



Pass It On

December, 2017

Dawson Covenant Church

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Lucia Potluck & Christmas Hymn-Sing

You are invited to a Lucia-inspired potluck meal and hymn sing on Wednesday, December 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring a traditional Lucia-inspired dish or another dish that is special to your heritage or family to share. Following our meal the adults will move into the sanctuary for a Christmas hymn-sing while the kids will continue with Pioneer Kids and Hi-League activities.

Advent begins December 3

What is Advent? Advent is the first season of the Christian year, the 4 Sundays leading up to Christ's birth. Advent means "coming". During the season of Advent Christians reflect on Christ's first coming to earth in the manger, but more importantly focus on preparation and waiting for Christ to come again. According to Scripture, that won't be the calm, silent scene described in Christmas carols.

In 1928, Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached: "It is very remarkable that we face the thought that God is coming so calmly, whereas previously peoples trembled at the day of God We have become so accustomed to the idea of divine love and of God's coming at Christmas that we no longer feel the shiver of fear that God's coming should arouse in us. We ... [forget] the serious aspect, that the God of the world draws near to the people of our little earth and lays claim to us." God is love; we'll be in good hands at the end of time. But during Advent, also be in awe of God. Embrace a reverent fear of the Lord that reminds you how profound it is that God chooses again and again to draw near and lay claim to you.

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Christmas Events & Schedule

Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Program Practice

10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas
Program & Worship Service

No Sunday School classes

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 p.m. Lucia Potluck Meal

6:30 p.m. Pioneer Kids & Hi-League

6:30 p.m. Christmas Hymn-Sing

Sunday, December 24

8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

No Sunday School classes

11:15 a.m. Christmas Caroling & Worship Service
at JMHS Care Center

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Dawson Covenant Church packed 249 boxes at the OCC Packing Party, along with an additional 17 shoeboxes collected from the congregation. The total shoeboxes collected for 2017 from DCC was 266. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this possible! Please keep in prayer for the hearts of the children who receive these gifts to be receptive to the Gospel.



Food for Kidz

Food for Kidz is our mission of the month for December. Food for Kidz is a non-profit organization committed to feeding starving children around the world by providing specially formulated, hand-packed, easy to prepare meals. The Food for Kidz website states, *"Our mission is to bring awareness to hunger issues in the world by involving others in the participation of packing a nutritional meal supplement for distribution and also involve them in sustainability building to facilitate change; to expand the concept of children's' experiences beyond their vision of local to incorporate the world and to service, promote and educate other organizations to encourage their commitment for the purpose of making positive results in the fight against hunger."*

Dawson Covenant Church will be partnering with area churches, businesses and community members to host the second annual Food for Kidz packing event at DCC on January 17 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. You are invited to come work at the event anytime during those hours. Our community goal is to pack 50,000 meals. The goal for DCC is to raise \$2,000 by January 17 to support this ministry. Please mark your donation as Food for Kidz. Please prayerfully consider taking part in this ministry event through prayer, financial donations and packing meals.

Bake Sale Fundraiser

I will be hosting a bake sale again this year at Marc's on Main just in time for Christmas. The sale will take place from December 18th until the 22nd. If you are interested in donating any product or time please contact Emma at (320) 226-4666. I am also taking orders throughout this year for baked goods for the profits to be used towards my missions. There is more information on my Facebook page, Emma Caroline Bakes. Thank you for all of your support in my mission trips. I am planning on returning to Australia in the fall of 2018. If you can't make it to this event, please know that there will be other fundraisers and ways to support as time goes on. Thank you!

~Emma Weber

Wednesday Nights

You are invited to church each Wednesday night for supper served at 6:00 p.m. Following supper we divide into our smaller group so Pioneer Kids, Hi-League and the current adult study titled A Clash of Kingdoms being led by Pastor Erik.

PIONEER KIDS

Pioneer Kids for kids in grades K-6. We meet every Wednesday night. The entire congregation is invited to supper at 6:00 p.m. and after supper we will divide up into our smaller groups by ages.

HI-LEAGUE

Hi-League is for kids in grades 7-12. Hi-League meets at DCC every Wednesday for supper at 6:00 p.m. On the first Wednesday of the month we will bus up to the Powerhouse in Madison for our games/lesson. You need to let Phil know if you need a ride to/from (Madison kids, if you would be able to grab a ride home from a parent that would be easiest). Our hope is to drop off kids at DBHS around 8:15-8:30 those nights. Talk with Phil about rides and arrangements. On the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month we stay at DCC for the evening until activities wrap up around 7:30 p.m.

Free Wi-Fi

To sign-in to the free wi-fi in the church building choose the "Church-guest" network. The password is "guest". To sign-in at the Youth center the password is "guest2255".

Daniel Fondell died Monday, November 27, 2017 at his home in rural Dawson at the age of 64, in the presence and love of his family.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 1:30 PM at Dawson Covenant Church with Rev. Erik Carlson officiating.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5-7:00 PM at the Dawson Covenant Church with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Arrangements are with Hanson & Dahl Funeral Home in Dawson.

Daniel Ralph Fondell was born February 3, 1953 in Williamson, WV to Ralph and Gertrude (Franklin) Fondell. He moved to Alaska with his family in 1959, graduating from Nome High School in 1971 and from North Park College in Chicago in 1975

with a degree in classical philology. Dan married Luanne Anderson on November 29, 1980 at Sioux Falls, SD. Dan and Luanne made their home in Nome and then Anchorage, AK, where he served as CEO of Bering Straits Native Corporation. They moved their family to Dawson, MN, in 1991, where Dan owned Wickersham Antiques, and later TAC Computers. Dan put down roots in Dawson, serving in leadership roles at Johnson Memorial Hospital, Dawson Covenant Church, and Milan Village Arts School. In addition to his lifelong interest in history and antiques, he found a skill and passion for craftsmanship while in Dawson, developing his identity as a jewelry maker, artisan baker, silversmith, and steadfast supporter of the arts.

His family was his greatest joy. He is survived by his wife, Luanne; three children: Nathaniel (Ellen) Fondell of Richfield, MN; Elisabeth Fondell of Dawson, MN; and Jonathan Fondell of Minneapolis, MN; three grandchildren: Everly, Oskar, and Arlo; his parents: Ralph and Gertrude Fondell of Chugiak, AK; his siblings: Kathryn (James) Congdon of Manley, AK; Rebecca (Wayne) Carlson of Algonquin, IL; Stephen (Lynne) Fondell of Jenks, OK; and John (Truc Lien) Fondell of Eagle River, AK; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents: Nathaniel & Lillian Franklin and Clarence & Selma Fondell and an infant brother.



Solid Rock

The congregation recently had the pleasure of hearing from Sky Morris who is currently attending the Solid Rock Discipleship training at Lake Beauty Bible Camp.

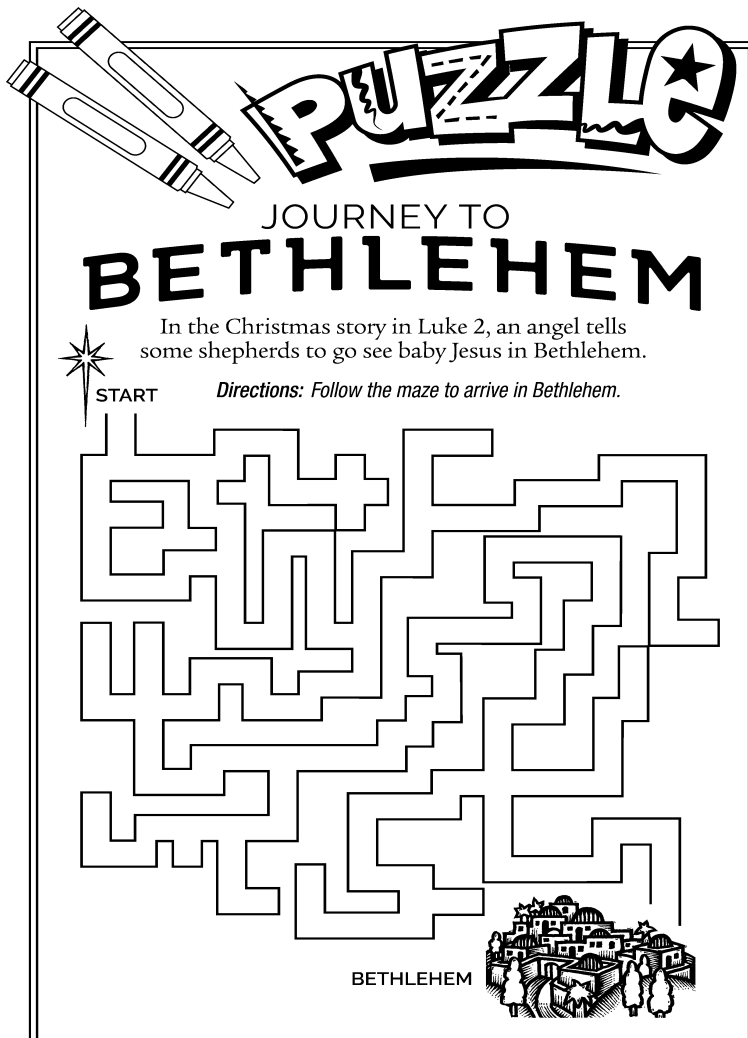
To learn more about the Solid Rock program visit SolidRockMN.org. If you would like to support Sky in her discipleship training, donations can be marked accordingly and left in the offering plate.





DAWSON COVENANT CHOIR

It was great to hear the Choir singing again! If you would like to join the choir you are invited to do so at any time. Practices are held every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. Please see Jill Christie if you have any questions. Thank you to Kris Cosen-tino for the beautiful accompani-ment on the flute when this photo was taken and to Brandon Ulstad who always does a fantastic job on piano for choir and worship ser-vices. We also had the pleasure of hearing the Pioneer Kids sing a wor-ship song!



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.

QUILTING GROUP

You are always welcome to join the Covenant Quilters! We will meet on Monday, December 11 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Come and go as you are able. Beginners are always welcome!



Please keep this area of ministry in prayer as we consider how to best utilize the bus in the fu-ture.

THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

1 Rhett Ehrenberg
4 Gary Miller
4 Eden Weber
5 Cindy Miller
6 Denice Hassel
6 Michael Lee
6 Judie Rosendahl
7 Sam Ashling
8 Kayla Koch
10 Karson Lindblad
11 Rebekah Harding
11 Myron Rosendahl
11 Tammy Wiebe
14 Stacy Miller
17 Larain Steinke
18 Arlene Miller
21 Amos Sather
22 Reese Graven
23 Kreed Perkins
29 Sawyer Ashling
30 Chuck Herzog

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 Wendy Robertson.

Fellowship Time

Would you like to help serve coffee and refreshments during Sunday morning fellowship time? There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. There are cookies/snacks on hand at church unless you want to serve something else. Thank you to those who serve! Donations made during fellowship time help support our sponsored child through Covenant Kids Congo and World Vision.

Church Council Meeting Notes

The church website has a 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. Please contact Karla Perkins to get the password. The church website is: www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org, then click on the "Members" tab.

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

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 January *Pass It On* is Wednesday, December 20.

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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

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl
Joel & Kim Delp
Covenant World Missions
Covenant Youth of Alaska
Randy & Cheryl Bevis
Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins
Covenant World Relief
KICY Radio Station
Operation Christmas Child

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3 8:00 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School / Confirmation 5:30 Community Viewing of Martin Luther Film	4	5 6:00 Open Gym 7:00 Church Council	6 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Mid-Week Supper 6:30 Pioneer Kids 6:30 Hi-League to Madison 6:45 A Clash of Kingdoms study	7	8 5:00-7:00 Visitation for Dan Fondell	9 1:30 Memorial Service for Dan Fondell
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