

**DASSEL COVENANT
CHURCH**

251 Lake Street
Dassel, MN 55325

*Leading People to a Transforming
Relationship with Jesus Christ*



Weekly Activities & Ministries

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| 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

May 2024

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***"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the
LORD Almighty."
Zechariah 4:6***

It seems like March and April have both been quite windy months this year. Of course, we expect this in the spring, but for some reason I've taken notice of it being extra windy this year. I'm reminded that both the Hebrew and Greek words for spirit are the same word in each language for wind or breath. After the resurrection, Jesus commanded his disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4). He said, "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." (Acts 1:8) Ten days later they were together praying and the "sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting" (Acts 2:2). Indeed, the power of the Holy Spirit came upon them and they began to proclaim the wonders of God in the various languages of all who were in Jerusalem for the Day of Pentecost - a major festival 50 days after the beginning of Passover.

The power of the Holy Spirit was on everyone. Peter stood up and addressed the crowd and explained the good news of Jesus and people were "cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37) and 3000 people repented and were baptized. How exciting!

During this season between Easter and Pentecost, we invite you to join us in praying for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Dassel Covenant Church.

The chorus of the old hymn "Pentecostal Power" by Charles H. Gabriel is a prayer:

Lord, send the old-time power, the Pentecostal power!
Thy floodgates of blessing, on us throw open wide!
Lord, send the old-time power, the Pentecostal power!
That sinners be converted and Thy Name glorified!

Let this be our prayer today!

Pastor Marv and Pastor Linda

May Volunteers

Ushers

5: Jim Hallquist & Dan Rinden
 12: Chad Dischinger & Tim Paulson
 19: Al Olson & Russ Fusari
 26: Jon Young, Diane Dodge, & Wayne Koehnen

Coffee Cart

5: Judy Riebe
 12: Amanda Fusari
 19: Marlene Blunt
 26: Dan & Mary Rinden

Nursery

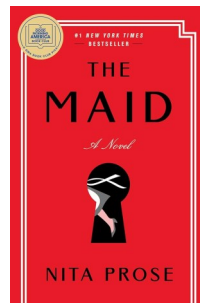
5: Hastings Family
 12: Tim & Candy Paulson
 19: Kristi Mackenthun
 26: Mary Otto & Russ Fusari

Fellowship Time

5: Visitation
 12: Latt
 19: Community Meal
 26:

Book Club

Book Club will be meeting
 Tuesday, May 28th at
 6:30pm.
 The book selection is
 "The Maid"
 by Nita Prose



All are welcome to join book Club!

April Church Attendance

| 7th | Sunday: 113 | Online: 45 | Total: 158 |
|------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 14th | Sunday: 98 | Online: 45 | Total: 143 |
| 21st | Sunday: 120 | Online: 25 | Total: 145 |
| 28th | Sunday: 106 | Online: | Total: |
| | Sunday: | Online: | Total: |

Leadership Team Note

We are excited to approve the following new members:

Keith and Paulette Dahlseng
 Joseph and Rebecca Fordyce
 Matthew and Jessica Hohenstein
 Barb Lothe

Josh and Sonja Olson
 They will be officially welcomed during the service on May 5.

Chad Dischinger has completed the required steps for membership and will be welcomed into membership following his baptism service, being planned for sometime in June.

Church Spring Cleaning Day

Friday, May 10th
 9:00am

Many hands make light work!
 Something for everyone!



Last Day of Sunday School
 Sunday, May 19th.

This is also Senior Sunday!

We will be celebrating the
 graduating class of 2024!

At Dassel Covenant Church
 251 Lake Street, Dassel

Date: Saturday, May 11th, 2024
9:00 am to Finish
 Team Registration: \$40.00

Fill out the paper form, or register online at:
www.dasselcovenant.org/2024-cornhole-tournament.html

**HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE
 DASSEL LAKESIDE PATIO FURNITURE &
 COKATO ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND**

**Prizes, Food for Purchase, Silent Auction, &
 More**

"Greatest Show"

Lake Beauty Bible Camp Summer Camp 2024



2023 Camp Sessions

| | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------|----------|
| Frontier Kids | Completing 1 st , 2 nd , or 3 rd | July 3-5 | Wed-Fri |
| Trailblazer #3 | Completing 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th | July 14-18 | Sun-Thur |
| Junior High #2 | Complete 6 th -8 th | July 7-12 | Sun-Fri |
| Senior High | Completing 9 th -12 th | July 28-Aug 2 | Sun-Fri |

- Early Registration is BEFORE April 4th (early bird and code prices listed above)
- The transfer code will cover 40% of the early registration cost. Deadline to get the discount is June 10th. After June 10th, you will pay full price. We are working toward paying 100% for each camper again, minus the registration fee.
- Dassel Covenant Church is part of the Crow River District. If our camp dates do not work for you, you can attend a different session. Please talk to Amanda if you need to make a change.
- Scholarships are available for those who need them.
- Check out more information at www.lbbc.com.
- You can access each camp session pages as well as a parent page!
- Questions? Contact Amanda Fusari

Youth & Family Events:

May-August

Wednesday, May 15, 6:00 pm
Baccalaureate at Dassel-Cokato

Saturday, May 18
Spring Clean Up Day at Lake Beauty Bible Camp. Depart at 7:15 a.m. and return at 2:30 p.m. All youth and families are invited

Saturday, June 22
Wright County Swappers Meet. Depart at 8:00 a.m. and return at 11:00 a.m.

LBBC
July 3-5, Frontier Kids
July 7-12, Junior High
July 14-18, Trailblazers
July 28-Aug 2, Senior High



Tuesday, August 6, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm
National Night Out in the lower church parking lot

August 8-11 (Thursday-Sunday)
Plans are being made for a camping/fishing trip - site to be determined. Stay tuned for more information

Watch the bulletin and future newsletters for other events and details.



You are invited to a Community Meal
Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 11:15-12pm

Dassel Covenant Church
251 Lake Street. Dassel, MN 55325

***Come and enjoy a BBQ's, Chips, Coleslaw,
Pickles, Cake, 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, June 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

Women Ministries 2024 SIM-Special Interest Missionary



Mexico—Erika Clauson

Alexandria, Wheaton, Crow River

Birthday: May 3

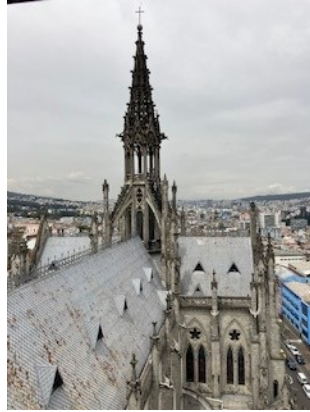
Anniversary: October 23

erika.clauson@covchurch.org



Erika and her husband, Nils, are now living in the twin cities and still working with Serve Globally in Mexico and beyond. Their main assignment is Community and Leadership Development, Evangelism and Outreach, and Christian Formation. They serve a Hispanic church in the cities called Nuestra Esperanza Covenant Church in Brooklyn Center. They have three children, their oldest just turning 17. Erika continues to work with a ministry in Mexico called Mending the Soul. Erika is also busy doing a chaplain internship. Erika is leaving for Oaxaca, Mexico, as she is making preparations for a spiritual retreat for team members that will be held shortly after our Renewal Conference. She asks for prayer for good health, safety in travels, and for God's spirit to work individually and collectively in their ministry.

Ecuador Missions



Our mission trip to Rumipamba, Ecuador was an amazing, eye-opening experience. Although the opportunity was offered on other occasions, this was the first time I have taken advantage of it and I am glad I did. My perception of what it was going to be like was the total opposite of what I experienced first hand. Quito is a huge city with thousands of people, skyscrapers and cathedrals that are hundred-of-years old. This was not what I was expecting.

The people at Piedra Viva Church were very friendly, happy and hard-working people. Although there was a language barrier, their patience, smiles and gestures were all that was needed to communicate the expectations of

the work being done. The three amazing translators (Esther, Rene and Juan Ca) would help whenever possible if the understanding wasn't quite there.

God is an amazing God and whether we worship here in Dassel or in Rumipamba, Ecuador, the belief and reliance on Him for all the things we encounter in our lives is the same. What an amazing God we serve and an amazing world He created. I am so glad that Marcia, Chad and I were able to go to Rumipamba, Ecuador to see our God at work in another part of His world.

Randy Dischinger



Let's Celebrate!

May Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Dahlseng
- 3 Matt Fusari
- 4 Mitchell Paulson
Kathy Anderson
- 5 Jared Nordberg
- 6 Megan Walther
- 7 Karee Anderson
- 12 Daniel McStotts
- 13 Amara Hastings
- 14 Ron Hungerford
Dylan Mackenthun
- 17 Erin Crayford
- 19 Rev. Keith Carlson
- 21 Lowell Tritabaugh
- 24 Kristin Carlson
- 25 Kari Jorgenson
John Woodson*
- 26 Owen Kusler
- 27 Russ Koehler
- 30 John Crayford
Cliff Johnson*
- 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

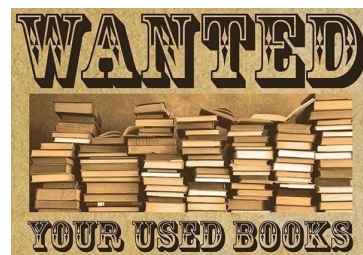
*50+ years

Library

BOOKS WANTED!

Gently used or new. Copywrite 2020 or newer please.

Drop off your donation on the library desk!
Thank you!



Progressive Supper

We just had a wonderful Salad Luncheon at church. Now we're planning ahead for our Progressive Picnic Supper in July, but we need some help!

There is a sign up sheet by the office for anyone willing to be on the committee or be a host for one of the courses at your home.

Please consider helping out.

Thank you

Search Committee Update:

The Search Committee met with the Northwest Conference leadership, as well as the church's Leadership and Vitality Teams. We are working toward completing our church's profile. We sent out a congregational survey and have started collecting the results. If you haven't already completed the survey, please do so and turn it in to the office by May 5th. If you would like to offer other input, feel free to send an email to dasselcovenantsearch@gmail.com, or contact Ben Michel. Thank you for your continued prayers as we go through this process.

Leadership Team meeting , April 22nd, 2024

The agenda was updated to include the following:

- Vitality update
- Security Team update
- Approval of new members
- Pastoral Search Committee update
- Request to be a site for Bible Study Fellowship

The reports were reviewed individually:

Pastors' Report - Pastor Marv's and Pastor Linda's written report included the reception of new members on May 5 and a June baptism is being planned. Anyone interested in being baptized is asked to speak with either Pastor Marv or Pastor Linda. They will be attending the NW Conference Annual meeting this week. Pastor Hollis Kim will be preaching on June 9 when they are away on vacation.

Volunteer Youth Director Report - Randy and Julie meet weekly with 3 junior high boys and Randy and Deb consistently have 5 senior high students attend each Wednesday. Plans are being made for summer youth and family activities.

Vitality - On behalf of the Vitality Task Force, Bill Ward met with the Pastoral Search Committee and the Leadership Team on April 21 to make recommendations to clarify the Pastor job description.

Care and Life Report - The Care and Life Team is hosting an event on April 28 for families with young children and the cornhole tournament on May 11.

Christian Education Report - The last day for KidsQuest is April 24. The last day of Sunday School and high school senior recognition is May 19. Summer activities are being planned.

Mission, Evangelism and Outreach Report - The mission table near the library will be updated.

Properties and Maintenance Report - Cliff reported on the following items:

- Spring Clean Up Day is scheduled for Friday, May 10, The mowing schedule is done, Patio furniture, Sealing and striping the parking lot will take place sometime this summer, Windows that need replacing, Ring doorbell to be installed, Recommendation to purchase 2 cordless vacuum cleaners

A motion was made by Ron, seconded by Diane, to purchase 2 cordless vacuum cleaners not to exceed \$2000 from the Capital Improvement Fund. Carried unanimously.

Stewardship and Finance Report - Ron reported that the Team did not meet in April. Approximately \$7,500 is needed each week to meet expenses.

Visitation Team - Lois reported that 19 Easter plants were delivered. Our church is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels in June. The Team will serve coffee on May 5. Lois brought up the subject of having assigned greeters each Sunday. The Care and Life Team and Visitation Team will meet on this.

Worship and Music Team - Becky noted that the Team prepares communion for the nursing home; the ushers are doing well. A few comments were shared about the worship team sound and slides.

Women Ministries Team - Amanda highlighted the written report which included the April community meal, the icemaker has been installed in the kitchen and the team's discussion on giving excess money to SIM, the AVA Project and the Benevolent Fund.

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

Old Business:

A. Vitality Task Force - No further updates after the meeting with the Pastoral Search Committee and Leadership Team on April 21.

Security Update - Tom reported that the surveillance cameras are in place. Marcia sent a thank you note to the donor of the technology funds.

A New Business:

Approve New Members: Having given personal testimony to personal faith in Jesus Christ, completed a membership class and applied for membership, the following individuals are being recommended for membership in the Dassel Covenant Church by the Leadership Team: Keith and Paulette Dahlseng, Joseph and Rebecca Fordyce, Matthew and Jessica Hohenstein, Barb Lothe and Josh and Sonja Olson.

A Motion to approve the new members was made by Ron, seconded by Andy. Carried unanimously.

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C Chad Dischinger has completed the required steps for membership and will be welcomed into membership following his baptism service, being planned for sometime in June.

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B. Pastoral Search Committee Update - The PSC is meeting weekly. The congregational input survey has been distributed and they are asking that it be turned in by May 5.

A request has been received to be a site for Bible Study Fellowship beginning next fall. Motion to approve this request was made by Ron, seconded by Diane. Carried unanimously.

CHURCH FINANCIALS

Evangelical Covenant Church of Dassel

Financial Summary

2/29/24

| General Fund | Month Ended | YTD |
|---|-------------|--------|
| General Operating Income | 40,002 | 64,013 |
| Actual Expenses | 17,810 | 40,677 |
| Total Income Less Expense | 22,193 | 23,335 |
| Giving to General Fund YTD Last Year 2023 | | 19,938 |

Capital Improvement Fund—Beginning Balance 1/1/2024 10,400

| | This Month | YTD |
|---|------------|--------|
| Contributions: Capital Im. Fund contributions | 170 | 865 |
| Transfer from Carry over/under | 0 | 30,000 |
| Payments: Custodial Fee | 125 | 125 |

Current Fund Balance 41,140

Women Ministries Fund Balance (1/1/2024): \$12,092.58

| | This Month | TYD |
|--|------------|------------------|
| Income: Total Income | 673.00 | 908.00 |
| Expenses: Total Expenses | 1,675.26 | 2,207.74 |
| Current WM Fund Balance (2/29/2024) | | 10,792.84 |

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