

## Old Business

1. The Memorial Gift Policy will be reviewed by Stewardship and Finance.
2. Security Plan and Security/Safety Team Training Procedure was discussed at length. Diane and Marcia, with input from Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda, have drafted documents based on information from our insurance carrier.

Motion was made by Ron, seconded by Diane, to establish a Security Task Force to develop a security plan for our church. Carried unanimously. The Leadership Team recommended a few names and Tom will reach out to those individuals and report back at our September meeting.

3. Dealing with members who willfully neglect their responsibilities to the church or who err in doctrine or conduct. The Leadership Team encourages members to read the Bylaws of the Constitution (Article 1, Section 6) and to be familiar with the Relational Covenant.

**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 FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel  
Financial Summary  
7/31/23

General Fund	Month Ended	YTD
General Operating Income	20,963	15,250
Actual Expenses	19,266	157,920
Total Income Less Expense	1,697	(7,996)
Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2022		167,754

<b>Building Fund</b> —Beginning Balance 1/1/2023		9,859
	<b>This Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Contributions: Building Fund contributions	2,105	15,250
Designated Memorials	20	75
Transfer from Carry over/under	0	20,000
Payments: Payments to NCP	2,655	38,255
<b>Current Building Fund Balance</b>		<b>6,929</b>
Building Loan 1/1/2023		<b>99,836</b>
2023 Principal Payments-Regular Giving	2,310	13,598
Principal Payments-Carry over/under	0	20,000
Principal Payment-Memorials	55	55
<b>Current Loan Balance 3/31/2023</b>		<b>63,873</b>

**Women Ministries Fund Balance (3/31/2023): \$9,657.63**

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)