



Pass It On

May, 2017

To know Christ, to be like Christ, and to make Him known.

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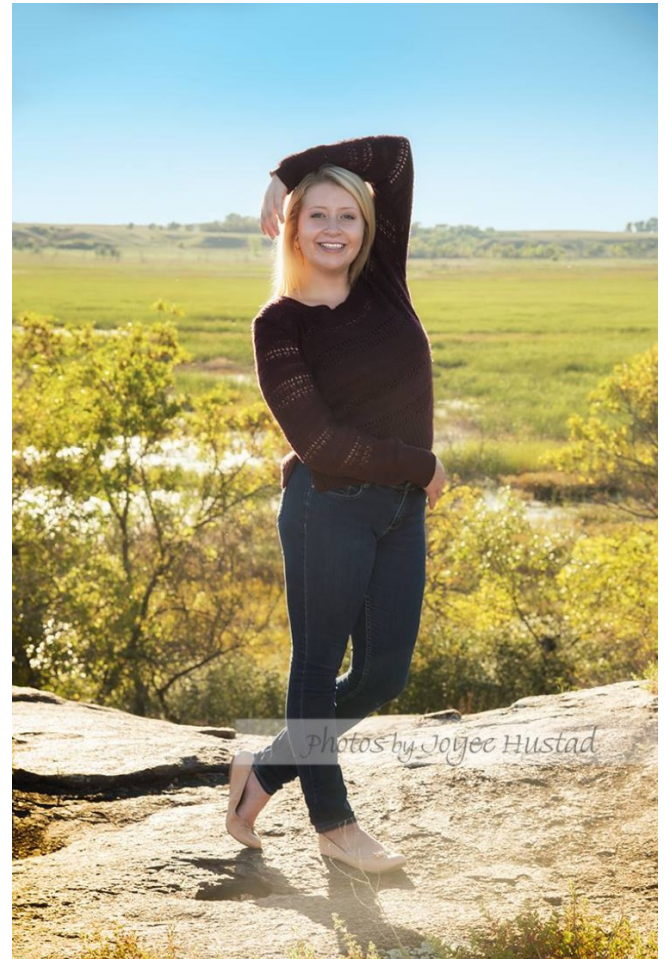
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Eli Weber

Eli will be attending Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD majoring in Pre-Med. He also plans to play football there.



Abby Myers

My plans after graduation include working full-time at the Care Center for about a year. I would like to try and travel during this time as well. Areas of interest that I have that I may pursue after this respite includes education or nursing.

Abby's open house graduation party will be held at church on Saturday, May 27 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

A GRADUATION PRAYER

Congratulations to Abby Myers and Eli Weber who are graduating from Dawson Boyd High School! We will have a special time of blessing during the worship service and fellowship time in their honor on Sunday, May 14. The following prayer was given by a senior girl at her graduation from a Washington, D.C. high school: *Dear God, grant us one thing before we leave the sheltered reassurance of our childhood. Show us life. Not an empty shallow world of shallow people and shallow dreams, but real life ... For we have known the bliss of childhood as well as the passion of adolescence ... We want to make the world a better place, but we don't know how. We want to throw our arms around our brothers and our sisters, but our hands cannot reach. We want to break the cycle of violence and the bonds of injustice in our society, but we're not strong. Smile on us when we drink from the waters of truth. When we are old, reassure us that our struggle helped to make the world a kinder, gentler and more peaceful place. And please, God, don't let us die without ever having lived.*

In-Seine



"Full Nets, Changed Lives"

Randy and Cheryl Bevis are our Missionaries of the Month. The Bevises are former Covenant Missionaries who are now living in Minnesota and operating the non-profit organization In-Seine. Randy travels to various countries to assist partners in aquaculture projects. In-Seine's mission statement is: *We are a faith-based organization that seeks to work with at-risk communities to develop sustainable fish farming systems based on the local contexts.*

The In-Seine web-site states, "Where possible we will seek to take an integrated farming approach that also incorporates other types of livestock, fruit, vegetable and nut production into the food production system to provide for the total dietary needs of the community."

Randy and Cheryl have spent most of the last 20 years working in Thailand. Randy helped set up a tilapia hatchery in 1998 that now has three sites, employs 40 people, and produces over 2 million tilapia fry (both wild color and red tilapia). These tilapia go to fish farmers in northern Thailand and are grown out to market sized tilapia of 500 g to 1 kg.

Randy has also helped set up hatcheries in Bangladesh, Laos and Malaysia during his years in Thailand.

The photo at right shows Randy with a tilapia at the Chiang Mai Aquatic Development Farm. Please pray for the Bevis family and consider giving a financial gift to their ministry work this month.



Matt Rudeen from LBBC came to visit the Elementary Sunday School class and talk about summer camps at Lake Beauty.



It's almost summer camping season! We were happy to have a visit from Matt Rudeen, Program Director at LBBC, to get us fired up for camp! This summer's theme verse is Galatians 5:1, *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."* Watch the Pass It On and bulletin for more information about transportation to and from camp, or talk with our own camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson if you have questions. For more information visit the Lake Beauty Bible Camp website at lbbc.com, call them at (320) 732-3218, or email them at lbbc@lbbc.com.

Bus to Camp Sign Up!

The bus will be going up to Jr. High camp this summer! Feel free to sign up your child (located on bulletin board in new addition) to ride to DCC bus to/from camp June 11-16. We will leave after church on 11th and grab food on way up. Cost is free to ride!

The bus will also make the trip up to Trailblazers, but WILL NOT be bringing kids back home. Sign up if you want your kids to ride to camp after church on June 18th. (Parents will need to arrange rides for kids coming home on June 22.)



Hi-League

Hi-League is for those in grades 7-12. Hi-League meets at DCC on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. When we meet at DCC, supper is provided. We meet in Madison on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. Please watch the Pass It On and bulletins for summer meeting dates.

May 7

Hi-League Event for grades 7-12

We will be going to Marshall after the worship service to have lunch at Pizza Ranch, then going to AJ's Family Arcade for mini-golf, arcade games and go karts. We should be back to the church by 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$20. Bring extra money if you want to play arcade games. *Please note the change in date!*

Open Gym Continues

We will continue to have open gyms throughout the summer, but are in need of adult volunteers to help us supervise.

Please sign up (bulletin board in new addition) to assist. 6-8pm on Tuesday nights. This is just to provide a watchful eye to the kids/families that come out for open gym. Responsibilities include: making sure nobody gets hurt, nothing gets broken/damaged, kids are staying in the gym area and out of rooms they shouldn't be in, helping keep gym floor cleaned if there is dirt/mud tracked in, making sure lights are off and doors locked once it is over. Thank you to our volunteers!

Pioneer Kids

Pioneer Kids is for those in grades K through 6 and their parents. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. Supper is provided. After supper we will play games, sing and divide into groups for a Bible lesson time. Kids are encouraged to invite friends! If you have any questions please see Phil. Pioneer Kids will continue to meet in May on the 10th and the 24th. We will not be meeting during the summer months.

May 21

Pioneer Kids Hang Out

After church we will order pizza, play games in the gym and have a Wii MarioKart tournament. The best news, it's free! We should be finished by 3:00. *Please note the change in date!*

Deb Ulstad led the kids in grades K-8 through a "Last Supper" experience while we learned about Passover on Maundy Thursday. The evening ended with a fun scavenger hunt for Easter related items!



Pie Fund-Raiser

Wylie Wiebe will be constructing 6 benches and 3 movable stages for the Elementary Sunday School room as part of his Eagle Scout project. His family will be serving pie during fellowship time on May 7 as a fundraiser for this endeavor. We are thankful for Wylie's willingness to undertake this much needed project!

MUUUCE - Aug 3-5

MUUUCE is for kids going into 6th-9th grade. MUUUCE stands for Most Ultimate Unbelievable Urban Camping Experience! This high energy, fast-moving, 3 day event is designed to give middle schoolers and junior highers a chance to connect with Christ and their peers.

Join us as we go to the cities for this 3 day Covenant event. Worship services, age-relevant talks, Thursday night carnival, Valley Fair and more. Cost is \$130 for the event, food, and travel expenses. Talk with Phil if your child is interested or if you may need scholarship funds. Visit www.muuce.com for more information.

For any special prayer requests or to take part in a time of prayer try, you are invited to meet in the Choir Room immediately following the worship service.



The Junior Choir (grades K-6) joined the Senior Choir to sing on Palm Sunday. The choirs marched in waving palm branches as they traditionally do. They are shown above rehearsing before the Palm Sunday service.

Veterans in Our Church

Thank you for your service to our country!

Gilbert Bliss	Army
Derek Fjerkenstad	Air Force
Andy Greiner	Air Force
Shelia Greiner	Air Force
Milton Goplin	Army
Duane Haugen	Guard
Kristalyn Hyche	Navy
Paul Iverson	Guard
Wayne Lindquist	Guard
Donald Lindblad	Guard
Stanley Miller	Navy
Stanley Nelson	Navy
David Pederson	Navy
Jerrad Perkins	Guard
Myron Rosendahl	Army
Derrick Ruether	Guard
Lyle Schutte	Air Force
Lyle Torstenson	Guard
Will Wiebe	Guard
Jerry Wangberg	Air Force

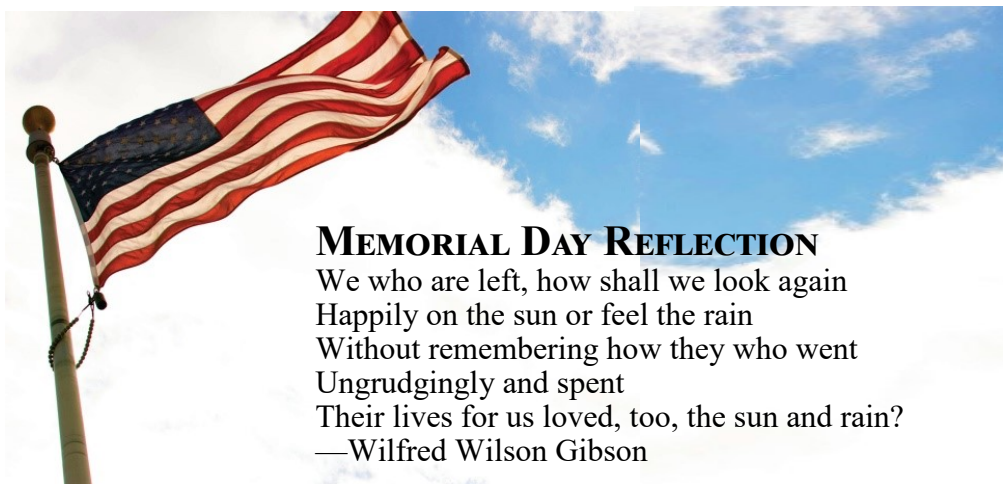
Thank you to Stan and Diane Miller for compiling this list. We sincerely apologize if we have missed anyone and would like to know for future reference. Thank you!

Memorial Day

Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared." Let us remember those who have given their lives for our earthly freedom—and worship the One who died and rose to ensure our eternal freedom.



MEMORIAL DAY REFLECTION

We who are left, how shall we look again
 Happily on the sun or feel the rain
 Without remembering how they who went
 Ungrudgingly and spent
 Their lives for us loved, too, the sun and rain?
 —Wilfred Wilson Gibson

QUILTING GROUP

Quilters will meet on Monday, May 8 and Monday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. Come and go as your schedule allows.

Community Prayer Service

A Community Prayer service will be held at Crossroads Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 16 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come participate.

Free Wi-Fi

To sign-in to the free wi-fi in the church building choose the "Church-guest" network. The password is "guest". To sign-in at the Youth center the password is "guest2255".

Church Council Updates

The Church Council has been undergoing some needed restructuring to realign with the by-laws of the Church, help distribute responsibilities and improve communication among our Church family. Below is a chart of the Council positions, names of current members and what committee each member is assigned to Chair. As an attendee of Dawson Covenant Church you are invited and encouraged to participate in any committee you have an interest in. You do not need to be a member of the Church to be involved with a committee! Your ideas, input and prayers are always welcome! Please know that if you would like to join a committee, or if you have an idea or issue you would like to discuss you can go to the Committee Chair. The chart below, along with contact information for each Council member/Committee Chair, will be posted at church and available for you. Church council meeting notes will be posted on the bulletin board at church as soon as they are approved by the Council. The notes will also be posted on-line at www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org under the “Members” tab. Please also know that with this restructuring Pastor Erik always remains available to each of you if you have any questions or concerns.

Position	Name	Term	Committee Assignment
Chair *	Jerry Wangberg (1/1)	(1)	Chair Governance/Evangelism and Fellowship
Vice-Chair	Lee Ulstad (3)	(1)	Chair Missions
Secretary	Andy Greiner (3/3)	(1)	Chair Administration
Director of Christian Education *	Brandon Ulstad (1/1)	(1)	Chair Christian Education and Personnel
Financial Secretary *	Wendy Robertson (1/1)	(1)	Finance
Treasurer *	Dan Schluter (1/1)	(1)	Chair Finance
	Jill Christie (2/3)	(1)	Chair Worship and Music
	Ashley Tensen (2/3)	(1)	Chair Youth
	Gary Goplen (3)	(1)	Chair Properties
Senior Pastor	Erik Carlson		Ex-officio
Youth Director	Phil Tolbert		Youth (as requested)
Administrative Assistant/ Recorder	Karla Perkins		Administration

Thank You!

On behalf of Emma, a special thank you to everyone who has supported her in YWAM’s Discipleship Training School in Brisbane, Australia. She is doing well and learning lots of new things about our God, her relationship with others and living in a new place. Please follow her blog at <https://emmasywamadventure.wordpress.com/> to see the latest updates. You can also look for YWAM Brisbane on Facebook and you might catch a glimpse of her there too. We are grateful for your financial support as well as your prayers.



Please keep this area of ministry in prayer as we consider how to best utilize the bus in the future.

THIS MONTH'S
birthdays

- 1 Kameron Citrowske
- 2 Pat Lindblad
- 2 Karla Perkins
- 3 Clive Carlson
- 3 Joshua Haugen
- 5 Priscilla Citrowske
- 5 Jan Steele
- 6 Wyatt Wiebe
- 10 Milt Goplen
- 13 Kris Cosentino
- 14 Melinda Robertson
- 17 Kristalyn Hyche
- 20 Tina Harding
- 21 Amanda Miller
- 22 Andy Greiner
- 23 Lucia Gustafson
- 23 Jeff Thompson
- 25 Adam Miller
- 26 Laurel Peterson
- 27 Carolyn Nelson
- 28 Noah Bevis
- 28 Watson Graven

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 June *Pass It On* is Wednesday, May 24.

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Electronic 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. If you have any questions, please see Dan Schluter or Wendy Robertson.

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

Church Website has New Feature

The church website has a new 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. The password will be given out at church once we have uploaded some documents to the page. The church website is: www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org, then click on the "Members" tab.

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

Summer Volunteers Needed

The nursery is need of volunteers for the summer Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Your help is appreciated in keeping the nursery staffed as this is an important area of ministry for our church.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES







Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl
Joel & Kim Delp
Covenant World Missions
Byron & Sue Bruckner-CYAK
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	2	3	4	5	6
		6:00 Open Gym 7:00 Church Council Meeting	7:00 Hi-League at PowerHouse			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Fundraiser/fellowship 10:45 Sunday School / Confirmation 11:30 Hi-League to Marshall	10:00-2:00 Quilting	6:00 Open Gym	6:00 Pioneer Kids & Hi-League at DCC			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30 Worship Service—Senior Sunday 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Fellowship in honor of graduates 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation		6:00 Open Gym 7:00 Community Prayer Meeting at Crossroads	7:00 Hi-League at PowerHouse			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30 Worship Service 10:30 Prayer Meeting 10:45 Sunday School & Confirmation— <i>last day of classes</i> 11:30 Pioneer Kids Hang-out	10:00-2:00 Quilting	6:00 Open Gym	6:00 Pioneer Kids & Hi-League at DCC			
28	29	30	31			
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