



Pass It On

December, 2018



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Merry Christmas



What is Advent? Advent is the first season of the Christian year, the 4 Sundays leading up to Christ's birth. Advent means "coming". During the season of Advent Christians reflect on Christ's first coming to earth in the manger, but more importantly focus on preparation and waiting for Christ to come again. This year, Advent begins on Sunday, December 2.

Christmas Events & Schedule

Sunday, December 16

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Christmas Program Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program & Worship Service
No Sunday School Classes

Wednesday, December 19

6:00 p.m. "Lucia" potluck meal
6:30 p.m. Pioneer Kids, Hi-League & Inquirer's Class

Sunday, December 23

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

Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Midweek Fellowship Dates

Regular Wednesday night activities will be held for the youth on the first three Wednesdays in December. The meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. and Pioneer Kids and Hi-League will meet at 6:30 p.m. The adult study will not be meeting this month, as Pastor Erik will be leading an Inquirer's Class during that hour instead. If you are interested in joining the Inquirer's class to learn more about the Covenant denomination or our congregation in particular, please see Pastor Erik.

"Lucia" Potluck

Dawson Covenant Church had a long-held 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.

While we no longer celebrate Lucia Fest the way we once did, you are invited to join us for a Lucia-inspired potluck meal on Wednesday, December 19. Please feel free to bring a traditional Lucia dish or another dish that is special to your heritage or family to share.

Dear Dawson Covenant Family,

It was about three years ago that I began the process that later became being the Youth and Family Director at Dawson Covenant Church. Though it has only been a few years it feels like my family and I have been there forever! It is through the commitment and dedication that you took in seeking God's direction for the church that led me here, and I owe such a deep sense of gratitude towards you. With that though, we can all resonate with the cliché "The Lord works in mysterious ways." And so has been the past few months for me.

As most of you now know I have taken a position at Lake Beauty Bible Camp to become their full-time Program Director. This decision was one of the hardest I have had to make, but it did become easy knowing that this was where we felt God was leading us. The relationships and bonds that have been forged, with both kids and adults, will be the hardest thing I will have to overcome. I love working with youth. I loved working with your youth. I am humbled each day to reflect on the fact that I was able to create a relationship with the youth and help show them Jesus a little more—and this was my job! Your trust in me was always reassuring and I do not know if I, or my family, will meet another group so willing to serve in the small ways.

So this is it, a formal goodbye from all the Tolbert's—Phil, Jenna, Liam, and Lochlann. You welcomed Jenna and I instantly into your families and grew alongside us as our family grew, through both trials and tribulations. Words cannot describe what each of you mean to us, but all I can do is praise God for your love, faith and commitment to his Word. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for taking in this Yankee/Texan outsider without an ounce of Scandinavian in his body. Thank you for your consistent love and support both personally and vocationally. Thank you for all the opportunities to not only teach the youth, but to learn from them as well. Thank you for showing God's love and grace towards me countless times as we went on the journey together.

Phil Tolbert



Pastor Erik and the congregation praying with Phil, Jenna and family

Pioneer Kids

We have been having a great turn-out for Pioneer Kids on Wednesday nights! Pioneer Kids is for grades K-6. The group does some games and singing together, but lesson time is divided up by age. Thank you to Shane Myers, Andy Greiner and Kayla Koch for all of the time they spend volunteering with this age group. You can help too by singing up to assist on Wednesday nights. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Dawson Covenant Church is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

Olivia Baldwin Benefit

A benefit is planned for Olivia Baldwin, daughter of Jordan and Stephanie Baldwin of Dawson. Olivia was diagnosed with B-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Olivia is now in remission, but will continue chemotherapy treatments to ensure her cancer doesn't return. The benefit will be held on Saturday, December 15 from 5:30-11:00 p.m. at the Hilltop Bar & Grill in Dawson. Tickets are available for purchase at the door on the night of the event. Check out the facebook page "Something about Olivia" for more information.

Food for Kidz



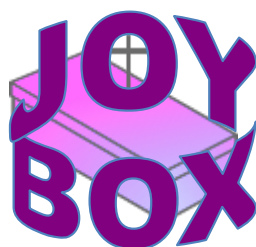
EMPOWERING CHANGE

Food for Kidz is our mission of the month for December. Food for Kidz is a non-profit organization committed to feeding starving children around the world by providing specially formulated, hand-packed, easy to prepare meals. The Food for Kidz website states, *"Our mission is to bring awareness to hunger issues in the world by involving others in the participation of packing a nutritional meal supplement for distribution and also involve them in sustainability building to facilitate change; to expand the concept of children's' experiences beyond their vision of local to incorporate the world and to service, promote and educate other organizations to encourage their commitment for the purpose of making positive results in the fight against hunger."*

Dawson Covenant Church will be partnering with area churches, businesses and community members to host the third annual Food for Kidz packing event at DCC on January 16 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. You are invited to come work at the event anytime during those hours. Our community goal is to pack 50,000 meals and raise \$11,000. We will be taking a special collection for this mission throughout the month of December. Please mark your donation as Food for Kidz and prayerfully consider taking part in this ministry event through prayer, financial donations and packing meals.

Isaac Haugen Baptized

Peter and Brittany Haugen, along with big brother Emerson, look on as Isaac James is being baptized on October 28.



129 Joy Boxes were packed on November 4 in honor of Dawson Covenant Church's 129 years. These boxes are on their way to Mexico to be distributed by Grace Christian Outreach Ministries during Christmas outreaches. Please pray for the children who receive the boxes, that they will come to know the love of Christ.



SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday, December 2

Communion Servers:

Deb Ulstad, Lee Ulstad, Dean Pearson, Joyce Pearson

Greeter:

Lannie & Brenda Ashling

Scripture Reader:

Alex Lewis

Sunday, December 9

Greeter:

Ruether Family

Scripture Reader:

Justin Perkins

Sunday, December 16

Greeter:

Myron & Judie Rosendahl

Scripture Reader:

Dawn Hanson

Sunday, December 23

Greeter:

Sather Family

Scripture Reader:

Charlie Ulstad

Sunday, December 31

Greeter:

Koch Family

Scripture Reader:

Kristyn Wicht

New Schedules Printed

If you signed up to serve as a greeter, scripture reader or communion server for the new year, please check your church mailbox for the 2019 schedule. You can always trade if your scheduled dates don't work for you. Thank you for serving in this way!

Puzzle!

The word list contains the angel's Christmas message to the shepherds. Fit those words into the crossword squares. Then write them on the correct lines below to complete Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

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_____ 3D _____ to _____ 8 _____ ; he is _____ 19 _____ the _____ 10 _____ .” Luke 2:10-11, NIV

Answer: “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11, NIV.

Christmas Card Display

You are invited to share your Christmas card on the display in the fellowship hall. It would be fun to have it filled with photos and cards by Christmas!



December 30-January 1
 Young Adult Retreat, geared for ages 18-25.

More information on other upcoming retreats and events can be found on LBBC's website at lbbc.com.



QUILTING GROUP

The Covenant Quilters will meet on Monday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lunch will be a Christmas potluck. You are always welcome to join and can come and go as your schedule allows.



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!



4	Gary Miller
4	Eden Weber
5	Cindy Miller
6	Denice Hassel
6	Michael Lee
6	Judie Rosendahl
7	Sam Ashling
7	Amber Miller
8	Kayla Koch
10	Karson Lindblad
11	Rebekah Harding
11	Myron Rosendahl
11	Jonathan Tensen
11	Tammy Wiebe
14	Stacy Miller
17	Larain Steinke
18	Arlene Miller
21	Amos Sather
22	Reese Graven
23	Kreed Perkins
29	Sawyer Ashling
30	Chuck Herzog

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 January *Pass It On* is Wednesday, December 26.

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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

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Joy Box Packing 11:30 Christmas Decorating	3	4 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	5 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids 6:30 Hi-League to Madison 7:00 Inquirer's Class	6 9:30 Open Gym Walking	7	8
9 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School / Confirmation	10 10:00 Quilting	11	12 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi- League, Inquirer's Class	13 9:30 Open Gym Walking	14	15
16 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Christmas Program Practice 10:30 Sunday School Christmas Program / Worship Service <i>No Sunday School</i>	17	18 7:00 Community Prayer Service at Crossroads Lutheran Church	19 2:00 Release Time 6:00 "Lucia" Potluck 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi- League, Inquirer's Class	20 9:30 Open Gym Walking	21	22
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