



Pass It On

March, 2017

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A dedication of the new Youth Center was held on Sunday, February 12. The congregation moved from the sanctuary into the gym for a time of prayer and singing to conclude the worship service. Shown below are the youth in attendance that day. Cake was served during fellowship time and a potluck meal was shared after Sunday School to celebrate the new space.

“Welcoming the children and loving our neighbor”



The K-12 grade kids have moved into the new Sunday School rooms and are enjoying all the activities in the gym. We are looking forward to hosting Open Gym times for the community beginning in March, as well as the already established Wednesday night Pioneer Kids and Hi-League. We pray for the Youth Center to be a tool to minister to not only the children from our congregation, but to youth from our communities in a new way. We are always in need of volunteers for youth events, so if this is something you are interested in, please see Phil or Pastor Erik.

Hi-League

Hi-League is for those in grades 7-12. Hi-League meets at DCC on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. When we meet at DCC, supper is provided. We meet in Madison on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Hi-League Fundraiser for CHIC Serving Lenten Supper

Come and help prep, serve and clean up the meal before Lenten services at DCC. March 1 (this Wednesday), March 15, March 29 and April 12 are the dates we will be hosting the joint Lenten Service with Providence Valley. Come to raise money that goes toward helping pay for CHIC for our Youth! Don't forget that we will also be having our traditional pancake breakfast before Easter on April 16th. The food prep will begin at 4:30. Please let Phil know if you'll be assisting.

March 31-April 1 - MOVE

Hi-League event for grades 9-12

MOVE stands for Mission Outreach Venture and Experience. It's two days of learning, serving and experiencing an urban environment for Northwest Conference high school students and leaders. There are general sessions with worship and a speaker, a half-day of serving with local service non-profits in the Twin Cities, a time of learning about compassion, mercy and justice issues, and late night games. MOVE is designed and pulled off by a team of youth pastors from the Northwest Conference. The deadline to sign up is March 12.

April 30

Hi-League Event for grades 7-12

We will be going to Marshall after the worship service to have lunch at Pizza Ranch, then going to AJ's Family Arcade for mini-golf and go karts. We should be back to the church by supper time. More info to follow in bulletin/pass it on.



We all have something in common - either for good or for bad - we're all in some sort of transition. At Lake Beauty, we are also embarking on a transition, moving from last year's summer camp theme (Heaven Bound - All Aboard!) to our new theme for 2017! We are now considering what it means to be truly **SET FREE** in Christ! Our 2017 theme verse is Galatians 5:1, *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."*



Pioneer Kids

Pioneer Kids is for those in grades K through 6 and their parents. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. Supper is provided. After supper we will play games, sing and divide into groups for a Bible lesson time. Kids are encouraged to invite friends! If you have any questions please see Phil.

Open Gym

We will soon be starting a weekly open gym times in the Youth Center on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. Pastor Erik and Phil will be supervising the open gym for the first couple times, and then we may be looking for volunteers to help with this. This is a time for our church family to specifically open the gym up for the community to use. Please spread the word and invite others in the community to come use the space!

Please see Bonnie Gustafson to get the church's transfer code before going online to register your child for summer camps. Dawson Covenant Church pays for half the cost of camp for campers from our church family, and you will need the transfer code to register with this discount. Scholarships are also available if needed. For more information visit the Lake Beauty Bible Camp website at lbbc.com, call them at (320) 732-3218, or email them at lbbc@lbbc.com. Or talk with our own camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson. We are excited to have a Lake Beauty representative coming to visit us on Sunday, March 26 to tell us more about Lake Beauty Bible Camp!

June 11-16
Junior High #1

July 6-8
Frontier Kids #2

June 18-22
Trailblazer #1

July 30-Aug 4
Senior High



On Sunday February 5 we recognized new congregation members John and Angie Sather and family, Derrick and Vanessa Ruther and family, William Kamrath and Dannica VandeBrake, Randy and Susan Kamrath, Andrew and Andrea Lewis and family, Dawn Kamrath, and Tim and Suzanne Milbeck.

Church Website has New Feature

The church website has a new password protected page where you will find things like Church Council Meeting notes and other kinds of information that we want to share with our church family but not necessarily post publicly on the web. The password will be given out at church once we have uploaded some documents to the page. The church website is: www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org, then click on the "Members" tab.



The Covenant Women Ministries Northwest Conference is holding a Women's Renewal Conference on March 17-18 at New London Covenant Church. The conference will feature a dynamic worship, powerful and engaging teaching, and varied breakout sessions. There are several break-out sessions to choose from when registering. There will also be an update on AVA, Advocacy for Victims of Abuse, which is a ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church. There is a brochure with more information posted on the bulletin board, or visit www.wmnwc.org/renewal-2017. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to carpool from Dawson. **You must register for the conference on your own so that you can pick the breakout sessions you wish to attend. Advance registration is required by Monday, March 13.**

Ash Wednesday—March 1

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. It is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on March 1. At our worship service on Ash Wednesday, foreheads are marked with ashes in the sign of the cross. The ashes come from burning the palm branches from the last Palm Sunday. In Old Testament days, ashes were a sign of mourning and repentance. It is a reminder of our sorrow for our sins, and a sign of humility and the need for forgiveness.

This year, we will once again partner with our neighbor, Providence Valley Lutheran Church, to hold joint Lenten Services. The Ash Wednesday Service on March 1 will be held at Dawson Covenant Church. Both congregations are invited to a meal served as a Hi-League fundraiser in the fellowship hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Ash Wednesday service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Providence Valley Lutheran Church will host the next Lenten service on March 8. Both congregations are invited to a 5:30 meal followed by a 7:00 p.m. service at PVLC.

We will continue to take turns hosting the services throughout the season of Lent.



Emma Weber has left for Brisbane, Australia to attend a Discipleship Training School with Youth with a Mission. She spoke to the congregation in February about what the program entails and the financial resources needed. Her total need is approximately \$8,000. If you would like to support Emma you can give by cash or check (made out to Emma Weber) sent to P.O. Box 375 Dawson, MN 56232 or, you can give online at www.gofundme.com/emmasgoingtoaussie. Most importantly you can pray for Emma as she begins this journey and throughout her time serving as a missionary.

Open House

The community was invited to an Open House at the church on Monday evening, February 20. A light meal was served and tours of the new space were given. The kids spent a fun afternoon and evening together with a variety of activities and a movie in the Youth Center. Shown below are Samantha, Ginny, Melody and Todd serving the meal, and Dwight giving a tour and answering questions about the new addition.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 18 at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Invite a friend to join you for breakfast, fellowship and a devotion led by Pastor Erik.

QUILTING GROUP

Quilters will meet on Monday, March 6 and Monday, March 20 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Come and go as your schedule allows.



CHOIR REHEARSALS

Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m., just prior to the Ash Wednesday service at DCC. Choir will also rehearse on Sunday, March 5 at 8:00 a.m., and continue to meet at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings throughout Lent. See Luanne Fondell or Jill Christie if you have any questions.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl
Joel & Kim Delp
Covenant World Missions
Byron & Sue Bruckner-CYAK
Randy & Cheryl Bevis
Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins
Covenant World Relief
KICY Radio Station
Operation Christmas Child

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- 1 Daniel Bevis
- 1 Sullivan Graven
- 1 Kim Lindblad
- 3 Solomon Citrowske
- 3 Ralph Gerbig
- 3 Brandon Ulstad
- 3 Stephanie Weber
- 4 Joyce Busiahn
- 4 Paul Iverson
- 4 Donald Lindblad
- 5 Simeon Delp
- 6 Susan Kamrath
- 6 Kady Perkins
- 7 John Norland
- 8 Emerson Haugen
- 8 Jacob Koch
- 10 Abby Myers
- 10 Courtney Ulstad
- 11 Deb Schluter
- 12 Daryl Schutte
- 13 Joyce Pearson
- 15 Bonnie Gustafson
- 17 Evelyn Hanson
- 17 Kate Ulstad
- 18 Jennifer Graven
- 20 Sylvia Rosendahl
- 21 Charles Busiahn
- 22 Derek Fjerkenstad
- 22 Julie Fjerkenstad
- 22 Kannon Wicht
- 23 Paula Byhaug
- 26 Derek Horst
- 27 Tim Haugen

Electronic Giving

Dawson Covenant offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering donations. To set up an electronic giving schedule, please complete the Automatic Payment Authorization Form, which can be found on the table in the entry, and place it in the Treasurer's mailbox or the collection plate. If you have any questions, please see Dan Schluter or Wendy Robertson.

Attention!

If you are not getting church e-mails (prayer requests, occasional announcements, etc.) and you would like to be added to the list please let Karla Perkins or Pastor Erik know, or send an email to office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Erik & Phil's scheduled office hours are as follows:

Monday Off
Tuesday 8:30-2:30
Wednesday 8:30-2:30
Thursday 8:30-2:30
Friday 8:30-2:30

Other times they are available by appointment, and may be reached at church at 320-769-2255 or Pastor Erik's cell: 320-305-9304 Phil's cell: 269-547-7537

Free Wi-Fi

To sign-in to the free wi-fi in the church building choose the "Church-guest" network. The password is "guest".



Covenant World Mission is our mission of the month for March. The Evangelical Covenant Church desires to see more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world. In our mission partnerships around the world, we are committed to culturally relevant evangelism and the formation of communities of Christ followers, to spiritual formation and equipping God's people for ministry and leadership, and to transformational ministries that demonstrate the whole gospel by seeking to address the spiritual, social, emotional, mental, physical, and justice needs of people.

You can support global projects and missionaries through Covenant World Mission. Your gift will empower missionaries and international partner ministries as they seek to proclaim the gospel in over thirty countries around the world. There will be baskets in the back of the sanctuary to collect for CWM throughout the month of March. If you would like more information about CWM visit www.covchurch.org/mission. CWM thanks you for your investment and much appreciated partnership in world mission ministries.

PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the April *Pass It On* is Wednesday, March 22.

Please give all information for the newsletter to the Karla Perkins.

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Did you know you can view our past worship services online anytime? Visit our website at dawsoncovenantchurch.org and click on the Worship tab.



Worship services are also shown on local cable t.v. in Dawson at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and in Madison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

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