

Evangelical Covenant Church

April 28, 2024

Life at ECC

Chuck Potts
Pastor of Young Adults

Mission Spotlights

Annual Meeting

Worship in Song

“The Lion and The Lamb”
“My Testimony”
“Abide”

Morning Prayer

Kristin Mueller
Pastor of Families and Children

Children’s Message and Blessing

Scripture Reading

Kim Littlefield
[Revelation 19:11-16](#)

Sermon

Pastor Stacey Littlefield
**The Story of Everything:
The Beginning of the End**

Worship in Song

“What a Beautiful Name”

Benediction

Next Week’s Scripture

[Revelation 21-22](#)

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THIS WEEK AT ECC

Today	9:00am	Adult Christian Formation, Great Room
	10:30am	Worship, Sanctuary and Online Toddler Nursery (Birth-3 years old) Kids Out Loud (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5 <i>mid-service</i> , Kids Out Loud (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
	12:00pm	Intro to ECC, Great Room
	6:30pm	Youth Group Plus, Life Center
Monday	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
	6:30pm	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30pm	Men's Group, Room 10
	6:30pm	Youth Group, Life Center
Thursday	3:00pm	Miller Afterschool JAM, Life Center
	5:30pm	Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
Friday	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
Saturday	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym

Save the Date

May 19	Congregational Meal and Meeting
June 4-6	Summer XP

Intro to ECC: We are holding our Introduction to ECC class, TODAY at noon. The class includes lunch and will last 2 and a half to three hours. If you're interested in learning more about ECC, we would love to have you join us. This class is required for those who wish to join ECC, but taking part in the class does not obligate you to do so.

Graduates: We will be honoring our graduating seniors in worship on Sunday, June 9. If you are a graduating senior or have a graduating senior in your house, please fill out the [form here](#).

Serving Opportunities: So many people faithfully serve up front and behind the scenes every week here at ECC—and we are thankful! Finding a place to serve is an important way to support and engage our mission.

- If you enjoy making outdoor areas look beautiful including our Rain Garden and Biblical Herb Garden, ECC has several landscaped areas that are maintained by ECC attenders, and we are looking for more volunteers. It is roughly a twice-a-month commitment to weed and maintain an adopted landscaped area. If you are interested in adopting one or more of these landscape areas, please [email Pastor Kurt](#) for more information or sign up on our Serve page.

Summer XP: It's time for Summer XP at Miller Elementary School! This year, we're planning to share the best of Summer XP with students for three evenings: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 4-6. Each night will be filled with dinner, music, Bible stories, activities, and games. We're looking for adults and teens who are excited to serve, and we're looking for students entering Kindergarten through 5th grade who are excited to participate. [Registration](#) is now open on our website. Contact [Pastor Kristin](#) with any questions.

Book Club: Join us for our first ever men's and women's book club! We will meet on Thursday, May 9 at 7:00pm, in the ECC Great Room, to discuss *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann. *The Wager* is a grand tale of human behavior at the extremes told by one of our greatest nonfiction writers. We hope you can join us for this thrilling book. Find out more at [here](#) and get reading today!

Adult Christian Formation: Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. This adult class is doing a series entitled *Old Testament Survey*.

Men's Ministry

- **Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship:** Join us each week at 6:30am. The Wednesday Morning Men's group is studying a commentary by NT Wright on Romans 1-8. This group is currently meeting via Zoom. For an invite, please email [Ken Ritchey](#). We'd love to see you there!
- **Wednesday Evening Study:** Pastor Kurt's weekly study meets Wednesdays in Room 10 at 6:30pm. They will do a one hour inductive bible study that tracks with our sermon series. We hope you can join them.
- **Men's Softball:** ECC's Men's softball team is looking for a few new players! This is a fall league and will include 12-15 Monday evening games plus a tournament. It is not a competitive team, but ideally you should know how to play. Cost to join is about \$50 plus a jersey. If interested contact Nick Rambo.

Women's Ministry:

- **Women's Breakfast:** On May 18 at 9:30am, we will be gathering for breakfast at Cristo's (3291 Teal Rd). We will have breakfast and conversation and connection with other women. The only cost is what you pay for your own meal. We hope to see you there! [RSVP is appreciated](#).

MOPS/MOMSNext: Whether expecting your first or sending your last off to college, MOPS/MOMSNext has a place for you! MOPS/MOMSNext exists to nurture a community that allows each mom to grow as an individual and in relationships with her family, other moms, and Jesus. Our next meeting is May 14 from 9:30-11:30am. [MOPS/MOMSNext](#) is open to any mom in the community, so we encourage you to invite neighbors and friends who might be looking for a place to connect!

Youth:

- **Gatherings:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings throughout the semester for a time of snacks, getting to know other students, Bible study, and small group. We meet from 6:30-8:00pm each Wednesday in the Life Center. Doors open at 6pm each week for those who would like to arrive early. Contact [Pastor Kristin](#) or [Pastor Chuck](#) with questions.
- **Youth Group Plus:** All Middle and High School students are invited to join us in the Life Center on the 4th Sunday of every month, from 6:30-8:00pm, for a night of community together. Tonight is our last gathering of the school year.

Children's Ministry:

- Our nursery, preschool, and kindergarten children meet in the main building, down the hall from our worship space. You can check in for these classes at the west entrance table. Our 1st-5th grade students begin in worship with their families. Midway through our worship service, they are invited to a class in the Life Center building.

Central Conference Celebration: Mark your calendars to celebrate the things God is doing in the Central Conference! The Central Conference Celebration will take place on May 2-4. The Central Conference Ministerial Association gathers from May 2-3, and delegates from the Central Conference churches gather for the Central Conference (CCECC) annual meeting, May 3-4. Delegates will meet at Batavia Covenant Church in Batavia, IL. ECC can send up to 4 delegates. If you would like to attend [contact Pastor Kristin](#). You may find more details on the [Central Conference Celebration website](#).

Pickle Ball at ECC: Pickle ball is now available at ECC!! If you've never played, now's the time to get involved! We'll teach you how to play. We have 3 courts and plenty of spare paddles and game balls. Just be sure to wear tennis shoes. We're open to all levels of play and especially looking forward to making new friends. We'll limit play to members and attenders of ECC and their invited guest. If you would like to get an email with schedule updates let us know [here](#).

Please Pray For:

Birth: Sam and Meghan McClellan on the birth of their daughter, Norah Renee, born 4.26.24

Recovery from Surgery: Matthias Hatke, Nancy Crum, Marilyn Ziemer, Allen Busenitz

Health Concerns

ECC Attenders: Terri Clark, Matt Helmerick, Westyn Antonian, Marilyn Grenat, Destiny Hatke, Esau Hatke, Maxine Balkema, Freda Brock, John Brock, Bonnie Brockman, Marge Elliott, Tammy Faulkinbury, Shelly Fishback, Vickie Henry, River Lail, Margaret Maitlen, Judy Shute, Judi Stanfield, Jill Taul, Jane Warner, Dawn Witter

ECC Attenders' Family: John and Andrea Barrett's niece (Jenn Edwards), Deb Burrow's parents (Chuck and Rosemary Vendl), Reba Kinder's sister (Trudi Morgan), 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)

Mission of the Week: Isaiah 117 House Ministry, Foster Care Ministry, Lafayette

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

Prayer Focus: Administrative Staff: Office Assistant (Danielle Clark), Communications Coordinator (Ginny Quesada), Financial Team (Pastor Kurt Kincanon, Kelli Hodgson, Denny Mellon, Carla Weathers)

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

April Budget (4 wks)	\$65,283	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.23-3.31.23	\$652,830
Weekly Amount Needed	\$16,321	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.23-3.31.23	\$626,576
Last Week's Offering	\$10,688	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.23-3.31.23	\$671,773
April Amnt Received (3 wks)	\$39,915		
April Amnt Needed (1 wks)	\$25,368		

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