



Pass It On

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Dawson Covenant Church

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Who am I?

By Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Who am I? They often tell me
I would step from my cell's confinement
calmly, cheerfully, firmly,
like a squire from his country-home.

Who am I? They often tell me
I would talk to my warders
freely and friendly and clearly,
as though it were mine to command.

Who am I? They also tell me
I would bear the days of misfortune
equably, smilingly, proudly,
like one accustomed to win.

Am I then really all that which other men tell of?
Or am I only what I know of myself,
restless and longing and sick, like a bird in a cage,
struggling for breath, as though hands were compressing my throat,
yearning for colours, for flowers, for the voices of birds,
thirsting for words of kindness, for neighbourliness,
trembling with anger at despotisms and petty humiliation,
tossing in expectation of great events,
powerlessly trembling for friends at an infinite distance,
weary and empty at praying, at thinking, at making, faint, and ready to say
farewell to it all?

Who am I? This or the other?
Am I one person today, and tomorrow another?
Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others,
and before myself a contemptibly woebegone weakling?
Or is something within me still like a beaten army, fleeing in disorder from
victory already achieved?

Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.
Whoever I am, thou knowest, O God, I am thine.

This poem was a part of the letters and papers recovered from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's time in a Nazi prison. He had been in prison for nearly a year at the time of writing. Though at this point he still had hope of getting out of prison, perhaps through liberation from the Allies, we hear how this time has taken a toll on him and caused him to question himself. 'Who am I?' He asks over and over, trying to reconcile other's impression of him versus how he felt within.



Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Church Directory

Last call to get your updated information in for the new church directory! If you would like a new photo used, please see Karla Perkins or email your photo to the church at office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org. Directories will be printed on November 9.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

The next quarterly congregational business meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. following the midweek fellowship meal. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Midweek Fellowship Dates

There will be NO Wednesday night activities on November 21. Instead, everyone is invited to attend the community Thanksgiving Eve service which will be held at Providence Valley Lutheran Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. that evening.

Thanksgiving Eve

A community Thanksgiving Eve service will be held on Wednesday, November 21 7:00 p.m. at Providence Valley Lutheran Church. This ecumenical service is hosted by the Dawson Area Ministerium, and the community is invited to attend.

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While most of us cannot identify with his experience as a prisoner, his poem can connect with our own circumstances. Who among us hasn't wondered about themselves and about how others see them? Often times the way we see ourselves is vastly different than the way others see us, and we can wonder who we really are. Who among us hasn't felt weary at times from the circumstances of life: illness, job changes, life stage transitions, aging, success and failure.

Life can leave us to wrestle with who we are especially if we are wrestling alone. At times, what we project to the world around us is vastly different than how we feel on the inside. This poem underscores the importance of life together in the body of Christ and the connection and support it brings. Because our self-perception can be skewed and life events can weigh heavily upon us God has designed us for and gifted us with community. Yet, there will be times where even the support of brothers and sisters will fall short. Therefore, we must remember that it is ultimately only God who holds the answer to the question 'Who am I?' Like Bonhoeffer, we must finally let our questions about ourselves and about our futures find their answer in God, because he has claimed us and we are His. 'Whoever I am, thou knowest, O God, I am thine.'

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Erik



Wednesday Night Adult Study Continues



The Wednesday night study titled Grace/Truth 1.0, which was led by Pastor Erik wrapped up on October. 10. Those in attendance agreed to continue the study with Grace/Truth 2.0, an additional 5 conversations on faith, sexuality and gender. Grace/Truth 2.0 dives deeper into more complex issues, especially issues related to gender and transgender identities. The table of contents for 2.0 includes the following. You are welcome to join anytime!

- Conversation 6: Us vs. Us
- Conversation 7: Shouldn't Christians Just Love Everyone? And Other Questions...
- Conversation 8: Sex, Gender, and the Bible
- Conversation 9: A Grace/Truth Response to the Gender Conversation
- Conversation 10: LGBT+ Inclusion in the Church

SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday, November 4

Communion Servers:

Jeff Thompson, Bonnie Gustafson, Linda Tensen, Duane Haugen

Greeter:

Paul & Joyce Iverson

Scripture Reader:

Lauren Carlson

Nursery:

Jennifer Graven, Lincoln

Sunday, November 11

Greeter:

Chuck & Melody Herzog

Scripture Reader:

McKenzie Ruether

Nursery:

Andrew Lewis, Alex

Sunday, November 18

Greeter:

Todd & Samantha Horst

Scripture Reader:

Lincoln Graven

Nursery:

Abby Myers, Ethan, Mitchell

Sunday, November 25

Greeter:

Harding Family

Scripture Reader:

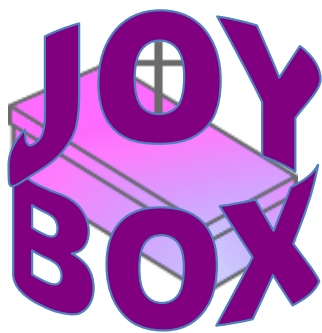
Joyce Pearson

Nursery:

Karla Perkins, Kadyn



Everyone is invited to stay after the worship service on November 4th to help pack "Joy Boxes". We will also have a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to share. Drinks and paper products will be provided.



“Joy Boxes” are our mission of the month for November. At the last quarterly business meeting in June, the church voted to pack our own Christmas shoeboxes this year to be delivered through Grace Christian Outreach Ministries in Mexico instead of participating in Operation Christmas Child as we have done in years past. Our boxes will contain similar items as in the past, but we will also be able to include a Spanish language New Testament or tract.

On **Sunday, November 4**, please join us for our Joy Boxes packing party! We will meet during the Sunday School hour with a goal of packing 129 boxes. All materials will be supplied. Free will offering donations will help cover the cost of the Joy Boxes and shipping. A potluck meal will follow.

On **Sunday, November 11**, there will be a special time of dedication during the worship service for the Joy Boxes and the children receiving them.

Release Time Classes



The photo above is of the kids in the Release Time classes that are led by Pastor Erik and Phil each Wednesday afternoon in Dawson. All kids in grades 1-6 have the option of dismissing from school for one hour to attend religious classes. DCC holds their classes in Grace Lutheran church for convenience. Please keep this area of ministry in prayer!



An open gym time for walking is held every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. The gym is available to use any time, but every Thursday at 9:30 you can join others to get some exercise together!

Pastor Appreciation Sunday



The Covenant Quilters will continue to meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch is provided. You are always welcome to join and can come and go as your schedule allows. In November we will meet on the 12th and 26th.



Pastor Appreciation Sunday was recognized on October 14. Laurel Peterson led the congregation in a special time of prayer for Pastor Erik, Phil and their families.



Hi-League Hi-Lites

The photos on this page show the great turn-out we have been having for Hi-League on Wednesday nights! Thank you to our volunteers from both Dawson and Madison who make these fun nights possible! You can become involved by signing up to lead games for the Hi-League. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall with dates when help is needed.



Fall Quilt Jump Start: Nov 1-2
 Fall Quilt Retreat #1: Nov 2-4
 Fall Quilt Retreat #2: Nov 5-8
 Fall Quilt Retreat #3: Nov 9-11

Looking ahead...

Sunday, December 2 is the first Sunday in Advent.

Sunday, December 16 the Sunday School Christmas Program will be held during the worship service.

Wednesday, December 19 we will have a "Lucia" potluck - bring your favorite heritage dish to share.

No Sunday School on December 23 or December 30.

Monday, December 24 will be the Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 5:00 p.m.

Lake Beauty's Quilting Retreats are designed for everyone: beginners to those who have been quilting for years. Work is done at your own pace with both individual and group instruction. Techniques are demonstrated and instructors are available to help make your time with us both productive and memorable.

Information on quilting retreats and upcoming events can be found on LBBC's website at lbbc.com.



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
15	Liam Tolbert
17	Ezekiel Sather
18	Jessica Herzog
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

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!

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

PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the December *Pass It On* is Wednesday, November 21.

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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



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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 9:30 Open Gym Walking	2	3
4 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Joy Box Packing 11:30 Potluck Meal	5	6 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	7 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids 6:30 Hi-League to Madison 7:00 Quarterly Business Meeting	8 9:30 Open Gym Walking	9	10
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