



# Pass It On

November, 2019

*7 Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming.*

*See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. 9 Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door! 10 Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11 As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

*James 5:7-11*



One of the main disciplines our modern world has robbed us of is patience. The march of technological progress has shortened the wait for nearly everything in our lives. Amazon can deliver almost anything to your door in a few days. Our global markets and transportation mean we can eat grapes from Argentina in the dead of winter in Minnesota instead of waiting for another growing season. Our television is "on-demand" instead of waiting for scheduled showings and just the other day I saw an app that loans you your paycheck before it even arrives! As a parent, I find myself manufacturing lessons on patience with my children because they seem so far and few between.

Having just returned from a trip to my hometown in Michigan, I was reminded that the rural places in our country are still rich with lessons on patience. While technology has even changed the speed at which agriculture moves, the very nature of agriculture demands patience. The land and animals teach us that growth takes time, a harvest takes time, and new life takes time to arrive - they simply cannot be rushed. Whether we like it or not, our connection to the land teaches us patience and perseverance in the face of difficult circumstances. Even the weather and the distance between things out here teaches us patience.

I chuckle to myself when I think of how excruciatingly long my childhood trips to Grandma and Grandpa's felt -- a whopping 30-minute drive! Memories of those trips with my brothers in the back seat are vivid reminders of how a lack of patience can lead to grumbling and fighting. There is a parallel to our Christian life -- we too are waiting to arrive, or should I say, waiting for an arrival. Our hope is hung on the return of Jesus Christ, and as we follow Christ's leading in the meantime, the journey can feel long and full of trouble.

James' message to the believers in the verses above speaks to us now. We are a people in waiting, and depending on our circumstances as Christians, the waiting might seem near impossible. Our suffering may be so great that we are tempted to turn on one another or abandon the faith altogether. For others, the wait may not be difficult at all and so we lose that sense of the imminent return of Christ. James would have us take neither of those routes. Instead, he asks us to be like a patient farmer who has learned to patiently and expectantly trust God, no matter the weather.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Erik

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### Sunday, November 3 Joy Boxes Packing Party

Please join us for Operation Joy Boxes Packing Party! We will meet during the Sunday School hour with a goal of packing 130 boxes. A potluck meal will follow. Free will offering/donations will help cover cost of the Joy Boxes and shipping. November 10th will be a special time of dedication during the worship service for the Joy Boxes and the children receiving them.

### Saturday, November 9 Biscotti Making Class

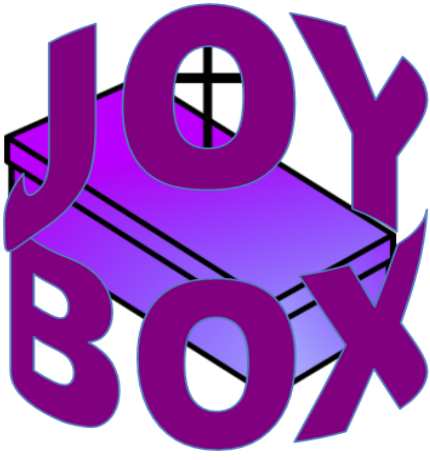
You are invited to the church kitchen on November 9 at 9:30 as Kris Cosentino shows us how to make biscotti! We will make an almond flour chocolate dipped biscotti and a wheat flour version with dried fruit -cranberries and/or apricots, optional almonds. This will be a hands-on class with Kris demonstrating and helping students make the recipe themselves. A freewill donation will help cover the cost of the ingredients and biscotti to take home. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

### Sunday, November 10 Hi-League Bake Sale

Hi-League Baked Goods Auction will be held on November 10 after Sunday School as a fundraiser for next summer's mission trip. If you have homemade baked goods you would like to donate, please see Steven.

### Wednesday, November 27 Community Thanksgiving

The community is invited to an ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church.



## Mission of the Month

Joy Boxes are our Mission of the Month for November. Joy Boxes are part of the Christmas ministry of Grace Christian Outreach Ministries. Kevin Rosendahl of GCOM is able to distribute the boxes, which contain toys, hygiene items and a Spanish new testament or tract, throughout Mexico. We will be collecting a special offering throughout the month to support this mission. As seen in the photos below, the Joy Boxes “Baggie Bash” was held on Sunday, October 6. Thank you to everyone who stayed after Sunday School to pack baggies with items for the Joy Boxes. This saves time for the packing party to be held on November 3.

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### Grace Christian Outreach Ministries

GCOM is able to purchase a box of 36 Bibles in Spanish for \$1.79 each for a total of \$64.44 per box. Your donation towards a full box or individual Bibles is very much appreciated! Marked donations can be left in the offering plate.

### UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

*Last call for photos! A new church directory will be printed this month and we would appreciate an updated photo to include. Email a photo to [office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org](mailto:office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org) or see Karla Perkins.*





# DAWSON COVENANT CHURCH YOUTH FUNDRAISING BBQ



The Hi-League youth carried out a successful fundraiser on a cold and windy October Saturday. The BBQ fundraising event location was changed to the Dawson City Building where there was a nice turn-out. Most of the food and supplies were donated by church and community members or purchased with Thrivent funds. Parents helped prepare the food which included smoked brisket, pork and potato salad. The kids worked hard serving up the delicious meals. Thanks to all who helped and came to eat! We hope to make this fundraiser an annual event!

## Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Aiden and Alexander Lewis have both achieved their Eagle Scout. A Court of Honor celebration will be held on Friday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Dawson Covenant Church. All are welcome to join the celebration!



## *Things Just Don't Happen*

Things just don't happen to those who love God,  
They're planned by His own dear hand.  
Then molded and shaped, and timed by His clock,  
Things just don't happen, they're planned.

We just don't guess on the issues of life,  
We Christians just rest in His Word.  
We are directed by His sovereign will,  
In the light of His holy Word.

We who love Jesus are walking by faith,  
Not seeing one step that's ahead.  
Not doubting one moment what our lot might be,  
But looking to Jesus, instead.

We praise our dear Savior for loving us so,  
For planning each care of our life.  
Then giving us faith to trust Him for all,  
The blessings, as well as the strife.

Things just don't happen to those who love God,  
To us who are in His hand.  
No matter the lot, the course, the price,  
Things just don't happen, they're planned.

~Author Unkonwn

*Judie Rosendahl submitted the poem above which she meant to share on the Sunday she gave her testimony and message.*







1	Carla Lee
4	Lyle Schutte
7	Jeff Wicht
8	Kari Goplen
10	Eleanor Torstenson
11	Joel Delp
12	Linda Norland
13	Derrick Ruether
14	Deb Ulstad
17	Ezekiel Sather
18	Jessica Herzog
19	Vidalia Horst
19	Megan Myers
20	Suzi Haugen
21	Stan Miller
22	Tyler Goplen
23	Lauren Carlson
24	Denise Fuller
24	Santha Sukut
27	Shawn Steinke
28	Kyle Graven

## 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](mailto:office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org).

## Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation

## PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the December *Pass It On* is Wednesday, November 20.

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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!

## 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](http://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

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Joy Boxes

Food for Kidz

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3 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Joy Boxes Packing Party & Baby shower for EmmaKay Koch 12:00 Potluck Meal	4	5	6 2:00 Release Time  6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi- League, Adult Study	7  10:00 Quilting	8	9  9:30 Biscotti Baking Class
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