

Evangelical Covenant Church

July 31, 2022

Call to Worship

“Your Love Never Fails”

Life at ECC

Kurt Kincanon
Administrative Pastor

Mission Spotlight

Travis and Sharon

Children’s Message

Worship in Song

“Graves into Gardens”
“Reckless Love”

Morning Prayer

Kate Cogswell
Director of Women’s Ministry and Spiritual Formation

Children’s Invitation

Scripture Reading

Kim Littlefield
[Genesis 11:1-9](#)

Sermon

Pastor Stacey Littlefield
**In the Beginning:
The Gospel in Advance**

Worship in Song

“Fresh Wind”

Benediction

Next Week’s Scripture

[Acts 2:42-47, 2 Peter 1:3-8](#)

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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 <i>mid-service, Kids Out Loud</i> (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
	12:00pm	Travis and Sharon Lunch, Great Room
	5:15pm	Youth Fusion Event, Hole in One Family Fun
Tuesday	7:00pm	Women's Book Discussion, Great Room
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Bible Study, Zoom
Thursday	5:30pm	Bauer Community Center Meal, Bauer
Saturday	8:30pm	Youth Movie Night, Outside Life Center

Save the Date:

August 28	Community Picnic
November 11-13	Women's Retreat

Miller Carnival: It's hard to believe that school will be starting back up soon! ECC has the privilege of partnering with staff from Miller Elementary School and Bauer Community Center to bless Miller School families with a Back To School Carnival. The carnival will take place on Monday, August 8 from 5-7 PM and ECC is in charge of the meal and 10 carnival games. It takes at least 20 people to make things run smoothly! There are still plenty of spots to choose from. If you've been meaning to sign up but haven't, PLEASE do so today! You can [sign up](#) at here or contact [Ronda](#) with any questions.

LifeGroups: Our [LifeGroups page](#) is up and running. You can go there now to read about what LifeGroups are, to sign up to express your interest in taking part in a LifeGroup this fall, OR--and this is important--to let us know if you are currently part of a small group that could become a LifeGroup in the fall.

Missions Lunch: We are delighted to announce that our friends in mission, Travis and Sharon from West Asia, will be joining us for a luncheon sponsored by the Missions Commission, today at 12:00pm, where you can hear a more detailed update on their mission experiences.

Third Grade Bibles: We will be presenting our 3rd grade students with a Bible during our worship service on Sunday, August 14. If you have a 3rd grade student, please be sure to let us know through this [form](#) so that we have a Bible ready for your child. If your family attends worship in person, please plan to be with us on this Sunday. If you are worshipping at home, we will bring a Bible to you prior to August 14 and record a video to share in worship that day.

Adult Christian Formation: Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. The Adult Sunday School Class is studying Jesus' farewell address in John 13-17.

Men's Ministry:

- **Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship:** Men, please join us each week at 6:30am. The ECC Wednesday Morning Men's group is studying the book of James. This group is currently meeting via Zoom. For an invite, please email [Ken Ritchey](mailto:ken@ecc.net). We'd love to see you there!

Women's Ministry:

- **Book Discussion:** Join fellow readers August 2, 7:00pm, in the ECC Great Room, to discuss *While We're Far Apart* by Lynn Austin. Lynn Austin loves to blend storytelling and interesting history, and *While We're Far Apart* is no exception. Visit [here](#) for more information and to sign up.
- **Kingdom Encounters:** Join us for a celebration among women of our Living God in song, scripture, and stories. We will gather on August 20 from 9:30 - 11:30am for food, fellowship, worship and testimonies! Advance [registration](#) is greatly appreciated.
- **Women's Retreat:** Ladies, this year, our Women's retreat will move to the second weekend of November. Mark your calendars for November 11-13 and watch for more information to come soon.

Youth

- **Ice Cream Night:** Students entering 6th-12th grade (and their families) are invited to join us for ice cream on Thursday night, August 25, from 6:30-8:00pm at Budes in Lafayette.
- **Fusion:** Fusion is on summer break! We will have an event each month for our students to get together over the summer. Tonight, July 31, ECC will host students in 6th-12th grade from 5:15-7:00pm at Hole in One mini golf (311 Meijer Drive). Dress to impress in your favorite Hawaiian gear! If you're able, please send \$3 with your student to help cover the cost of golf. There is also a concession stand with snacks available for purchase.
- **Youth Movie Night:** Youth entering grades 6-12 are invited to join us for an outdoor movie night! We'll set up the big screen and pop the popcorn – bring a friend, a blanket or a chair, and meet us outside the Life Center on Saturday, August 6. We'll start to gather around 8:30 and show the movie as soon as it's dark enough to do so! Keep an eye out for which feature film we will be showing!

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Please Pray For:

Recovery from Surgery: Angie Pendley, Joy Mykytiuk, Kevin Gibson, Beth Simpson, Greg Crapo, Matthias Hatke, Shelly Fishback, Bill Senesac, Theresa Koger, Mick Denhardt

Health Concerns

ECC Attenders: Marilyn Grenat, John Brock, Max Balkema, Maxine Balkema, Freda Brock, Bonnie Brockman, Stan Crum, Phil Denhardt, Marge Elliott, Tammy Faulkinbury, Vickie Henry, River Lail, Margaret Maitlen, Judi Stanfield, Debbie Trella, Janet VanBuskirk, Ben Waninger, Nate Waninger, Dawn Witter

ECC Attenders' Family: John Barrett's sister (Patt 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), Tammy Poindexter's mother (Sandy Wolf), 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: Travis and Sharon, West Asia

Service Person of the Week: Scott Andrews, USMC, Linda Slabaugh's grandson

Prayer Focus: LifeGroups, Christian Formation, and leaders

Stewardship at a Glance

July Budget (5 wks)	\$76,923	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.21-6.30.22	\$890,000
Weekly amount needed	\$15,385	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.21-6.30.22	\$793,026
Last week's offering	\$9,435	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.21-6.30.22	\$770,300
July Amt Received (4 wks)	\$58,923		
July Amt Needed (1 wks)	\$18,000		

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