



Pass It On

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New! On-Line Giving

Dawson Covenant Church is pleased to announce the introduction of an on-line option for making regular offerings. On a practical level, we recognize that forms of payment have steadily evolved from cash to checks to card based transactions. Many people primarily manage their finances online. Providing the means to support our ministry through online giving has become a necessity.

Online giving is a powerful way to faithfully offer your gifts. With the ability to set up reoccurring gifts, you are able to consistently give, even when you forget your checkbook at home or are not able to attend a service.

Contributions can still be debited automatically from your checking or savings account as we have made available in the past. But now contributions can also be processed using your credit or debit card on-line. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

Online Giving allows you to go to www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Check your church mailbox or the table in the front entry for more details on how this program will work.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Sunday, November 5

Please join us for our 4th annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party! We will meet during the Sunday School hour with a goal of packing 128 shoeboxes in honor of the 128th anniversary of our church. A potluck meal will follow. Free will offering/donations will help offset the cost of shipping. Individuals are still welcome to pack their own shoebox as well. Please remember to insert \$9 per box for shipping. The boxes will be collected on November 12 with a special time of dedication during the worship service.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

A community wide Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boyd on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. You are also invited to come for supper served before the service beginning at 6:00 p.m.



A group of the Hi-League kids are pictured above before the presentation by Covenant Youth of Alaska. There are between 20-30 high schoolers from Dawson Covenant Church and Calvary Baptist Church along with friends who regularly attend Wednesday night Hi-League activities.

Open Gym

In November we will have Open Gym every Tuesday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parent volunteers are always appreciated! Please sign up (bulletin board in new addition) if you are able to assist on Tuesday nights. Thank you to our volunteers!

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.

The recipe below was served by the Steinke family at a Wednesday night supper in October. Many were asking for the recipe to be shared, so here it is. Thanks to Loral for sharing! Enjoy!

Mexican Rice & Chicken Hotdish

Mix all these ingredients together in a large bowl:

4 oz can diced green chilies (with juice)

28 oz can diced tomatoes (with juice)

1 medium onion - chopped

4 oz can diced black olives (with juice if any)

1 large green bell pepper - seeded & chopped

2 cups UNCOOKED white rice

1 package of taco seasoning

3 cups cooked chicken (cubed or shredded)

14.5 oz of chicken broth

1/2 cup cold butter chopped

1 tsp salt

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Grease a 6-quart roaster or pan with either butter, coconut oil or cooking spray (I used the stick of butter and cut up the rest to add to mixture above). Pour the mixture into the roaster and cover with foil. Bake for 90 minutes (I like to stir it after an hour so the rice cooks evenly -

recover and put back in oven for the remaining 30 minutes). After 90 minutes, turn oven down to 200 degrees; stir hotdish then add 2 cups (8 oz) of shredded Mexi blend cheese to cover top of hotdish - put back in oven uncovered for 10-15 minutes until cheese is melted.

Remove from oven and let sit for 10 minutes to firm up and set. Serve with Frito chips or tortilla chips, sour cream and salsa on the side.



The K-6th grade kids are divided into 2 age groups for Release Time. Shown above are some of the kids from the upper elementary age group.

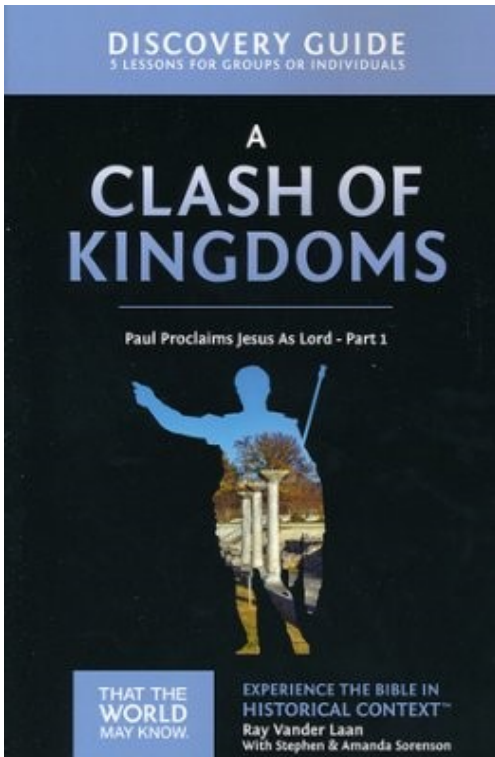
Wednesday Night Study

A new adult study titled “A Clash of Kingdoms” will begin on Wednesday, November 1. You are invited to church for supper at 6:00 p.m. The study will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Like the Roman Empire, today's governments or organizations can become centered on power and believe their messages are the "good news." As Christians, we're called to proclaim God's name in all the earth (1 Chronicles 16:8), but how do we to do that in the midst of false gospels?

In this fifteenth volume of *That The World May Know*®, discover how Paul communicated the Good News of Christ to Philippi, a Roman colony that worshipped false gods. Can you live the message as Paul did while he encouraged the church in Philippi to consider itself a colony of heaven, not Rome? Consider your citizenship—and the message you convey to the world—as Ray Vander Laan takes you deeper into the culture of ancient Philippi.

Experience the Bible in historical context, as you walk in the footsteps of the second missionary tour of the Apostle Paul in Greece—in locations like Philippi, Thessaloniki, and Delphi.



Release Time

Children in grades 1-6 at Steven's Elementary have the opportunity to take part in Release Time with Dawson Covenant Church every Wednesday from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pastor Erik and Phil meet the kids at school and walk them over to Grace Lutheran Church for an hour of singing, lesson time and fun. They walk them back to school in time for the bus. Please pray for this area of ministry, not only for the kids from DCC, but that we may reach kids who don't have a church family and haven't learned about Jesus.



The LBBC Quilting retreats are here!

Fall Quilt Jump Start:	Nov 2-3
Fall Quilt Retreat #1:	Nov 3-5
Fall Quilt Retreat #2:	Nov 6-9
Fall Quilt Retreat #3:	Nov 10-12

Visit the Lake Beauty website at lbbc.com to register for any of the upcoming retreats. If you have questions you can also ask our camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson or call LBBC at (320) 732-3218, or email them at lbbc@lbbc.com.



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



Cleaning & Landscaping

A church cleaning and landscaping day was held on September 30. All of the shrubs from the front of the building were removed as they had become overgrown. We will now be able to decorate for the season with movable pots or temporary items instead of having the shrubs to maintain. 3 memorial trees were also planted to the northeast of the building. These trees replaced some that were lost when the addition was built.

Thanks to everyone who helped with this work and to those who washed windows, vacuumed, and did extra jobs that needed to be done.

Lucia Potluck & Christmas Hymn-Sing

In the past, Dawson Covenant Church had a long tradition of celebrating Lucia Fest, or St. Lucia Day. The day is commonly celebrated in Scandinavia where the Covenant denomination began, and the tradition carried over to the church in America. Saint Lucia was a third-century martyr who, according to legend, brought food to people in the catacombs during winter. For light — and to be able to carry as much food as possible — she wore a wreath of candles on her head. Her feast once coincided with the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year before calendar reforms, so her feast day has become a Christian festival of light signaling the arrival of Christmastide and pointing to the arrival of the Light of Christ in the calendar, on Christmas Day. The tradition reminds Christians that Jesus is a gift of light and love for our dark world.

You are invited to a Lucia-inspired potluck meal and hymn sing on Wednesday, December 20 beginning at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to bring a traditional Lucia-inspired dish or another dish that is special to your heritage or family to share. Following our meal we will move into the sanctuary for a Christmas hymn-sing.

Looking ahead to Christmas... mark your calendars

Sunday, December 17

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
6:45 p.m. Christmas Hymn-Sing

Sunday, December 24

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Fellowship Time - *No Sunday School classes*
1:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling & Worship Service at
JMHS Care Center
5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

QUILTING GROUP

You are always welcome to join the Covenant Quilters! We will meet on Monday, November 13 and 27 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!

LIAM TOLBERT DEDICATION

A service of dedication was held for Liam Tolbert on October 8. Shown with Liam are his parents, family and friends praying over him during the service.



COVENANT YOUTH OF ALASKA

Byron Bruckner along with other staff from Covenant Youth of Alaska served a Salmon Supper on Wednesday, October 25 as a fundraiser for CYAK. Following supper the adults and Hi-League kids learned more about the ministry of CYAK, which is one of the missions Dawson Covenant Church supports. Byron noted we have been ministry partners for 25 years. It was great to hear about the exciting things happening in Alaska through this ministry to Alaskan youth and young adults.



Mission of the Month

Operation Christmas Child is our “mission of the month” for November. The OCC website states, “Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.” We can show God’s love to children around the world through these simple gifts. Please consider taking part in our annual Operation Christmas Child Packing Party at Dawson Covenant Church on Sunday, November 5, or donate your own shoebox filled with gifts on November 12.



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.

THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

- 3 Peter Haugen
- 5 Carson Besonen
- 7 Todd Horst
- 9 Ralph Fondell
- 9 Dawn Hanson
- 9 Josh Rosendahl
- 11 Jonathan Kimmel
- 12 Cheryl Bevis
- 18 Kyle Ashling
- 22 Gert Fondell
- 23 Lilly Ashling
- 24 Benjamin Gustafson
- 25 Randy Bevis
- 26 Tyler Robertson
- 28 Shelia Greiner

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.

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".

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 December *Pass It On* is Wednesday, November 22.
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Fellowship Time

Would you like to help serve coffee and refreshments during Sunday morning fellowship time? There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen. There are cookies/snacks on hand at church unless you want to serve something else. Thank you to those who serve!

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.

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

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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