

Evangelical Covenant Church

May 21, 2023

Life at ECC

Chuck Potts
Pastor of Young Adults

Worship in Song

“This Is Amazing Grace”
“Divine Exchange”
“Abide”

Morning Prayer

Kelli Holland
Council

Graduate Recognition

Children’s Message

Children’s Invitation

Scripture Reading

Scott Warner
[1 Peter 2:11-17](#)

Sermon

Pastor Stacey Littlefield
**Strangers in a Strange Land:
The Way of the Cross**

Worship in Song

“Resurrender”

Benediction

Next Week’s Scripture

[1 Peter 2:18-25](#)

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THIS WEEK AT ECC

Today 9:00am Adult Christian Formation, Great Room
10:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
Toddler Nursery (Birth-3 year olds)
Kids Out Loud (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5
mid-service, Kids Out Loud (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
11:45am 4th and 5th Grade Gathering, Life Center
1:00pm Congregational Meeting, Life Center Auditorium
5:15pm Fusion, Innovation

Wednesday 6:30am Men's Bible Study, Zoom
6:30pm Men's Group, Room 10
5:30pm Youth Group, Life Center

Thursday 9:00am Women's Coffee and Mural Tour, Sacred Grounds
5:30pm Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center

Save the Date

June 5-9 Summer XP

Graduating High Schoolers: Alex Focosi, Aria Davis, Ben Waninger, Elise Louk, Joslyn Bishop, Nate Waninger, Nathan Park, Reina Sheets

Congregational Meeting: Our next congregational meeting is TODAY at 1:00pm. This will be an in-person meeting, only. We will hear ministry and financial reports, vote on new members, and more. Some of the voting will be done electronically, so everyone will need a phone, tablet, or computer to participate.

Summer XP: Calling all heroes! We need you to join us for Summer XP, our kids summer Bible experience, June 5-9! Join us at Miller Elementary each evening as we answer the call to serve God, bring peace, and build each other up. Every hero has a role to play, so we hope to see you there! [Register Today!](#)

Summer XP Donations: We are looking for specific materials for some of the science activities that we will be doing at Summer XP this year. If you'd like to make a donation, please check out our list of needs [here](#). We will be collecting empty plastic water bottles (12-20oz size) and paper towel tubes at church from now until Summer XP. There will be a collection box in the church lobby where you can drop these things off.

Triple L Event: Our Senior Adult group will be touring the 3 Purdue Animal Hospitals on May 24 at 11:30am. The tour will last approximately 1½ hours followed by a light lunch at Faith West. The cost for the tour and lunch is \$7 per person and the tour is limited to 20 people. Sign up [here](#) to attend or contact [Paul Ziemer](#).

LifeGroups: If you have not yet signed up for a LifeGroup (our small groups ministry), but might be interested in the future, please let us know by [signing up](#). We will keep you updated when groups are open and new groups are being formed. We plan to do this two or three times a year.

Adult Christian Formation: Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. The Adult Sunday School Class has started a study based on the book *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?* by Tim Keller.

Men's Ministry

- **Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship:** Join us each week at 6:30am. The Wednesday Morning Men's group is studying *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancey. This group is currently meeting via Zoom. For an invite, please email [Ken Ritchey](mailto:Ken.Ritchey). We'd love to see you there!
- **Wednesday Evening Study:** Pastor Kurt's weekly study, currently studying 1 Peter, meets at 6:30pm on Wednesdays in Room 10. We hope you can join us.

Women's Ministry

- **Coffee and Murals:** Gather on May 25 at Sacred Grounds Reclaimed (724 Wabash Avenue) for a morning of conversation and connection. Breakfast and coffee available for purchase. Drop by any time from 9:00-11:00am. Then at 11:00am, we will start the mural walk through the neighborhood. We hope you can [join us!](#)
- **Ladies Dinner Out:** Ladies, on June 14 at 6:00pm, we will be gathering for dinner at Christos (3291 Teal Rd). We will have dinner and an evening of conversation and connection with other women. The only cost is what you pay for your own dinner. We hope to see you there! RSVP is appreciated. Sign up [here](#).

Youth Car Wash: You are invited to participate in the final Community Live-In discipleship summer trip fundraiser. On Friday, June 2 from 2-5pm and Saturday, June 3 from 8-11am, bring your cars to a FREE car wash here in the church parking lot. The car wash is FREE because the students are getting family and friends to sponsor our team to wash as many cars as possible for 6 hours only. If you would like to support our students efforts, you can do so in three different ways: 1) Sponsor or make a flat donation to our team by contacting any of the students or leaders directly, 2) Bring your car to be washed, and/or 3) Volunteer to help our team rinse, scrub, wash and dry cars so that we can make the process as fast as possible. Please see [Pastor Chuck](#) for details and questions.

Youth Ministry

- **High School Night:** Our last H.S. Youth Night for the school year will be Wednesday, May 24. All 8th-12th grade students are invited! We will meet an hour early (5:30pm) and have dinner together as a part of our night. We hope to see all our ECC students and friends there!
- **Fusion:** Students 6th - 12th grade are invited to join us on Sunday nights at Fusion during the school year! We meet with three other Lafayette south side churches for a combined youth group experience, and we rotate locations each month. We will meet at Innovation (2502 Mondavi Blvd) on May 21.

4th and 5th Grade Gathering: Our 4th and 5th grade students are invited to join us after church TODAY for lunch, Bible study, games, and more! We'll meet over in the Life Center, starting after worship, and going until 1:45pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Please contact [Pastor Kristin](#) for more details.

Covenant Annual Meeting: Each year, delegates from Covenant Churches across the country meet to celebrate the mission of the Covenant church, vote on the budget, make policy decisions, welcome new churches, ordain clergy and missionaries, and pray and worship together. This year, the Annual Meeting of our denomination will take place in Garden Grove, California June 28-July 1. ECC can send up to four delegates to this meeting. Registration fees will be paid and scholarships for travel costs are available. Please email council@ecclife.net if you are interested in taking part. You can learn more [here](#).

Soul Training: Spiritual growth (transformation) comes when we participate with the Holy Spirit through "training our souls". We can pursue this work by engaging in practices that create space for God to do His forming work in us. Because sometimes it is hard to know where to start or it is helpful to explore new practices, we have created and curated resources to help us invest in our own spiritual formation, individually and together. As always, we invite you to do as you can, not as you can't. Consider [choosing one practice](#) to explore as you engage with God.

- **30-Day Gospel Reading Plan:** One of the best ways to get to know God is by getting to know Jesus. One of the best ways to get to know Jesus is by regularly reading the gospels. We are encouraging everyone to be intentional about how we engage with God through scripture and to move toward having a regular rhythm of engaging with God and his word. We have a guide available [here](#).
- **Daily Audio Bible:** In about 20-30 minutes per day, you will hear the entire Bible in a year (and it's not too late to sign up)! We are making this journey together, listening to God's word independently yet encouraging each other and sharing the truths God reveals to us for the first time or in new and exciting ways. Want to make this journey in community? Sign up to join a [men's](#) or [women's](#) group.

Luella Larson Scholarship: Applications are being accepted through May for the Luella Larson Scholarship for attending North Park University or Seminary. Regular attendees of an Evangelical Covenant church in Indiana are eligible. The amount awarded is based on the number of qualifying applicants and the number of credit hours registered for the 2023-2024 academic year. Applicants should fill out the attached [application](#) and email it to council@ecclife.net by May 31st. The Lafayette ECC council will determine the award amounts and inform applicants by June 30, 2023.

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Please Pray For:

Comfort: Connie Sale in the passing of her mom Judy Wever

Upcoming Surgery: Betty Bergmark 5/26

Recovery from Surgery: Michael Arman, Todd Crum, Pam Crum, Deb Fife, Shirley Rice, BethAnn Rogers-Bird

Health Concerns

ECC Attenders: Marilyn Grenat, Maxine Balkema, Freda Brock, John Brock, Bonnie Brockman, Stan and Nancy Crum, Mick Denhardt, Marge Elliott, Tammy Faulkinbury, Shelly Fishback, Vickie Henry, Brian Jewell, River Lail, Margaret Maitlen, Judi Stanfield, Debbie Trella, Janet VanBuskirk, Ben Waninger, Nate Waninger, Jane Warner, Dawn Witter

ECC Attenders' Family: Kim Gibson's mom (Kay Brady), Kyra McIntosh's dad (Mike), John Barrett's sister (Pat Sheahan), Lynette Hamer's mom (Caroline Wiatt), Pam Gellenbeck's brother (Mike Swindle), Bill Senesac's brother (Don Senesac), April Wiley's dad and stepmom (David and Mary Holscher), Linda Jones' husband (Roy Jones) and father (Don Nelson), Sandy Waninger's father (Jim Siegfried), Matt Waninger's sister (Lisa Reynolds) and brother (Brian Waninger), Lisa Kohl's brother (Tony Kohl), Kari Ekenstedt's father (Bob Ekenstedt) and mother (Sheila), Linda Shute's mother (Judy Shute)

Mission of the Week: Gifts of Grace, Lafayette

Service Person of the Week: Jerry Fisher, Army, Greg and Lisa Crapo's Son

Prayer Focus: Pastors: Stacey Littlefield, Kurt Kincanon, Kristin Devine Mueller, Chuck Potts

Care Team: As Care Team members, our hope is to care for and support those who are hurting during challenging times. We will listen, be present with you, and pray for you. Please respond [here](#) to have one of our referrals coordinators contact you.

Stewardship at a Glance

May Budget (4 wks)	\$61,539	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.22-4.30.23	\$676,923
Weekly Amount Needed	\$15,385	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.22-4.30.23	\$698,943
Last Week's Offering	\$17,538	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.22-4.30.23	\$714,000
May Amnt Received (2 wks)	\$36,461		
May Amnt Needed (2 wks)	\$25,077		

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