

Evangelical Covenant Church

May 28, 2023

Life at ECC

Kurt Kincanon
Administrative Pastor

Worship in Song

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty”
“Ancient Gates”
“King Of Kings”

Morning Prayer

Kristin Mueller
Pastor of Families and Children

Children’s Message

Children’s Invitation

Scripture Reading

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

Sermon

Pastor Chuck Potts
**Strangers in a Strange Land:
Do What is Right,
Regardless of How You Feel**

Worship in Song

“Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)”

Benediction

Next Week’s Scripture

[1 Peter 3:1-7](#)

To Know God, Follow Jesus, and Pursue God's Purposes in the World

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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

Monday Office Closed

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

Thursday 5:30pm Pervasive Prayer, Prayer Room
5:30pm Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center

Friday 2:00-5:00pm Youth Car Wash, ECC Parking Lot

Saturday 8:00-11:00am Youth Car Wash, ECC Parking Lot

Save the Date

June 5-9 Summer XP

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.

Israel Trip: Registration is open for the January 2024 trip to Israel with Pastor Kurt and Jo Kincanon and Kate and Todd Cogswell, along with Covenant Pastor Dr. John Delancey and Biblical Israel Ministries and Tours. Details and registration links can be found [here](#).

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](#). 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

- **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.

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.

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.

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](#).

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.

Please Pray For:

Comfort: Connie Sale in the passing of her mother, Judy Wever

Recovery from Surgery: Betty Bergmark, 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: Eugenio and Pia Restrepo, Covenant Missionaries, Latin America

Service Person of the Week: Cole Hardin, Marines, Amber Hatke's Son

Prayer Focus: Men's Ministry: Pastor Kurt Kincanon, Wednesday Fellowships and Studies, Men's Commission

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)	\$61,538	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	\$11,334	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.22-4.30.23	\$714,000
May Amnt Received (3 wks)	\$47,795		
May Amnt Needed (1 wks)	\$13,743		

Go to ecclife.net/connect to find out ways you can connect with others in the ECC community.



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