



Pass It On

April, 2017

Walking the Line: Between Lent and Easter

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:19b-20



This month we make the transition from observing Lent to celebrating Easter. The difference between the seasons could not be more stark. We move from the serious and somber business of remembering our mortality and our sinfulness, to rejoicing in forgiveness and eternal life. We travel with Jesus into the valley of death and then marvel at the empty tomb. However, these subjects, as contrasting as they are, reflect our current existence as believers.

In his letter the Galatians, the apostle Paul writes about his own experience, which emphasizes a relocation of identity. Paul believed that through Christ we move from being dead in sin to alive in Christ. Paul uses radical language to try and express the gravity of the change in his identity. He says He has died with Christ, and the former 'I' is gone. In its place is a new 'I' which finds its primary identity in Christ. His language is so strong that we could be tempted to interpret him as saying that 'Paul' is gone and completely replaced by Christ. Yet, in verse 20 he clarifies by acknowledging that 'Paul' (as a flesh and blood human being, still susceptible to the weakness of our mortal minds and bodies) is still here, but his core identity has been relocated to its new home in Christ.

The upshot of Paul's conclusion is that while he is still present in the body, his entire orientation has shifted toward his life in Christ. In other words, he no longer lives according to his own priorities. Instead he pursues Christ's priorities. However, Paul acknowledges elsewhere that despite his new identity in Christ, he is still challenged daily by the weakness of his flesh. Paul was an Easter person who lived in the hope of the resurrection of the dead and eternal life, and yet there was a recognition that the Lenten journey and its recognition of mortality, weakness, and suffering did not completely stop.

This is true for us as well. We have had our identities changed in Christ and our lives ought to be refocused around that change. However, we also still experience the weakness of our flesh. The good news is that for the believer, the struggles of this life will give way as the night gives way to the dawn. In the meantime, we walk a middle path between Lent and Easter, seeking by the Spirit and the grace of God to live more toward our Christian identity than our fleshly one.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Erik

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Easter Schedule

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting

10:45 a.m. Sunday School/
Confirmation

The junior choir (grades K-6) will sing with the choir on Palm Sunday.

Thursday, April 13

7:00 p.m. "The Shadow of the Cross"

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday or Saturday - (TBD)

Viewing of "The Passion of the Christ" movie

Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast served by
Hi-League

9:30 a.m. Easter Worship Service

No Sunday School or Confirmation classes

Business Meeting

The quarterly congregation business meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.



Attention Veterans

Stan Miller is compiling a list of veterans at Dawson Covenant Church. If you are attending our church and have served in the military, please contact Stanley. Thank you.



There were approximately 300 ladies who attended the Shine Renewal Conference for Northwest Conference Women's Ministries at New London Covenant Church on March 17 and 18. The Confer-

ence included both Friday evening and Saturday activities.

Attending from Dawson Covenant Church were Lisa Wangberg, who was able to attend on Friday evening; and Tina Harding, Shelia Greiner, Diane Miller, Suzi Haugen and Bonnie Gustafson who attended on Saturday.

A good day was had worshipping our Lord, taking part in learning sessions, attending a business meeting with updates from AVA: Advocacy for Victims of Abuse and SIM: Special Interest Missionaries, along with a tasty luncheon and visiting. Guest speaker, Marnie Swedberg, encouraged us to keep trusting God to let Him be in control.

DCC BUS MINISTRY



Contact Andy Greiner at 320-841-4011 if you would like to arrange a ride to church on the bus. Rides are free! Share this information with someone who may be in need of a ride out to church. We would love to have them join us!

The church bus has taken a hiatus most of the winter due to the low number of riders. However, these passengers were happy to have a ride to church one Sunday in March. Please keep this area of ministry in prayer as we consider how to best utilize the bus in the future.

QUILTING GROUP

Quilters will meet on Monday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 19 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to the next Men's Breakfast on Saturday, April 15 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.



This summer we considering what it means to be truly **SET FREE** in Christ!

The 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."*

The early bird registration deadline to receive a discount for camps is April 1. Please get the Dawson Covenant Church transfer code from Bonnie Gustafson before you go online to register. For more information visit the Lake Beauty Bible Camp website at lbcc.com, call them at (320) 732-3218, or email them at lbcc@lbcc.com. Or talk with our own camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson.

June 11-16
Junior High

June 18-22
Trailblazer

July 6-8
Frontier Kids

July 30-August 4
Senior High

LBBC is looking for volunteer "nurses" for summer camps. If you are a certified health practitioner, RN, LPN, EMT or First Responder we would encourage you to prayerfully consider volunteering for a week. Applications are still being accepted for summer staff as well.



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 Serving Lenten Suppers

The Hi-League kids and families have been prepping, serving and cleaning up the meals before the Lenten Services as a fundraiser for CHIC. They will also be serving a pancake breakfast beginning at 8:30 a.m. before the Easter service on April 16th. CHIC is the Covenant Church's conference for Hi-Schoolers. It is held once every 3 years. The next CHIC event is in 2018 in Knoxville, TN.



April 14 or 15

Hi-League Kids & Older

Special showing/debriefing of *The Passion of the Christ* for Hi-League kids and older. We will be watching the Passion movie prior to Easter on either Good Friday or Saturday. We will have a few minutes afterwards for questions.

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, arcade games and go karts. We should be back to the church by 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$20. Bring extra money if you want to play arcade games.

April 21-23

District Blitz (Calvary Baptist Church event)

Calvary Baptist is inviting Hi-League youth from DCC to join them for this event. It's a 3 day trip to Duluth for fun, service and relevant teachings for youth. Information was passed out by Pastor Eric S. from Calvary this past Wednesday, but if you need/want more information talk with Phil. Cost for the event is \$150.

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.

May 14

Pioneer Kids Hang Out

After church we will order pizza, play games in the gym and have a Wii MarioKart tournament. The best news, it's free! We should be finished by 3:00. Date subject to change.

Aug 3-5

MUUCE kids going into 6th-9th

Covenant Event for Middle School/Jr. High Kids in Woodbury. Welcome carnival, helpful/relevant teachings throughout the weekend, worship, CHAOS (games), Valley Fair, snacks and more. We will grab lunch before and after the event in the cities for variety. Cost is \$100.

Volunteers Needed

There is a sign up sheet posted for parents (or empty nesters) to help facilitate the open gym nights. This is just to provide a watchful eye to the kids/families that come out for

open gym. Responsibilities include: making sure nobody gets hurt, nothing gets broken/damaged, kids are staying in the gym area and out of rooms they shouldn't be in, helping keep gym floor cleaned if there is dirt/mud tracked in, making sure lights are off and doors locked once it is over. Only have to facilitate from 6-8pm.

Open Gym

We have started weekly open gym times in the Youth Center on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. 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 on these evenings!





Mission Trip

Jill Christie recently left on a medical mission trip to Guatemala. The congregation prayed for her safety and the opportunity she has to minister through her work there. She is shown at left surrounded by those praying for her during the worship service.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of *Pass It On*, the wrong address was given for making donations to Emma Weber for her discipleship training. The correct address is:
PO Box 275
Dawson, MN 56232

Attention!

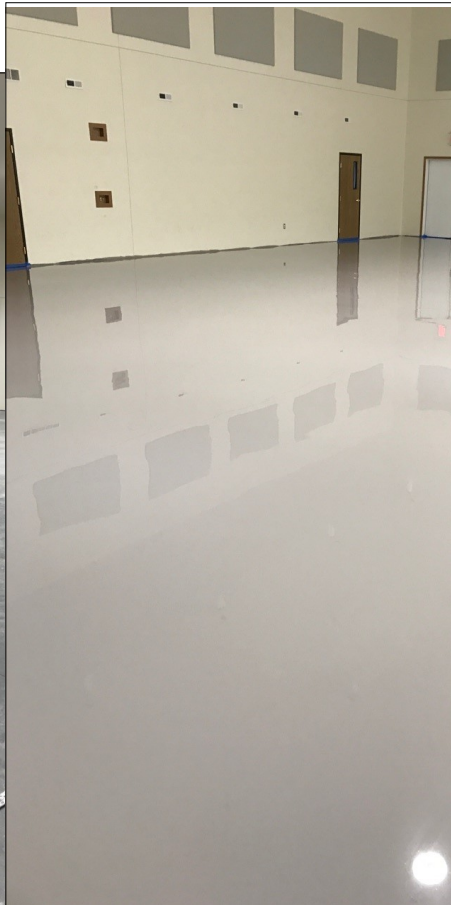
If you are not getting church e-mails (prayer requests, occasional announcements, etc.) and you would like to be added to the list please let Karla Perkins or Pastor Erik know, or send an email to office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org

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.

Gym Floor is Installed

The gym floor is finished! After waiting for the humidity level to fall to a level low enough to install the floor, the project is complete. The kids have enjoyed Open Gym and Wednesday night activities on the new floor. The adults should check it out, too!





Dawson Covenant Quilters

Our mission is to create warm and wonderful quilts for those in need.

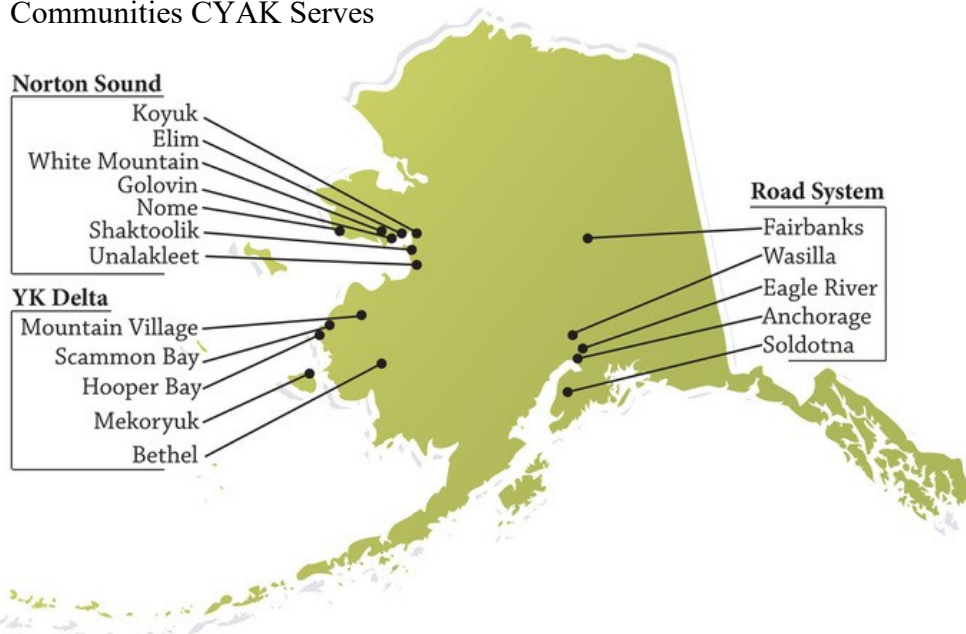
Making a quilt has several steps. We plan a design, choose fabric, cut the pieces, sew them together, layer with batting and a backing, and then tie the quilts. Our quilts are made from new or donated fabric and tied with crochet thread.

We have given many quilts to missions in Mexico. Locally we provide quilts for LQP County Family Services, SW EMT (Southwest Emergency Services) who see that the Dawson Ambulance and Boyd First Responders have quilts for accident victims, Pathways Advocate of Montevideo, Women's Shelter and hospitals.

We meet twice a month. Anyone interested is welcome to join us in any process of the quilting. No experience needed. Those who like to knit or crochet are welcome to join us. We always have lunch or goodies and a time for sharing and planning.

Our next quilting times are Monday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 19, both at 10am-2pm with a light lunch provided.

Communities CYAK Serves



Covenant Youth of Alaska Mission of the Month

Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK) serves Alaska youth and young adults through Christ-centered ministry, partnership, and discipleship, to raise mature believers who will lead the Church for generations to come.

Throughout the past 125+ years, the Evangelical Covenant Church has served richly in Alaska, starting in Unalakleet in 1887 when a Swedish missionary landed on the coast bringing the good news of Christ. Since that time, strong foundations have been built by those who have selflessly given their lives to serve the Lord in Alaska. Churches have been planted, ministries have begun and thrived, and people have experienced the love and hope of Christ our Lord. Praise be to God!

Today, Covenant Youth of Alaska oversees and coordinates youth and young adult ministry for the Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. We are encouraged by the partnership and fellow ministry of the local church, KICY Radio, Alaska Christian College, Amundsen Educational center and others in reaching young people in Alaska. We see and appreciate the fruit of the labor from those who have gone before us, and we thank the Lord for the footsteps they left, the firm foundation they built, and their legacy that we continually strive to uphold.

We are grateful for the fruit that has come from partnership and collaboration together through the years.

CYAK works in collaboration with Covenant churches and ministries across the state to serve the communities shown at left. Additionally, we partner in various capacities with communities outside of the Covenant church to provide support, encouragement, and resourcing.

You can support CYAK through prayer, financial contributions, serving in various ways and by high-lighting our ministry in your local community.

Covenant Youth of Alaska depends on the generosity and partnership of churches and individuals like you to work toward our mission. Thank you for your partnership in reaching youth and young adults throughout Alaska with the love of Christ.

THIS MONTH'S birthdays

2 Brett Buer
3 Asher Perkins
6 Jill Christie
7 Rose Buer
7 Peggy Crosby
7 Duane Haugen
10 Kolten Lindblad
14 Andrea Lewis
20 Mike DeJesus
20 Melody Herzog
20 Aidan Lewis
20 Alexander Lewis
20 Jordon Perkins
20 Justin Perkins
23 Mike Cosentino
23 Kristina Kimmel
24 Brittany Haugen
25 JT Ulstad
27 Emma Perkins
29 Kevin Lindblad

DAWSON COVENANT CHURCH IS ON-LINE AND ON T.V.



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.

Like us on facebook to receive updates and reminders on your facebook newsfeed!

PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the May *Pass It On* is Wednesday, April 19.

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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.

Pastor's Office Hours

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

Monday Off

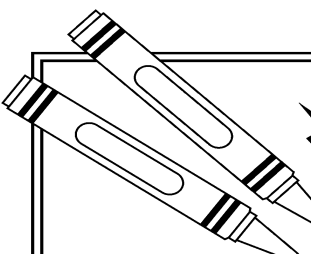
Tuesday 8:30-2:30

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



PUZZLE

> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

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1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 8:00 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation	3 10:00-2:00 Quilting	4 6:00-8:00 Open Gym 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	5 2:00 Release Time 5:30 Lent Supper at PVLC 7:00 Lent Service at PVLC 7:00 Hi-League at PowerHouse	6	7	8
9—Palm Sunday 8:00 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation	10	11 6:00-8:00 Open Gym	12 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Pioneer Kids & Hi-League at DCC	13 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	14	15 8:00 Men's Breakfast
16—Easter Sunday 8:30 Breakfast Served 9:30 Easter Worship Service <i>No Sunday School</i>	17	18 6:00-8:00 Open Gym	19 10:00-2:00 Quilting 2:00 Release Time 7:00 Hi-League at PowerHouse 7:00 Quarterly Congregation Business Mtg.	20	21 Youth Event with Calvary Baptist	22 Youth Event with Calvary Baptist
23 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation	24	25 6:00-8:00 Open Gym	26 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Pioneer Kids & Hi-League at DCC	27	28	29
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