



Pass It On

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To know Christ, to be like Christ, and to make Him known.

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Prayer in Ordinary Life: The Water of Creation

This month I wanted to share a sneak preview with the church of what Lauren has been working on for the denomination. She was asked to write material for the Week of Prayer coming out in January of 2018. This material will be online and available in print in multiple languages. The following is "Day 1":

Read: "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." (Genesis 2:2)

Devotion: Out of depth, God creates the universe. This depth mentioned in Genesis is no ordinary emptiness. The Hebrew word *tehom* suggests an ongoing primal catastrophe that preceded God's creative activity but was subdued by his power. God's creative activity culminates with his declaration of the sabbath. As people we are made in God's image. Knowing that God's creative action works to subdue catastrophic darkness, indicates that God works alongside us to create meaning out of the mystery and depth of our lives. God faces catastrophic darkness with us and creates good out of depth we cannot comprehend. As we look to the creation story as a model for the good God brings out of chaos, let us pray for eyes that see God's invitation to creative work as a path to sabbath rest. Life often does not hold sufficient answers for unspeakable circumstances. However, when we know that God is with us amidst the darkness, perhaps we can also meet God in rest, resolving to spend one day of the week living as though we had all the answers, as though God's promise to make all things new had been fulfilled.

Prayer Practice: Today be mindful of God's creative action over the face of the waters while cleaning up after dinner. Washing dishes or loading the dishwasher are two ordinary places to find a parallel to God's creation of good from darkness. When we wash dishes, the dirty object is immersed into the hot water and emerges clean. It is ready for its next use. Likewise, God moves over the chaos of the waters and generates life. Remember the "Spirit of God hovers over the waters", each time you interact with water: a sink, a dishwasher, a shower, or bath.

In a group setting: experiment with artistic creation. Have colored pencils, paper, play-dough, markers, and watercolors available. Spend some time thinking over the creation story and illustrating the deep waters mentioned in Genesis. Try to let the image move with your feeling, and resist the temptation to illustrate a known experience or object. If abstraction is challenging, create a picture with large waves, churning rapids or a whirlpool. How does it feel to think about the mystery from which God created the universe?

For children: fill a bucket or sink with water. Put several objects in the bottom of the water. Such as a stone, spoon, matchbox car, or other toys that will remain at the bottom of the bucket. Encourage children to reach into the water and pull out the objects. As they celebrate retrieving objects from the water, help them connect their discoveries to God's creative action in Genesis.

Prayer: God, whose face was known in mystery, invite me to see myself as made in your image. As you moved in love to generate life, nurture me through your creative action. Restore my life from chaos, as you did when you created the world out of the depths. Weave new connections between you and I, myself and others, myself and your image in me. As I face many waters, re-create me. Grant me rest in your good creation.





Vacation Bible School

WHEN: August 13-17th
(Sunday-Thursday)

WHO: Preschool (3yr-K) and
Elementary (1st-6th)

**This is to represent the grade you just
FINISHED**

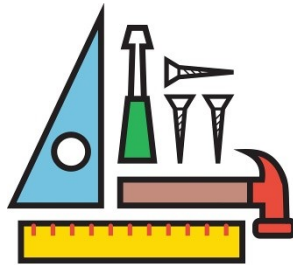
WHAT:

Fixer Upper VBS is here. We will be learning about how we can fix up our relationship with Jesus so that it can be rock solid! Please join us!

- Day 1: Building your life without God will NOT work!
- Day 2: God can build your life the right way through Jesus.
- Day 3: Jesus can forgive you and give you a new, changed life.
- Day 4: God's Holy Spirit gives power to transform us.
- Day 5: We're on our way to the best home of all-with God!

We are also in need of volunteers still. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board and if you have questions about the jobs there are handy-dandy bios for you to check out. Here are some of the positions:

- Under Construction Crafts Leader
- Dig In Snacks Leader
- Small Group Leader
 - 1-2 grades
 - 3-4 grades
 - 5-6 grades
- Preschool Small Group Leader
- Preschool Crafts/Games Leader



Please let Phil know if you would like to assist this summer in any capacity!

MUUUCE

MUUUCE - Aug 3-5

MUUUCE is for kids going into 6th -9th grade. MUUUCE stands for Most Ultimate Unbelievable Urban Camping Experience! This high energy, fast-moving, 3 day event is designed to give middle schoolers and junior highers a chance to connect with Christ and their peers. Join us as we go to the cities for this 3 day Covenant event. Worship services, age-relevant talks, Thursday night carnival, Valley Fair and more. Cost is \$130 for the event, food, and travel expenses. Talk with Phil if your child is interested or if you may need scholarship funds. Visit www.muuuce.com for more information and to register.

Open Gym Continues

We will continue to have open gyms throughout the summer, but are in need of adult volunteers to help us supervise.

Please sign up (bulletin board in new addition) to assist. 6-8pm on Tuesday nights. Thank you to our volunteers!

No Open Gym July 4 & 18

PIONEER KIDS

You are invited to a Movie Night on **Thursday, July 6** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will be watching the movie Trolls in the Youth Room! This event is open to all kids who have just completed K-6th grade.



We will have another Movie Night on **Thursday, August 10** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and will be watching Moana.

HI-LEAGUE

Hi-Leaguers, you are invited to a Lock-In beginning on **Wednesday, July 12** at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. the next day. We will order in pizza, and have loads of snacks! Weather permitting, we will have games outside (some wet) as well as use the gym. We may have a movie for "early" morning time in the Youth Room as well. Mini-donuts and milk will be served for a quick breakfast in the morning. The cost is \$10 to help offset the price of food.

Hi-League Hang Out will be on **Thursday, July 27** from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Dawson. We will enjoy some outdoor activities and get some DQ as well.

DAWSON COVENANT CHURCH

Ice Cream Social

Serving:
Hotdogs
BBQs
Homemade Pie
Ice Cream
Bottled Pop

\$8.00 Adults
\$4.00 Age 10 & Under

COME JOIN THE FUN!

JULY 26 * 5:30 PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

7:00 "BACK TO THE 50'S" SHOW

www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org

PosterMyWall.com

Ice Cream Social - July 26

Dawson Covenant Church will be holding its annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 26. We need your help! There is a tag-board in the kitchen to sign up to bring homemade pies and other food supplies. We also need kitchen workers, servers, treasurers, and lots of extra help in the fellowship hall. If you are able to share your talents for the "Back to the 50's" show please sign up on the bulletin board. This is a fun event, and the community is invited to join us. All proceeds will go towards the building fund.

What do the Covenant Quilters do with long narrow pieces of fabric that are too small to make into quilt blocks? We make "Strip Quilts", also known as "String Quilts".



We sew those narrow strips of fabric onto foundation blocks, and sew the blocks together into colorful, durable quilts. We'd like to complete at least 10 of these quilts before Christmas for our various missions. We will spend the next 2 sessions on "Strip Quilts".

We need folks who can sew, iron, cut, arrange, critique or all of the above.

Please join us July 17 and/or August 7 from 10 am to 3 pm. Come and go as you are able.

Lunch and lively conversation provided. Please bring sewing machines. Beginners welcome!

If you like to sew and would like a "mission quilt" project to work on at home, please talk to Eleanor, Diane, or Sue G. We'll fix ya right up with a "kit" including fabric, thread and a pattern.

Emma Weber has begun her outreach assignment through Youth With a Mission. You can follow her journey at emmasywamadventure.wordpress.com or the facebook page for her ministry group which is "Borneo Oreos". She will be serving in Malaysia for 8 weeks. She is shown in the photo at right.

BORNEO OREOS

YWAM Brisbane, Malaysia Outreach
June 11th - August 5th, 2017

Back: Andrew, Micah, Grant
Front: Emma, Kortney

Garden Abundance Table

Do you have a garden that produces more than you can use? Then you are invited to share in our Garden Abundance program. We have a designated table in the fellowship hall where you can leave your extra produce for someone who can use it. There will be a basket for free-will donations for those who take the produce. Donations received in the month of July will be used towards various scholarships.

Summer dates to remember:

Wednesday, July 26
Annual Ice Cream Social

Sunday-Thursday, August 13-17
Vacation Bible School

Summer Worship schedule:

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting
10:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

There are no Sunday School classes in the summer.

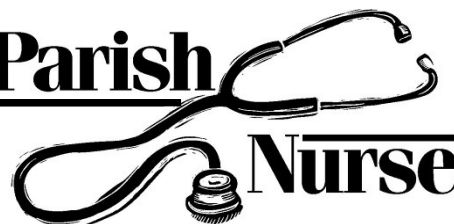
Community Prayer Service

The community is invited to a prayer service at Dawson Covenant Church on Tuesday, July 18 from 7:00-8:00 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".

A Note From the Parish



Here it is July, and it is amazing how the summer quickly passes. I'm hoping that you have been able to enjoy some of the beautiful summer like days that we have been blessed with. We often get to enjoy a break from our usual schedules, and our children often have more free time. I encourage you to be mindful of the media culture that is a big part of our world today. The world our children live in and will inherit from us, is a world significantly different from the one most of us grew up in. Despite this, our children's needs for development and our responsibility to guide and assist them are the same.

In the Bible Paul encourages us to consider only those things that are true, right, and noble (Phil.4:8)

We are also encouraged to live godly lives, and be lights in the world, rather than belonging to the world. (Titus 2:12, Mt. 5:14, Jn15:19)

As a family we could lift up in prayer, our children, their friends and other families. Consider web sites for movie reviews and consider saying no to movies that focus on behaviors we don't want our children to copy and also consider similar standards for ourselves. (Phil4:8)

Consider limiting technology time for your kids on a daily basis. Having face to face time with your kids and they with their friends will bring positive, fun outcomes this summer!

Here is a little information regarding what a Parish Nurse is:

A parish nurse is a professional registered nurse who provides for the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of people. Parish nurse responsibilities may include the following:

1. Integrator of faith and Health-Tends to both the physical and emotional health and wellness of people.
2. Health Educator-Provides opportunities for the congregation to learn about health issues.
3. Health Counselor-Discusses health concerns, emphasizing early response to small problems and encouraging healthy life style changes.
4. Referral Advisor-Refers members to healthcare and social services within the community.
5. Health Advocate-Helps congregational or community members obtain needed health-related services.
6. Developer of Support Groups-Facilitates the development of support groups for the faith community and others.
7. Volunteer Coordinator-Recruits, prepares and oversees congregational volunteers.

Enjoy the summer to the fullest with your families! God's blessing to you all! Deb Ulstad RN-parish nurse

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you would be willing to supervise the nursery on a Sunday during the summer. This is an important area of ministry that we would like to continue throughout the summer, but we need your help! If you have any questions, please see Karla Perkins.



Fourteen junior high kids traveled up to Lake Beauty in the church bus for a great week at Junior High camp. Phil was able to drive and stay as a counselor for this group.

There were 10 kids from DCC plus a couple of friends who attended the Trailblazer camp the following week.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Hello Dawson Covenant Church Family! It's the beginning of summer and we need to be thinking about Christmas! ...well...Operation Christmas Child (OCC)!

As you go about your summer plans may we remind people to be on the lookout for items for OCC. As we routinely buy at local stores there are children around the world that can't imagine that kind of plenty. It's a beautiful gift to share out of our bounty.

We especially need new school supply items such as crayons, colored pencils, notebooks, coloring books, pencils, pens, pencil pouches, erasers, sharpeners, kid scissors. Also look for new small toys and clothing. Place the item(s) in the OCC plastic bucket under the mission table area.

We would appreciate the items by mid-late August to ensure the OCC committee does the proper purchasing. We look forward to our 4th annual DCC OCC packing party! The goal is at least 128 boxes this year!

Remember that you can still pack your own OCC boxes and bring them to the church before collection week.

If you have any questions please talk with Bonnie or Lisa.



The Junior High and Trailblazer campers had a great time at Lake Beauty in June! We still have Joshua going to Frontier Kids camp in July. There are still opportunities to register for summer Family Camps and Fall quilting retreats and the Ladies Retreat as well. If you have questions see Phil or talk with our camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson. For more information visit the Lake Beauty Bible Camp website at lbbc.com, call them at (320) 732-3218, or email them at lbbc@lbbc.com.

Freezer Clean Out

We need to make room in the freezer for ice cream for the upcoming Ice Cream social. Please claim any food items that might belong to you, or label them so that they don't get thrown out. Thank you!

The Heaven Promise

The Heaven Promise Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the summer, however there is no meeting on July 5th and 12th. We will try to discuss two chapters each week. You will be reminded of the chapters we are discussing each week in the bulletin.

THIS MONTH'S birthdays

2	Lyle Torstenson
3	Barry Besonen
3	Allegra Johnson
5	Kyle Horst
5	Randy Tensen
12	Tyson Citrowski
14	Tatum Sather
15	Randy Fjerkenstad
15	Kyle Schutte
16	Gregory Carlson
17	Jenna Tolbert
19	Lincoln Graven
19	Kristyn Wicht
21	Katelynne Ashling
23	Lewis Perkins
24	Cade Buer
25	Jerry Wangberg
27	Diane Miller
27	Elsie Wiebe
28	Gary Goplen
31	Parker Steinke

Electronic 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. If you have any questions, please see Dan Schluter or Wendy Robertson.

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!



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.

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 August *Pass It On* is Wednesday, July 19.

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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



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

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl
Joel & Kim Delp
Covenant World Missions
Byron & Sue Bruckner-CYAK
Randy & Cheryl Bevis
Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins
Covenant World Relief
KICY Radio Station
Operation Christmas Child

July 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Fellowship Time	3	4	5	6 <i>LBBC Frontier Kids Camp Begins</i> 6:00 Pioneer Kids Movie Night	7	8
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