



Pass It On

March, 2019

Psalm 37:1-11

Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon wither,
like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him and he will do this:
He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

A little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look for them, they will not be found.

But the meek will inherit the land
and enjoy peace and prosperity.

Psalm 37:1-11

The Psalms are amazing for the way they capture the vast array of human emotion toward God. They range from accusations of abandonment and gut wrenching desolation to incredibly hopeful expressions like the passage above. It doesn't matter where you are in your walk with God, there is likely a Psalm that will resonate with you.

The verses above paint a picture of God's provision for the faithful and God's impending judgment upon the wicked. The psalmist invites us to trust fully in an order to the universe that preserves those who trust in God and eliminates the wicked. Many of us will read this and find its perspective a bit too "rosey." We wonder when it is that we will be vindicated? When it is that those we see profiting from injustice and dishonesty will be stopped? We may be tempted to toss this Psalm out as impractical and far removed from our reality.

However, the beauty of the Psalms is not only that they can reflect our experience, but also that they can call us beyond our current state. While this Psalm may appear more lofty than realistic, our Christian hope reminds us to look not only at what is now or even in the near future, but also at God's intended future for the world. It is this type of hope, resurrection hope, that is distinctly Christian and allows us to be buoyed by a Psalm like this, even in the roughest of waters.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Erik

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**take delight in
the lord, and he
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psalm 37:4

Congregation Business Meeting

There will be a congregational business meeting held on Sunday, March 3 immediately following the worship service to entertain a motion from the Search Committee/Church Council to extend a call to Steven Diaz, candidate for Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry.

Covenant Quilters

The Covenant Quilters will meet on March 7 and 21 from 10:00-3:00 in the fellowship hall. Please note the change in dates to the first and third Thursdays of the month. A light lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to come!

Men's Breakfast

A men's breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m. Men are invited to come for breakfast, fellowship and a short devotion led by Pastor Erik.



"Oasis - Encountering Life in the Desert" is this year's theme for summer camps. Imagine traveling for days through the hot desert. Your food and water are nearly gone. Every sighting of water, food, and shelter have turned out to be a hoax, a mirage. But wait, in the distance, you see the slight shimmer of the Oasis. This is it. Here in the midst of the barren desert, you find the only source of life where you never have to thirst again.

"God, you are my God. I seek you with all my heart. With all my strength I thirst for you in this dry desert where isn't any water."
Psalm 63:1

Summer camp brochures are available on the table in the church entry. We are also excited to have Phil Tolbert visiting us on March 3 so we can hear more about the exciting things planned for Lake Beauty this summer!

Please see Bonnie to get the church's Transfer Code before going on-line to register your child for the summer camps. Dawson Covenant Church pays for half the cost of camp for the campers from our church family, and you will need the Transfer Code for Early Bird Discount registration by April 8th. Scholarships are also available if needed.

For more information visit Lake Beauty 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.

Junior High #1	June 9-14
Trailblazers #1	June 16-20
Frontier Kids #2	July 1-3
High School	July 28- Aug 2

Scout Sunday



February 10 was Scout Sunday, and the Scouts from the congregation helped throughout the worship service and fellowship time. Shown above are Aiden, Wylee, Cade, Wyatt, Heath and Alexander serving during fellowship time.

SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday, March 3

Communion Servers:

Joyce & Dean Pearson, Becky & Daryl Schutte

Greeter:

Cliff & Dawn Hanson

Scripture Reader:

Charlie Ulstad

Nursery:

Karla Perkins, Kadyn

Sunday, March 10

Greeter:

Santha Sukut

Scripture Reader:

Andrea Lewis

Nursery:

Pat Lindblad, Jordon

Sunday, March 17

Greeter:

Todd & Samantha Horst

Scripture Reader:

Justin Perkins

Nursery:

Alyssa Besonen, Carissa

Sunday, March 24

Greeter:

Paul & Joyce Iverson

Scripture Reader:

Bonnie Gustafson

Nursery:

Jennifer Graven, Lincoln

Sunday, March 31

Greeter:

Lewis Family

Scripture Reader:

Sullivan Graven

Nursery:

Vanessa Ruether, McKenzie

Steven Diaz was born in Chicago, IL, and moved to Corpus Christi, TX when he was 12. He graduated with his degree in English from Texas A&M University. After graduating, Steven accepted a position as a counselor for teen boys at a summer camp in Estes Park, Colorado, where he met his future wife Heather. After summer camp ended, Steven moved to Denver, CO to be near Heather, who was completing her Master's degree at Denver Seminary. Steven and Heather were married in 2010. Steven and Heather adopted their daughter, Alexis, in 2015. After living and working in the Denver area for several years, Steven and Heather moved to Grand Junction, CO where Steven has been a full-time father while Heather works as a child and family therapist for families involved in the child welfare system. While playing at home with a busy toddler, Steven received his Master's degree in Theological Studies from Colorado Christian University.

Steven came to Christ when he was 19 years old. Some of his hobbies include basketball, playing chess, writing poetry, art, cooking and barbequing. His main priorities are his relationship with God, his wife, and his daughter.

Heather accepted Christ when she was 5 years old, and grew up in the church in Grand Junction, CO. She graduated with her bachelor's degree in counseling psychology, and then went to Denver Seminary to study God's word while also receiving her degree in counseling. Since she graduated in 2011, Heather has been focused on working with children and families with trauma. Heather's hobbies include crafting, art, reading, and spending time outdoors.

Alexis is 3 years old. She loves animals, art, the solar system, books, and discovering the world God created. She is a very happy, but often shy, little girl.

Steven & Heather Diaz - Candidate for Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry



Shown in the photo above are Steven and Heather Diaz and their daughter, Alexis.

Steven had a chance to visit with some of the youth who came out to church on February 16. Here are some of the Hi-League boys getting to know Steven.

On the evening of Steven & Heather's visit with the youth groups, the LQPV/DB Shadows Team were competing at State. This group of supporters was watching as Carissa and Katelynn received their medals after the team took first place in High-Kick. Their team also took first in State in Jazz.





Deb Ulstad is shown above sharing a children's lesson during a recent worship service.

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.



COVENANT WORLD MISSION

Global mission. Local vision.

Covenant World Mission is our mission of the month for March. The vision of the Evangelical Covenant Church is to see more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world. By God's grace Covenant World Mission seeks to fulfill that mission by being:

- Disciples true to God's mission of love and grace;
- Participants in God's sending to all nations;
- Companions with all God's people serving God's Kingdom;
- Partners in God's work of transformation and reconciliation.

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.

Adult Study

The Wednesday night study titled, "Demons, Lies & Shadows" will continue to meet over the next several weeks, however, the study will NOT meet on March 6. We will have an Ash Wednesday service that evening instead.

Ash Wednesday March 6

Everyone is invited to supper at church on Wednesday, March 6. We will begin serving the meal at 5:30 p.m. Pioneer Kids and Hi-League will meet at 6:30 p.m. We will also have an Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. There will be NO adult study held this evening.

Lent Season Schedule

We will be having an Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. We will not be holding weekly Lenten services this year. Instead, throughout the season of Lent, we will continue with our regularly scheduled Wednesday night activities with supper served at 6:00 p.m. followed by Pioneer Kids, Hi-League and the adult study. The adult study will include the completion of "Demons, Lies & Shadows" and then focus on Lent for the last weeks leading up to Maundy Thursday. We will have a Maundy Thursday service on April 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Morning April 21

8:30 a.m. Easter breakfast served
9:30 a.m. Easter worship service
10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting
No Sunday School or Confirmation

Church Council 2019

Chair: Laurel Peterson
 Secretary: Kayla Koch
 Treasurer: Dan Schluter
 Financial Secretary: Loral Steinke
 Vice-Chair: Lee Ulstad
 Ashley Tensen
 Gary Goplen
 Jill Christie
 John Lee

Ex-officio members include Pastor Erik Carlson along with the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministry. Church secretary, Karla Perkins also attends meetings to record minutes.

Committee Chairs 2019


Evangelism & Outreach Committee: Laurel Peterson
 Missions Committee: Lee Ulstad
 Administrative Committee: John Lee
 Finance Committee: Dan Schluter & Loral Steinke
 Music & Worship Committee: Jill Christie
 Property Committee: Gary Goplen
 Fellowship & Service Committee: Ashley Tensen
 Christian Education Committee: Kayla Koch

If you would like to become involved in any of these committees, please see the committee chair. You don't need to be a church member to be involved with a committee. Your input and involvement are always welcome!

Special Music

The congregation was treated to some beautiful special music during February. Shown below are Bonnie Gustafson with Brandon Ulstad on the piano and Randy Fjerkenstad singing with his guitar. If you are willing to share special music sometime, please see Jill Christie.





Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.

Day 1 (light) ____
 Day 2 (waters) ____
 Day 3 (land and plants) ____
 Day 4 (heavenly bodies) ____
Day 5 (birds and water animals) ____
 Day 6 (land animals and people) ____
 Day 7 (God rested) ____

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2



- 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
- 7 John Norland
- 8 Emerson Haugen
- 8 Jacob Koch
- 10 Abby Myers
- 10 Courtney Ulstad
- 11 Henry Greiner
- 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 & On-Line 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.

On-line giving is also available through our website at www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org. You can use your checking account, debit card or credit card. If you have any questions, please see Dan Schluter or Loral Steinke.

Church Council Notes

The church website has a password protected page where you will find the 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. Please contact Karla Perkins to get the password. The church website is:

www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org, then click on the "Members" tab. Church council meeting notes are also posted on the bulletin board, and past meeting notes are available to view anytime in the church office.

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.

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 April *Pass It On* is Wednesday, March 20.

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Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Erik scheduled office hours are as follows:

Monday Off

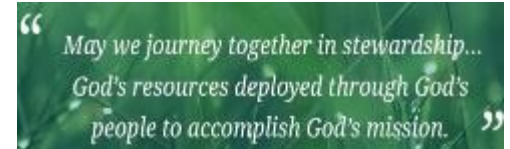
Tuesday 8:30-2:30

Wednesday 8:30-2:30

Thursday 8:30-2:30

Friday 8:30-2:30

Other times he is available by appointment, and may be reached at church at 320-769-2255 or on his cell: 320-305-9304.



ON-LINE GIVING

Online giving is available through our website and is a powerful way to faithfully give in a consistent manner. Visit the church website at www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org to learn more or to sign-up.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl
Joel & Kim Delp
Covenant World Mission
Covenant Youth of Alaska
Randy & Cheryl Bevis
Doug & Jill Nelson
Emma Weber
Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins
Prairie Waters Growing Project
KICY
Joy Boxes
Food for Kidz

March 2019

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3 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service w/ Phil Tolbert-LBBC 10:30 Congregation Mtg. 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School / Confirmation	4	5	6-Ash Wednesday 2:00 Release Time 5:30 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi- League & Ash Wednesday Service	7 10:00 Quilting	8	9
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17 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School / Confirmation	18	19	20 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi- League, Adult Study	21 10:00 Quilting	22	23 9:00 Men's Breakfast
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