Evangelical Covenant Church
May 1, 2022

Call to Worship — "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Life at ECC — Kristin Mueller
Pastor of Families and Children

Children's Message

Worship in Song — "Great Are You Lord"
"How Great Thou Art"

Morning Prayer — Ronda Ooms
Director of Community Outreach

Children's Invitation

Scripture Reading — Genesis 1:1-13
Mary Anne Cecil

Sermon — Pastor Stacey Littlefield
In the Beginning:
What Love Does

Communion

Worship in Song — "So Will I (100 Billion X)"

Benediction

Next Week's Scripture — Genesis 1:24-2:3

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THIS WEEK AT ECC

Today	9:00am	Adult Christian Formation, Great Room and Zoom
	10:30am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
		Toddler Nursery (Birth-3 year olds)
		Kids **O**ut **L**oud (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5
		mid-service, **K**ids **O**ut **L**oud (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
Tuesday	6:30pm	NETpm Women's Bible Study, Great Room
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30pm	Men's Group, Room 10
	7:00pm	ECC Care Team Follow-up, Great Room
Thursday	9:30am	NETam Women's Bible Study, Great Room
	5:30pm	Pervasive Prayer, Prayer Room
	5:30pm	Bauer Community Center Meal - Carry Out
Saturday	2:00pm	Ladies' Tea, Great Room
Friday - Saturday		Men's Retreat

Save the Date:

May 15	Congregational Meal and Meeting
May 21	Global 6k
June 6-10	Summer XP

Believers' Baptism: We will be holding Believer Baptisms on May 15. For those who have come to know and seek to follow Christ, baptism can be an important step. Baptism is an outward and visible sign of something that is inward and invisible. It's the place we make public profession of our faith in Christ, making it known to others. If you've never been baptized and feel that you are at that place in your own faith journey where it is time to take that step, we invite you sign up here so we can contact you with more information.

Congregational Meeting and Fellowship Meal: Our next congregational meeting is Sunday, May 15, following the worship service. And we are pleased to announce the return of the fellowship meal. The meal will start after the service with the meeting following around 1pm. We have much to discuss and vote on, including new member applicants, so please plan to attend! Please sign up before Tuesday, May 10, if you plan to attend the meal and/or if you need child care for the meeting.

Greeters Needed: We would love you to join our team in welcoming our congregation and visitors into the church on Sunday Mornings. Please sign up here if you have interest in serving.

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Adult Christian Formation: Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. The Adult Sunday School Class is studying Matthew chapters 14-28.

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. We'd love to see you there!

- **Wednesday Evening Men's Group:** Join Pastor Kurt at 6:30pm, each Wednesday, in Room 10 for an Inductive Bible Study of the Gospel of John. Bring a bible or we will supply one.

- **Men's Retreat:** Men, please join us Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, for our 2022 ECC Men's Retreat. Our theme this year is *VITAL SIGNS: Getting Healthy, Staying Healthy, Inside and Out.* Our guest speaker will be Chris Croyts, Director of Discipleship at Castleton United Methodist Church. In addition to great teaching, we will enjoy good food and have fun together during our free time (zip line, frisbee golf, shooting, hiking, and more!). The cost is $95/person, which includes Friday dinner, and all three meals on Saturday. Register here.

Women's Ministry:

- **NETam/pm:** Beginning April 19 and 21, the 5-week *Be Still Series* will equip us and our NET community to learn together how to develop a regular rhythm and deeper daily relationship with God. Childcare is available for NETam. Register Here.

- **Women's Tea:** Ladies, join us for the upcoming Women's Tea Event on May 7 at 2:00pm in ECC's Great Room. Come enjoy some yummy snacks and a selection of wonderful teas to try. This is open to women of all ages, middle school and up. There will be a suggested donation of $5 to attend. Invite a mother, sister, neighbor, or friend! Childcare is available upon request. RSVP here.

- **Women's Picnic:** Ladies, join us on May 21 at 12:00pm for our Ladies' picnic at Columbian Park. Come hang out with us in the sunshine! We will have our picnic at the large yellow shelter closest to the playground. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Let us know if you plan to attend.

Summer XP: Registration is now open for Summer XP, our summer Bible experience for kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade! Join us as we Make Waves and learn that when we put our trust in Jesus, His Spirit works through us to change the world around us. We will meet in the evenings at Miller Elementary School the week of June 6-10, with an online option available. Children and volunteers are invited to register online here.

Youth Fusion: Students in 5th through 12th grade are invited to join us on Sunday nights at Fusion! We meet with 3 other Lafayette Southside churches for a combined youth group experience, and we rotate locations each month. On May 1, 15, and 22 we will meet at Lafayette Community Church from 5:15-7:00pm.

Global 6k: Join us at ECC on May 21 at 9:00am as we walk or run 6k to raise money for clean water with World Vision. 6K is the average distance a person in the developing world must walk to find water, which is often contaminated. Each $50 registration fee covers the cost of clean water for one person. Register here.

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Please Pray For:

Recovery from Surgery: Cheryl Pickering, Dave Shoemaker, Shelly Fishback, Bill Senesac, Theresa Koger, Joy Mykytiuk, Mick Denhardt

Health Concerns

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

ECC Attenders' Family: 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: Tammy Faulkinbury, Covenant Mountain Mission, Virginia

Service Person of the Week: Caleb Crum, Air Force, Todd and Pam Crum's son

Prayer Focus: Men's Retreat

Stewardship at a Glance

April Budget 4wks	$68,462	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.21-3.31.22	$667,500
Weekly amount needed	$17,115	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.21-3.31.22	$602,751
Last week's offering	$7,938	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.21-3.31.22	$573,024
April Amt Received (4wks)	$52,616		
May Amt Needed (5 wks)	$85,577		

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To give online, follow this link or follow the link in the Bible App.