



Pass It On

September, 2019

Dawson Covenant Church

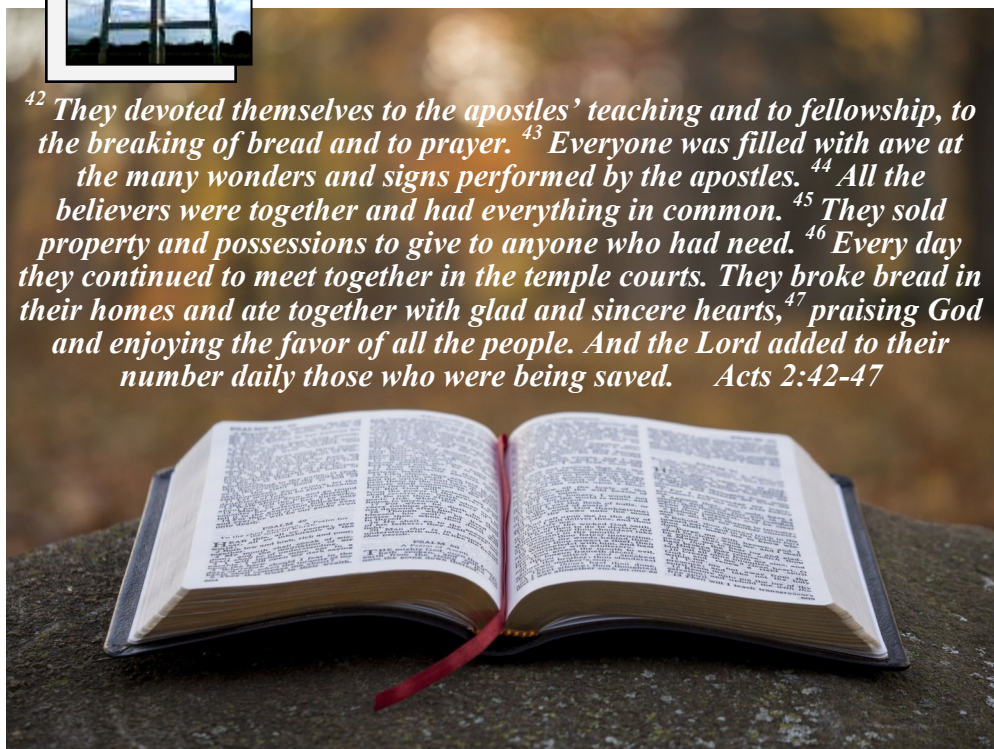
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⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47



This report of the life of the early church at the end of Acts chapter 2 is inspiring and challenging. When we read that the Lord added to their number daily, questions arise about what we may be doing right and what we may be doing wrong. These questions are intensified by the pervading sense that Christianity is declining in the Western world. We wonder what our responsibility is, as the modern Church. Surely the gospel hasn't become less compelling? Is it our modern context? Have we as the Church done something that is impeding the spread of the Gospel? These are tough questions, but ones we must wrestle with.

In his recent book, 'Irresistible' Andy Stanley locates part of the problem in our modern presentation of the gospel. He believes we have an over-emphasis on the Old Covenant/Old Testament which is impeding the Good News. A claim like this should raise more than a few eyebrows!

Starting this September I will be teaching through Stanley's book to see what we can learn for our own lives and shared mission. I want us to explore what he gets right and where he may have gone too far as we think about our particular ministry context.

We will also be revisiting the ECC's evangelism initiative BLESS as we begin the church year. My prayer is that as a church we will continue to deepen our understanding of living lives of witness wherever we are planted. So often we feel at a loss when it comes to sharing the Gospel. I hope you can join us on Sundays and Wednesdays as we seek to be challenged, but also encouraged that sharing the Gospel is something each of us can do even if we don't feel particularly gifted at it.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Erik

September 8

Ministry Fair & Rally Sunday

We will be kicking off the new year with the Ministry Fair and Rally Sunday on Sunday, September 8. Everyone is invited to stay after the worship service to check out the various areas of ministry where you can serve in the coming year. Sign up now and new schedules will be printed later this fall. There will also be fun Rally Sunday activities for the kids.

September 11

Midweek Fellowship

Wednesday Night midweek fellowship meal and activities will begin on September 11. Everyone is invited to 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. We will continue to meet each Wednesday evening.

September 15

First Day of Sunday School

Sunday School and Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 15. We offer classes for all ages 2 years old and up. Confirmation class will also begin again. Stay after the first classes for a potluck meal to kick off the new year!



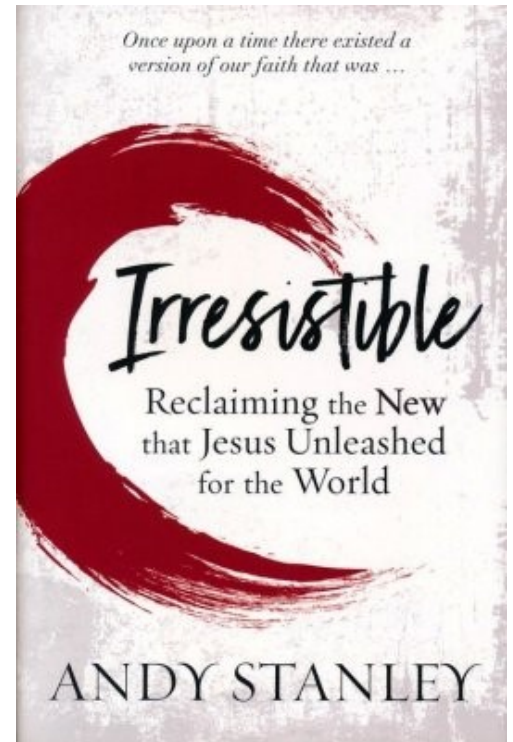
intentional evangelism initiative

Our wider ECC family developed this intentional evangelism 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.

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.



The parking lot was recently sealed and parking spaces repainted. The church has a fresh new look with the landscaping being updated as well.



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's 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!

Prairie Waters Growing Project - Mission of the Month

Missionary Emma Weber



Emma Weber is one of the missionaries Dawson Covenant Church supports. Emma works with Youth With a Mission, and was recently home to share about her time spent in Australia. She was also available to give the message one Sunday. Please continue to pray for Emma and the mission work she is involved with.

A Peek Into the Past

Check out this photo of a Dawson Covenant Church Sunday School class that was taken around 1979 in the old church building. This Sunday School room also served as the Choir Room. I believe we still use this table in our youngest Sunday School room today! Eleanor Torstenson is the teacher pictured. You might be able to identify some of the students too!



Neighbors benefit by watching program farmers.



Prairie Waters Growing Project is comprised of farmers and supporting businesses and people in the area selling crops and homegrown goods to raise money to send over seas. Prairie Waters works with Growing Hope Globally (formerly Foods Resource Bank), which is in its 20th year of operation. This non-profit works with the growing projects in the US to send these funds overseas and help mission projects in the most needy of countries with being agriculturally more self sufficient. You are able to search all of their overseas projects on their website, www.growinghopeglobally.org.

In past years, Dawson Covenant Church has supported the CEFA project in Central African Republic. CEFA uses local people to show other locals better farming practices and provide assistance to become self sustaining. Though this project is listed on the website as needing money, they are mostly self sufficient just looking for assistance with animal husbandry and expanding to more remote areas of the country. We are very happy to have been helping with this project from its beginnings, but feel that maybe it is time to search for another worthy project.

If you are interested in helping with this project, either with selling goods or choosing the next project to give to, talk with Peter Haugen. An afternoon of combine rides at the Prairie Waters Growing Project field (located 9 miles west of church) will be announced as harvest gets closer.



Bible Quiz



Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.

- A. Saul, David, Solomon
- B. Samuel, David, Saul
- C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- D. Solomon, Jesse, David



Answer: A (See 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 16:1-13; 1 Kings 1:28-30.)

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT COMPLETED



Wyatt Wiebe's Eagle Scout project was to clean up the landscaping around the church building. Wyatt had help from other Scouts and completed this project during some of the hottest days of the summer. The end result looks beautiful! Thank you to Wyatt and the Scouts for working on this project!



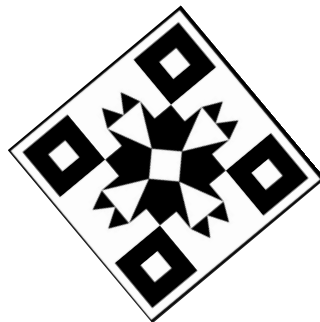
A PLACE SET APART WHERE THE HEART, MIND, BODY AND SOUL OF EVERY GUEST CAN ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD.

Family Camp Aug 30-Sept 2

Senior Adult Day Sept 10

Women's Retreat Sept 20-22

For information on 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 our own camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson.



Covenant Quilters

The Covenant Quilters will meet on September 5th and 19th from 10:00-3:00 in the fellowship hall. Quilting is held on the first and third Thursdays of the month. A light lunch will be provided. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to come!

SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday, September 1

Communion Servers:

Linda Tensen, Joyce Busiahn, Duane Haugen, Andy Greiner

Greeter:

Peggy Crosby

Scripture Reader:

Lauren Carlson

Sunday, September 8

Greeter:

Wiebe Family

Scripture Reader:

Bonnie Gustafson

Sunday, September 15

Greeter:

Sather Family

Scripture Reader:

Sullivan Graven

Sunday, September 22

Greeter:

Lewis Family

Scripture Reader:

Dawn Hanson

Sunday, September 29

Greeter:

Henry & Fran Geiner

Scripture Reader:

McKenzie Ruether



Steven is planning a Youth Kick-Off BBQ on Saturday, September 14 beginning at 3:00 p.m. All Hi-Leaguers are invited to come.

More details will be coming soon!

Birth Announcement

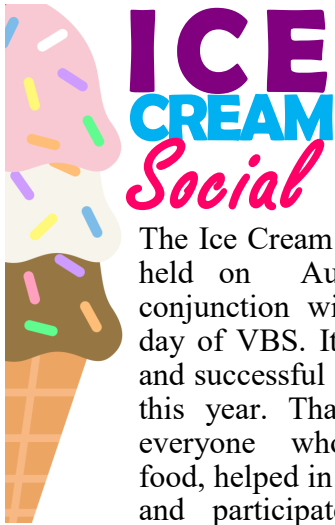


Jacob and Kayla Koch along with Parker and Lucy are excited to welcome EmmaKay Grace into their family. EmmaKay was born on August 6. She weighed 4 pounds, 15 ounces. We rejoice along with the Kochs for the birth of EmmaKay!

VBS - THE INCREDIBLE RACE



Around 30 kids ages Pre-K through 6th grade attended VBS this year. We had a fun week "racing around the world" while learning about different continents and God's love for the human race. The photo above shows the kids sharing a song during the joint VBS/Ice Cream Social program. Thank you to all who volunteered both before and during VBS week!



The Ice Cream Social was held on August 8 in conjunction with the last day of VBS. It was a fun and successful event again this year. Thank you to everyone who donated food, helped in the kitchen and participated in the program!

Shown below are Peggy Crosby and Dave Pederson who opened the Ice Cream Social program with a funny skit. Below at left is Mike Cosentino who played the saxophone during the program. Lauren Carlson was the emcee for the evening and many others participated as well to make the variety show a success.





2	Charlie Ulstad
3	Colton Ruether
4	Wendy Robertson
9	Carissa Besonen
12	Joyce Iverson
12	Shane Myers
14	Danika Kamrath
16	Sue Gerbig
16	Landrey Graven
16	Alex Sather
17	Luanne Fondell
19	Mark Johnson
21	Gerda Bliss
23	Keegon Wicht
25	Brenda Ashling
30	Jim Robertson

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.

Fall 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 October *Pass It On* is Wednesday, September 25.

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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!



Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Erik scheduled office hours are as follows:

Monday Off

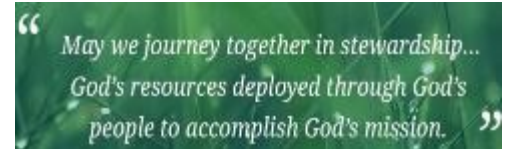
Tuesday 8:30-2:30

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: 320-305-9304.



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

September 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Fellowship Time	2	3	4	5 10:00 Quilting	6	7
8 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Fellowship Time/ Ministry Fair	9	10 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	11 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi- League, Adult Study	12	13	14 3:00 Youth Kick-Off BBQ
15 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School 12:00 Potluck Meal	16	17	18 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi- League, Adult Study	19 10:00 Quilting	20	21
22 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School	23	24	25 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids, Hi- League, Adult Study	26	27	28 9:00 Youth Service Trip
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