



# Pass It On

August, 2019



## intentional evangelism initiative

As we head into the final stretch of summer I want to remind us all of the intentional evangelism initiative we began last year. Our wider ECC family developed this initiative remembering that since the time of Abraham, God has blessed his people so that we might bless those who do not know him. Through five simple practices within your spheres of influence—friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors and colleagues—the people outside of God's family—we can be a part of their journey toward Christ. As we seek to authentically BLESS others daily in the midst of our deepening relationships with the people in our lives, we believe God will use each of us to bless our world with Christ!

1. **Begin With Prayer** - Pray for people in your life who are far from God. Ask God, "How do you want to use me to bless the people in my life?"
2. **Listen With Care** - Pay attention to people's dreams and pain. Listen for evidence of God's work in their lives.
3. **Eat Together** - Share meals and life with people in your life who do not know God. Listen for evidence of God's work in their lives.
4. **Serve In Love** - Be attentive to opportunities God provides you to care for people and attend to their needs.
5. **Share Your Story** - Once you build relationship and earn trust, look for ways you can share the story of how Jesus is transforming your life and the world.

My hope is that as we intentionally engage in this process that it will become second nature. BLESSing others are a part of our mission to know Christ, to be like Christ, and to make Him known. If you have examples of how you have seen Christ blessing those in our communities through his people I'd love to hear about it so we can celebrate God's work together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Erik

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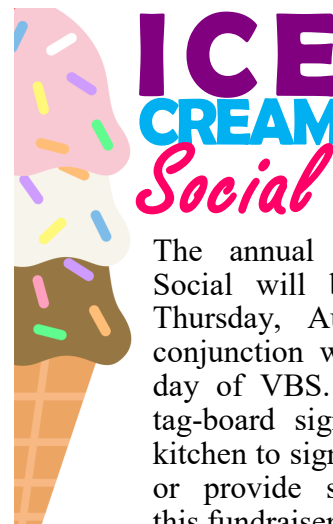
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## Mark Your Calendars!

The Ministry Fair, Rally Sunday and a potluck meal will be held on September 8. The first day of Sunday School will be the following week on September 15. Wednesday Night midweek fellowship meal and activities will begin on September 11. Come at 6:00 p.m. for supper and stay for Pioneer Kids (K-6 grade) Hi-League (7-12 grade) and the adult study titled, "Irresistible" which will be led by Pastor Erik.



VBS will be held on August 4-8 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. See Steven or Heather Diaz if you have any questions.



The annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, August 8 in conjunction with the last day of VBS. There is a tag-board sign-up in the kitchen to sign up to work or provide supplies for this fundraiser.

## Mission Trip - Service Day

Heath, Veda, Pedro, Gracie, Lucas, Aiden, Jordon, Justin, Alexander and Cade are shown on a recent mission trip to a food bank in Minneapolis. Seven organized and chaperoned the kids along with help from Kendra Lindblad who is also shown in the photo.



## Equip Campus Ministries Mission of the Month



Equip is the ministry directed by Luke Christie-Perkins who lives in Brookings, SD with his wife, Emma, and their three children. Luke is the son of Jill Christie. Equip's mission is: *Equipping college students to humbly proclaim, explain, and defend the Gospel of Jesus Christ so that in all things all people might find joy in displaying the greatness of God's Glory*. Luke has completed more than 10 years in full-time college ministry with Equip. As the new school year is fast approaching, please pray for this ministry and all the students who may be touched by it. There will be a basket in the back of the sanctuary throughout the month of August if you would like to support this ministry with a financial gift.

## Covenant Quilters

The Covenant Quilters will meet on August 15 from 10:00-3:00 in the fellowship hall. Quilting is normally held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. A light lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to come!

## Nursery Volunteers Needed

The nursery is an important part of our ministry to families with young children. Adults and high school students are needed to staff the nursery during Sunday services each week. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you are able to help in the nursery this summer. Thank you for serving in this important way! If there is no one listed on the sign-up sheet, the nursery will not be staffed that day, but parents are always welcome to use the nursery with their children at any time.

## MAILBOXES

Just a reminder that the mailboxes for Pastor Erik, Steven, and their families are located in the fellowship hall due to the limited number of mailboxes available in the hallway. You can also find labeled mailboxes for the treasurer and secretary in the fellowship hall. We are trying to post all sign-up sheets on the small bulletin board in the fellowship hall as well for easier access and better visibility. Thank you!

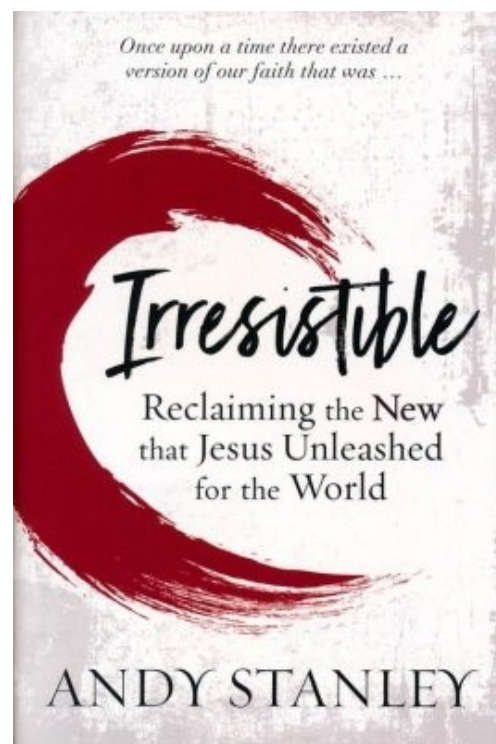




*A PLACE SET APART WHERE THE HEART, MIND, BODY AND SOUL OF EVERY GUEST CAN ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD.*

Dawson Covenant Church had 25 kids plus a few extra friends attend Lake Beauty Bible camp this summer. Here are some snapshots of DCC kids enjoying camp. It was fun for them to reconnect with Phil Tolbert, who is now the Program Director at LBBC, as well. Kannon Wicht and Katelonne Ashling also attended Leaders In Training (LIT) which is a two week program designed to mentor, encourage, and develop Christian students into disciples and apprentices of Christ to serve as leaders in their homes, churches, schools, and even as future staff members of LBBC.

For information on Lake Beauty Bible Camp, visit their website at [lbbs.com](http://lbbs.com), call them at (320) 732-3218, email them at [lbbs@lbbs.com](mailto:lbbs@lbbs.com), or talk with our own camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson.



Once upon a time there existed a version of our faith worth living and dying for, something the world found irresistible. Men and women pursued it at the risk of persecution, job loss, and eviction from their homes, temples, and society.

What if we actually followed their lead? Perhaps it would change how we read the Bible? Perhaps it would help us understand our own faith and what we believe? Perhaps we would change the world again?

In this six-session video study, pastor and author Andy Stanley shows how Jesus' arrival signaled that the Old Testament was fulfilled and its laws reduced to a single verb—love—to be applied to God, neighbor, and enemy. So, what is required if we want to follow Jesus' example and radically love the people around us? We almost always know the answer. The hard part is actually doing what love requires. Rather than working harder to make Christianity more interesting, we need to recover what once made faith in Jesus irresistible to the world.

Pastor Erik will be leading this study titled "Irresistible" beginning on Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30. Come for a midweek fellowship meal at 6:00 p.m. first!





Ralph V. Fondell died peacefully in the presence of his children at Legend Senior Living in Tulsa, OK on June 10, 2019 at the age of 95. Ralph Vernon Fondell was born on October 9, 1923 in Maxwell Township, rural Dawson, MN. He was the oldest of three children born to Clarence and Selma (Erlandson) Fondell and grew up on the family farm near Dawson. Ralph was baptized, confirmed and came to faith at Dawson Covenant Church. He graduated from Dawson High School in 1941 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. Upon entry, Ralph was given the Eddy Test and his excellence in mathematics and electrical science secured his future in electrical engineering. Ralph was wounded on Guam during WWII when he was run over by a U.S. Transport Vehicle.

After recovery, he was honorably discharged. Ralph attended North Park College in Chicago, IL, graduating with an associate's degree in 1948. While at North Park College, Ralph began dating Gertrude Franklin. They were married on September 3, 1948 at Dawson Covenant Church where Gertrude's father (Nathaniel Franklin) was serving as Pastor. Following North Park College, Ralph completed his B.S. in Electrical Engineering at the University of Minnesota. Ralph and Gert moved to Chicago where Ralph attended North Park Theological Seminary and the couple prepared for a life of mission work. After seminary, Ralph and Gert moved to WV and KY as Ralph helped to build and operate Christian radio stations in Appalachia.

In 1958, Ralph & Gert were commissioned as missionaries by the Evangelical Covenant Church to Nome, AK. Ralph spent much of 1958 building KICY Radio in Nome along with fellow missionaries. In the summer of 1959, shortly after Alaska's statehood, they arrived with their young family in Nome. Ralph served consecutively as Engineer, Program Manager and General Manager at KICY until 1984. Ralph's clear, distinctive voice was well known throughout Western Alaska. As a sign off every night at KICY, Ralph referred to KICY as the "Voice of the Arctic" and until his death his children claimed that as his nickname. Ralph loved Alaska and he and Gert made their home in Nome and then Eagle River and Chugiak until 2018. Ralph served as Chairman of Covenant Churches in Nome and Eagle River and was a constant beacon of Christ's love to all who entered the doors of their home, church or place of business. Ralph's passion for the Lord and radio was augmented by his love of fishing. He spent many hours on the banks of the Niukluk, Sinuk, Cougarok, Nome, Solomon and Kuzitrin Rivers and was as patient a fisherman as he was a husband and father. In retirement Ralph and Gert enjoyed trips to Europe, China, Greece, the Holy Land and the Maritime Provinces with annual trips to visit their children and grandchildren.

Ralph was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 70 years, Gertrude on Valentine's Day 2019, his eldest son Daniel (Luanne) and an infant son. He is survived by daughters Kathryn (James) Congdon of Manley, AK and Rebecca (Wayne) Carlson of Algonquin, IL; sons Stephen (Lynne) Fondell of Jenks, OK and John (TrucLien) Fondell of Eagle River, AK; and daughter-in-law Luanne Fondell of Dawson, MN. He was a loving grandfather to 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sister-in-law Eileen (Paul) Fondell, brother-in-law Guido (Ann) Kauls and numerous loving nieces and nephews from both the

Fondell and Franklin extended families. Ralph was also preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Selma, brother Paul (Eileen) Fondell, sister Alice (Earl) Baker and saints too numerous to mention. A memorial service for Ralph and Gertrude will be held at 11:00 AM, August 31, 2019 at Dawson Covenant Church, rural Dawson, MN. A celebratory lunch will follow prior to their burial. Ralph and Gert were together in life and remain together eternally. May those who come behind them find them faithful. The family requests that memorials be directed to KICY Radio, PO Box 820, Nome AK 99762. Peace to his memory.

## SERVING SCHEDULES

### Sunday, August 4

#### **Communion Servers:**

Bonnie Gustafson, Jill Christie, Joyce Pearson, Dean Pearson

#### **Greeter:**

Brett & Rose Buer Family

#### **Scripture Reader:**

Joyce Pearson

### Sunday, August 11

#### **Greeter:**

Gary & Arlene Miller

#### **Scripture Reader:**

Charlie Ulstad

### Sunday, August 18

#### **Greeter:**

Tim & Suzanne Milbeck

#### **Scripture Reader:**

Andrea Lewis

### Sunday, August 25

#### **Greeter:**

Dennis & Tina Harding Family

#### **Scripture Reader:**

Justin Perkins

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2	Dale Miller
2	Manley Peterson
3	Mitchell Myers
11	David Pederson
14	Dean Pearson
17	Kevin Rosendahl
18	Angie Sather
26	Ephraim Delp
26	Stan Nelson
29	Myrtle Anderson
30	Steven Diaz
31	Ethan Myers
31	Vanessa Ruether

## 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.

## Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Erik scheduled office hours are as follows:

<b>Monday</b> .....	Off
<b>Tuesday</b> .....	8:30-2:30
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	8:30-2:30
<b>Thursday</b> .....	8:30-2:30
<b>Friday</b> .....	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.

## 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).

## 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.

## Summer Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Prayer Meeting  
10:45 a.m. Fellowship Time  
*No Sunday School Classes*

## 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).

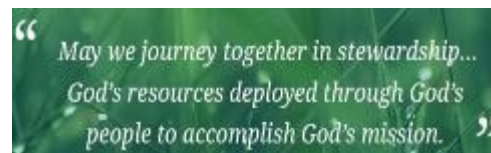
Worship services are also shown on local cable t.v. in Dawson at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and in Madison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Like us on facebook to receive updates and reminders on your facebook newsfeed!

## PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the September *Pass It On* is Wednesday, August.28.

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## 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
<b>4</b> 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Fellowship Time  5:30 VBS	<b>5</b>  5:30 VBS	<b>6</b>  5:30 VBS	<b>7</b>  5:30 VBS	<b>8</b>  5:30 Ice Cream Social 7:00 VBS/Ice Cream Social Program	<b>9</b> 8:30-11:00 Open Gym 12:30-3:00 Open Gym	<b>10</b>
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