



Pass It On

February, 2020

Dawson Covenant Church

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To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:1b-2

To My Dear Brothers and Sisters at Dawson Covenant Church,

As I think back on God's faithfulness over this past year I am filled with Thanksgiving. As we continue to pursue God's mission in the world, we look back and see God's providence. Notably, we had the joy of welcoming Steven, Heather and Alexis into the church family and installing Steven as our director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. Through the power of God, lives are continuing to be shaped and transformed by the Gospel. God's leading toward an emphasis on children, youth, and family ministry has been fruitful and continues to grow. May we continue to seek first His Kingdom as we head into this new year.



I have visited with many of you at your home, at church, the hospital and parsonage. I have ministered to some of you in times of sickness and grief. In addition to the ministry of the Sunday service itself, I have had the opportunity to teach Inquirers class, confirmation, Sunday school and youth group events. As a part of the Dawson-Boyd ministerium, I have had the privilege of doing services at the care center. I have continued my work as an elected member of the Committee on Ministerial Standing for the Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church. This past year I was able to attend the Mid-Winter conference of the Covenant, the Annual Meeting of the ECC as a delegate, and the Annual Meeting of the Northwest conference as a delegate for this church. These conferences are always a fruitful time of continuing education for me, and I enjoy connecting with the broader Evangelical Covenant Church. I've continued my work as Hospice Chaplain in the area for Carris Health. This past summer I finished my term as a Rural Fellow at the Collegeville Institute located at St. Johns University. I am very grateful for the chance at deeper study on rural pastoral ministry. This coming May I will have the joy of Confirming 17 students.

This May also marks the completion of our 10th year since moving to Dawson. It is amazing how quickly the time has passed. I am filled with gratitude to God and to this church family as I think back on our time here. When I remember our arrival with Gregory (who was not yet even one year old) it's stunning to see the transformation in our family and church. I want to specifically thank the church again for the many ways you have loved and cared for my family. We are so grateful for all the gifts of child care, financial provision, meals, materials, gestures of appreciation and kind words of encouragement. I am continually humbled by your kindness to us. You have been and are family to us, and we cannot fully articulate what a precious gift that is.

I want to thank you for all the ways you have served your church and the community over this past year. I want to thank those who have stepped up in various ways to help with ministry to our children, youth, and families. I want to thank everyone for the way that they love one another and for the warmth and kindness you show to those who come through our doors. One of the greatest ways I have seen God using our church is through the loving presence we represent to those we encounter, it matters greatly and is evidence of the Kingdom.

As another year passes, I am also aware of my own shortcomings and oversights -- even those I am not conscious of. Please accept my apologies. I sincerely ask for your forgiveness and encourage anyone to visit with me if there is a wound I have caused.

As we head into this new year together, we do so with great expectations. God is using this congregation in mighty ways to bless this community and shape lives! God has placed us here for His purposes. God has provided for us despite the economic headwinds. May we continue to trust God in all things and to dedicate ourselves to our shared ministry in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Erik

Dear Church Family at Dawson Covenant Church,

This year has been an amazing year for my family and me. We accepted the position at Dawson Covenant Church. We moved to Minnesota and found an amazing church to serve with. Our goal has always been to serve God in any capacity He sees fit for us. With the help and leadership of Pastor Erik Carlson, our transition into ministry in Dawson has been a smooth one. I look forward to this coming year to see what God has in store for Dawson Covenant Church.



The past year has held several projects within the child and youth programs. One of the first things implemented was missions projects. A goal for the youth is to get them to be missional in their faith. We began service projects to the cities during summer in preparation for our larger mission trips coming in the summer of 2020. The high school team will be going on a mission trip to Denver in June and the middle school team will be going to Sioux Falls for their mission trip in July.

Another change was to give the students ownership of the youth room. We added graffiti art on the wall in the high league room and added a lounge area for students to sit and talk. We replaced the couches with chair seating to accommodate the growing group. We want the students to invite their friends, and additional seating ensures everyone is comfortable when joining in.

I meet with students on a regular basis for lunch. This gives students some real one on one time with me. It has helped me to encourage the students to start talking about their faith, and to make their faith personal. This has helped us build strong relationships with the students, and develop leadership skill for several students. As a result, students are beginning to help teach Sunday School with my help, support, and guidance. Having an opportunity to teach encourages students to understand biblical concepts more deeply and provides them another way to talk about their faith.

For Pioneer kids, we have started to reconfigure the room to better help students feel at home there. We added bean bag chairs which they love. We are also implementing new curriculum that is more user-friendly curriculum so that any adult can come in and teach without feeling lost. Our goal is to start getting these students in their Bibles and to grow a deeper understanding of God's word.

These are just a few of the things we started to implement into the ministry. This is, hopefully, the groundwork for the coming years. We would like to thank you all for your support and hope to continue building an amazing and strong youth and children's program.



-Steven Diaz

Joel & Kim Delp - Missionaries of the Month



Joel and Kim Delp are our missionaries of the month. The Delps are missionaries in Ecuador where they run a medical clinic and a home for at-risk children. Please keep the family in prayer throughout this month and consider a financial donation to support their ministry.

2019 Clinic Update:

Patients seen in total: 3,506
11 Medical Caravans conducted
4 different Women's Caravans
Specialties added in October: Traumatology & Homeopathic medicine

Patients seen in 2019:

Physical Therapy: 703
Dentistry: 409
General Medicine: 1,564
Gynecology/Women's Health: 269
Laboratory: 356
Psychology: 152
Traumatology: 10
Homeopathic Medicine: 40

2019 Home Update:

7 children were reunified back with family
Since 2017, 22 children have been reunified
Currently there are 17 children in the Home
In total, 46 children have been cared for through the Home since 2017

Prevention Program Update:

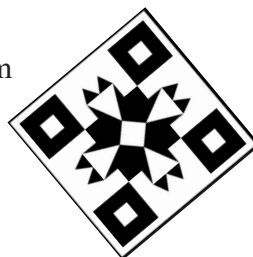
The program developed recently to serve children and families in poverty and extreme poverty. We currently serve 9 different communities, most of which are in areas with very minimal access to care or preventive care. The idea is to work with families to prevent the need for children to come to the Home. We currently serve 80 families and have reached and raise awareness with over 2,000 children and parents!

DAWSON COVENANT QUILTERS

2020 Schedule first and third Thursdays from 10am – 3pm

Jan 9 & 23	May 7 & 21	Sept 3 & 17
Feb 6 & 20	June 4 & 18	Oct 1 & 15
Mar 5 & 19	July 2 & 16	Nov 5 & 19
Apr 2 & 16	Aug 6 & 20	Dec 3 & 17

**July date may change to 2nd & 4th Thurs because of 4th of July*



SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday, February 2

Communion Servers:

Linda Tensen, Duane Haugen,
Jill Christie, Andy Greiner

Greeter:

Lannie & Brenda Ashling

Scripture Reader:

Lauren Carlson

Sunday, February 9

Greeter:

Harding Family

Scripture Reader:

Zeke Sather

Sunday, February 16

Greeter:

Pat Lindblad

Scripture Reader:

Deb Ulstad

Sunday, February 23

Greeter:

Dan & Deb Schluter

Scripture Reader:

McKenzie Ruether

Happy Valentine's Day!

MAILBOXES

A reminder that the mailboxes for Pastor Erik, Steven, Karla and their families are located in the fellowship hall. Some additional family mailboxes are located there as well due to the limited number of mailboxes available in the hallway. If you're looking for a specific box you can't find, check the fellowship hall! You can also find labeled mailboxes for the treasurer and secretary there. 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.



CHIC has changed its name to Unite! CHIC, which stood for “Covenant High in Christ”, is the triennial Covenant youth event that has been held since 1956. The acronym has often caused some confusion, so to better reflect what this event stands for, the name has officially been changed to Unite!

All Covenant churches are called to gather together to unite around the purposes of God. Unite calls students to come together to grow in their faith and go further in mission. They are called to gather together and unite to build the kingdom of God.

Unite will be held July 18-21, 2021 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. All students who have completed grades 8-12 are welcome to attend.

New Church Members

New members who joined Dawson Covenant Church in 2019 include Dolly Jibben and Arlyn & Julie Lopau. We are happy to welcome them into membership!



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

A registration email from LBBC was recently sent to parents to sign their kids up for summer camps. However, please wait to register your child until you receive the discount code from Bonnie Gustafson. Dawson Covenant Church pays half of the cost for campers from our church, and you will need our unique code while registering in order to get this discount.

This year's summer theme is “Return of the King: All Things New.” At camp, kids will discover God's purpose for mankind as they learn about the return of the King! The theme verse is, “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.’ ” -Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

For information on upcoming winter retreats at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, visit their website at lbbc.com, call them at (320) 732-3218, email them at lbbc@lbbc.com, or talk with Dawson Covenant's camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson.

2020 Church Council

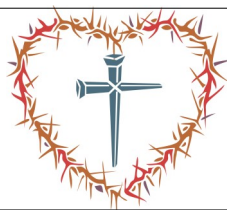
The church council members for 2020 are listed below. Contact information for each council person is posted on the bulletin board at church.

Laurel Peterson, Council Chair
Joyce Busiahn, Secretary
Duane Haugen, Treasurer
Loral Webster, Financial Secretary
John Sather

John Lee
Kayla Koch
Gary Goplen
Ashley Tensen

Ex-officio members include Pastor Erik Carlson and Steven Diaz. Church secretary, Karla Perkins also attends meetings to record minutes.

Committee Chairs will be decided at the February council meeting and will be posted.



February 26 is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We will continue to meet for our regular Wednesday night activities throughout the season.

Dawson Covenant Church at Lake Beauty

DCC has reserved Lake Beauty Bible Camp for the weekend of July 31 - August 2. Cabins and campgrounds are available for rent. Cabins hold up to 14 people and campsites have full hook-ups. Our weekend at camp includes 4 meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch, supper and Sunday breakfast), 2 nights lodging, and meeting room to use. Rates per person are:

Adults (9th grade & up) Cabin: \$102.00
Campground: \$75.00

Youth (K-8th grade) Cabin: \$51.00
Campground: \$38.00

Infant through Pre-K No Charge

Activities that can be added for additional cost include Horse Trail Rides, Climbing tower & zip line, High Ropes Activities, Archery Tag, Pontoon Rental. Other activities like Gaga Ball, 9 Square, Disc Golf, Carpet Ball, Volleyball or Basketball are available at no additional cost.

The swimming beach will be open as long as parents are present and take responsibility for their own children.

We are also permitted to bring a boat, fishing gear and games. Each cabin and campsite has a fire pit. No pets allowed in cabins.

Any questions? Please contact Tina Harding 320-769-4754/320-226-2577
Payment is due in full on or before June 1.

february BIRTHDAYS

1	Brodey Steinke
2	Ashley Tensen
9	Jaxon Ruether
14	Dwight Gustafson
14	Cliff Hanson
17	Dan Schluter
18	Gracie Harding
19	Jonas Carlson
20	Andrew Lewis
20	Ardyce Thompson
25	Gabe Sather
28	Lannie Ashling
28	Rylee Kostad
28	Nora Perkins

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 Duane Haugen or Loral Webster.

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 at 320-305-9304.

Steven Diaz, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry can be reached at church on his cell at 720-940-4143.

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.

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.

Sunday 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 March *Pass It On* is Wednesday, February 19.

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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!



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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<i>Looking ahead...</i> Here are some spring dates to mark on your calendar. February 26 Ash Wednesday April 5 Palm Sunday April 12 Easter Sunday May 17 Confirmation Sunday and last day of Sunday School classes	
2 8:15 Choir Rehearsal 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation	3	4 7:00 Church Council Meeting	5 2:00 Release Time 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi-League & Adult Study	6 10:00 Quilting	7	
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