



Pass It On

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"And I will bless you...and you will be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2).



intentional evangelism initiative

BLESS is an approach to prayer and evangelism initiated by the Evangelical Covenant Church. It focuses on five missional practices that we can engage to naturally introduce people to Jesus Christ. BLESS stands for **B**egin with prayer, **L**isten with care, **E**at Together, **S**erve in Love, and **S**hare your story. Each practice represents the development of relationships through which evangelism can more naturally occur. We will begin the BLESS initiative here at Dawson Covenant Church on Sunday, April 8. Pastor Erik will also lead a Wednesday night adult study to coincide with our Sunday morning lessons.



Looking ahead...

Confirmation Sunday is May 20th. This will also be our last day of Sunday School before summer.

Wednesday, May 23 is the last day of Pioneer Kids/Hi-League before summer.

The Junior Choir joined with the adult Choir to sing on Palm Sunday. The choirs marched in with palm branches waving and sang "Hallelujah Victory."



Women's Gracious Table

Thursday, Mary 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Taking Root & Branching Out – A Genealogy Presentation

Are you curious about your family's origin? Want to know if your family story passed down through the generations is true? Or maybe you want to know if there is a chance you are related to someone famous. Whether you are a beginner trying to start your genealogical adventure, or an experienced family researcher who has hit a brick wall, we will share tips, tricks, and techniques to help your family tree take root and branch out. Join us to learn about free tools, software, and online resources to help you on your adventure. Handouts will be provided. We will end with a short time of devotion and prayer. All women are invited. We will be meeting in the fireside room.



NEW MEMBERS

New members who were voted into membership of the congregation at the annual meeting include Denice Hassel, Lindsay Weber, Jacob and Kayla Koch and James and Carmen Kellen. A special time of prayer and welcoming was held for them on March 4. Shown in the photo at left are the Koch and Weber families along with Church Council Chair, Laurel Peterson and Pastor Erik Carlson.



Reminder

A reminder to ladies who would like to attend the luncheon tour at the The Abbey of the Hills on Saturday, April 14 to please sign up on the bulletin board by April 1. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. that morning if you are interested in carpooling.

GRACIOUS TABLE

A group of ladies met for Gracious Table on Saturday, March 10th for a time of knitting, crocheting and fellowship together. Shown at left are Santha, Lucia and Diane learning how to knit using a loom.

Community Prayer Service

The monthly community prayer service will be held at Crossroads Lutheran Church in Dawson on Tuesday, April 17 from 7:00–8:00 p.m. A different church from the Dawson-Boyd ministerium hosts this service each month, and the community is invited to attend.

LqP Historical Society Church Exhibit

The Lac qui Parle Historical Society received a grant titled "Inspiration through the Lens". This grant allowed the museum to hire a photographer to take pictures of all the churches in the county. The exhibit will open at their 2018 Spring Open House on May 6 and will remain on display throughout the summer. You can help by sharing stories of Dawson Covenant Church through pictures, artifacts, booklets or other items of interest. The museum welcomes any input you may have. Contact Barb Redepenning, LqP County Museum Curator, if you have questions.



HI-LEAGUE

Hi-League is for kids in grades 7-12. Hi-League meets at DCC every Wednesday for supper at 6:00 p.m. On the first Wednesday of the month we bus to the Powerhouse in Madison for our games/lesson. On the second, third and fourth Wednesdays of the month we stay at DCC for the evening until activities wrap up around 7:30 p.m.

During the season of Lent, Hi-Leaguers served the suppers on the evenings when the Lent service was at Dawson Covenant Church. The suppers were a fundraiser for CHIC, Covenant High In Christ, a Covenant youth conference held every 3 years. A group from DCC is heading to CHIC in Tennessee this summer. Thank you to everyone who helped with the suppers and donated towards this trip!

Hi-League Ski Trip

The Hi-League enjoyed a trip to Andes Tower Hills for a Saturday afternoon of skiing, snowboarding and fun at the end of February. They also had an unexpected overnight stay in Morris that night after a snowstorm moved in and travel home became dangerous. It sounded like it was a fun adventure for all! The top photo shows most of the group on the church bus at the start of the day. The bottom photo shows some of the group playing a game at the hotel.



CHIC stands for Covenant High In Christ, and is the triennial youth conference event of the Evangelical Covenant Church held in Knoxville, TN once every three years. We have a group of youth from Dawson Covenant Church who are planning to attend CHIC this summer. Thank you to the congregation for your donations and support during our Lenten supper fundraisers for CHIC. Your prayers for this group of kids are also very much appreciated. Thank you!

District Blitz: April 27-29 Hi-League

Calvary Baptist church has invited the Hi-League to attend District Blitz, a youth retreat in Duluth. Cost is \$150. Details were placed in mailboxes. See Phil for more information or with questions.

PIONEER KIDS

Pioneer Kids is for kids in grades K-6th grade. We meet every Wednesday night. The entire congregation is invited to supper at 6:00 p.m. After supper the kids divide up by age for games, singing, and a Bible lesson. Friends are always invited to come too!

Sermon Notes for Pioneer Kids

We have new sermon notes! Pioneer Kids—grab a sheet and fill it out during service, take it to Phil during Sunday School for a prize! Sermon sheets are at the table before you enter the Sanctuary.

HOLY BAPTISM

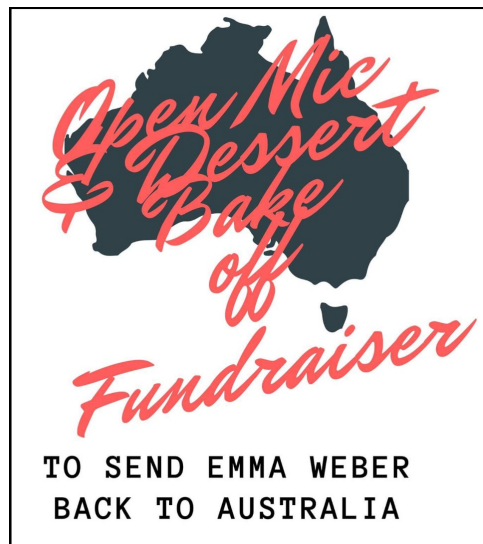
Wesley Weber was baptized on Sunday, March 18. His parents are Kevin and Kale Weber. Wesley, his parents, and his sponsors are shown with Pastor Erik during the baptism. Please keep Wesley in your prayers that he will grow up in the knowledge and love of Christ.



DAWSON COVENANT QUILTERS



The Covenant Quilters have been busy this spring! In addition to working on quilts, they have made the beautiful pillows shown above. You are always invited to join the Dawson Covenant Quilters! They meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 10:00-3:00 in the fellowship hall. The quilts they make are distributed to various missions, fundraisers and charities. If you have any questions, please see Diane Miller or Sue Gerbig.



On April 21, there will be an open mic night and bake-off competition in the fellowship hall to raise support for Emma Weber on her return to Australia in August. There is a \$5 suggested donation entry fee to the event and doors open at 7 PM.

The mic will be open to all acts starting at 7:30. The sky's the limit for performances; comedy, skits, music selections, poetry readings, hidden talents, they are all welcome! No registration required. Sign up will be the night of. Please remember it is in a church so keep things appropriate!

The bake-off is your chance to show off the best dessert you've been keeping to yourself! The item must be baked and must be a dessert. In order to be judged, the dessert must be at the event by 7:30. Please plan to serve multiple people with your offering as well.

Emma will be returning to Australia to continue working with Youth with a Mission in Brisbane. The 20 months that she will be serving will be spent mentoring young people who are completing their Discipleship Training Schools, serving the community, leading 2 outreaches, and serving YWAM Brisbane through different tasks. There will be additional ways to give at the event as well as throughout the summer. You can stay up to date with her journey at emmacweber.wordpress.com.



Matt Rudeen, Program Director at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, was our guest on March 25. Matt gave the message during the service and shared information about LBBC. He is shown in the photo below.



This year's camp theme is "Discover the Truth!" *And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.* John 8:32

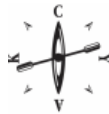
Early Bird registration deadline to get the discount for summer camps is April 9. Please see Bonnie to get the church's Transfer Code before going online to register your child for camp. Dawson Covenant church pays for half the cost of camp for the campers from our church family. Scholarships are also available if needed. For more information visit Lake Beauty at lbbsc.com, call them at (320)732-3218, or email them at lbbsc@lbbsc.com. Or talk with our own camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson.

Junior High #1	June 10-15
Trailblazers#1	June 17-21
Frontier Kids #2	July 5-7
High School	July 29-Aug 3

WEEK OF PRAYER 2018

For more than 60 years, the Evangelical Covenant Church has provided materials for a week of prayer. Whether you choose to use this resource at the beginning of the year or at some other time, the intent is to both challenge and equip followers of Jesus to live a life of prayer and to continually seek new ways to develop this life-giving practice. Everyone in the congregation should have received a copy of the Week of Prayer booklet in their church mailbox. There are several extra copies on the table in the entry way as well. This year's prayer booklet is extra special to Dawson Covenant Church because it was authored by Lauren Carlson.

This resource invites us to practice prayer in ordinary life. We are called to pray without ceasing, but in today's hurried life this is difficult. Lauren helps us to see ways we can pray focused prayers as we go about our daily and weekly routines. Allow your daily encounters with water to bring prayers of justice, liberation, baptism, life, faith, and hearing from God into your daily routine.



COVENANT YOUTH OF ALASKA

Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK) is our mission of the month. CYAK is a relational outreach, discipleship, and leadership ministry for Alaska youth and young adults. Part of understanding CYAK's mission, vision, and values, and what they do, involves understanding the context in which the ministry is working.



The Context: Alaska is BIG! Its so big, that every man, woman and child in America could have one acre of land, and there still would be 800,000 acres of wilderness remaining! If you superimpose a map of Alaska over the lower 48 states, Alaska would reach from the East to the West. A large number of the state's population of 660,000 is made up of people living in rural villages which can only be accessed by plane, boat, or snowmachine.

The Challenge: Alaska Native youth have some of the highest rates of suicide, teen pregnancy and sexual abuse in the country. The United Nations considers the death by violent accident rate equivalent to a war zone. Because of various reasons including Alaska's remote geographical location, the struggles of Alaska Native people groups are not on the national radar.

Our Response: In 1992, Covenant Youth of Alaska was formed in response to this crisis through the Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska (now the Alaska Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church). Today, CYAK works in collaboration with churches and ministries for the cause of ministry to young people in Alaska.

You can get involved in the ministry in Alaska by praying, donating or serving. Find out more at cyak.org. A special offering will be collected in support of this mission throughout the month of April.

THIS MONTH'S birthdays

2	Brett Buer
3	Asher Perkins
6	Jill Christie
7	Rose Buer
7	Peggy Crosby
7	Duane Haugen
10	Kolten Lindblad
14	Andrea Lewis
20	Mike DeJesus
20	Melody Herzog
20	Aiden Lewis
20	Alexander Lewis
20	Jordon Perkins
20	Justin Perkins
23	Mike Cosentino
23	Kristina Kimmel
24	Brittany Haugen
24	William Kamrath
25	JT Ulstad
27	Emma Perkins
29	Kevin Lindblad

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 Wendy Robertson.

Church Council Meeting Notes

The church website has a 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. 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.

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

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

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, in Madison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, and in Canby at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Like us on facebook to receive updates and reminders on your facebook newsfeed!

*"May we journey together in stewardship...
God's resources deployed through God's
people to accomplish God's mission."*

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.

Free Wi-Fi

The password to sign-in to the wi-fi at the Youth center is "guest2255".

PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the May *Pass It On* is Wednesday, April 18.

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PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl
Joel & Kim Delp

Covenant World Missions
Covenant Youth of Alaska

Randy & Cheryl Bevis

Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins
Covenant World Relief

KICY Radio Station
Operation Christmas Child

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 – Easter Sunday 8:15 Choir Rehearsal 8:30 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting <i>No Sunday School or Confirmation</i>	2	3 6:00 Open Gym 7:00 Church Council Mtg.	4 6:00 Midweek Fellowship 6:30 Pioneer Kids 6:30 Hi-League to Madison 6:30 BLESS Study	5	6	7
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