

Evangelical Covenant Church

January 28, 2024

Life at ECC

Chuck Potts
Pastor of Young Adults

Mission Spotlight

Jim and Hydi Peterson

Worship in Song

"Great Things"
"Take My Life"
"Abide"

Morning Prayer

Stacey Littlefield
Lead Pastor

Children's Message and Blessing

Scripture Reading

Kim Littlefield
[Matthew 11:28-30, Romans 12:1-2](#)

Sermon

Kate Cogswell
Director of Spiritual Formation
and Women's Ministry
**Practicing the Way of Jesus:
Apprenticeship**

Worship in Song

"Available"

Benediction

Next Week's Scripture

[Revelation 8:7-13, 9:1-21](#)

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

THIS WEEK AT ECC

Today 9:00am Adult Christian Formation, Great Room
 10:30am Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online
 Toddler Nursery (Birth-3 years old)
 Kids **Out Loud** (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5
 mid-service, Kids **Out Loud** (1st-5th Grade), 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 Youth Group, Life Center
 6:30pm Men's Group, Room 10

Thursday 3:00pm Miller Afterschool JAM, Life Center
 5:30pm Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
 5:30pm Pervasive Prayer, Prayer Room

Friday 9:00am ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym

Save the Date

February 14 Ash Wednesday

Care Team Training: The Care Team will be offering training on Saturday, February 17, 9:00am-3:00pm. (Lunch included.) If you're interested in walking alongside others who are going through difficult times, the Care Team might be a great place for you to serve! Training covers many topics including how to listen well, the importance of both presence and prayer, confidentiality, and boundaries. Please [sign up](#) in advance (no later than Feb.11) so leaders can get in touch with you to discuss the commitment.

Ash Wednesday: Join us for our Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00pm. We invite you to participate either here in the sanctuary or online. We look forward to worshipping with you.

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

Triple L: Join our Senior Adults for a game of [Bunco](#) on February 1 at 11:30am, in the ECC Great Room. There will be a light lunch followed by a round of Bunco. It is a great way to have fun and interact with everyone. [Pre-registration](#) is greatly appreciated so we have enough food and tables. Cost is \$7.00 per person at the door. We are looking forward to getting together for the first time in 2024!

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 resumes this week and meets Wednesdays in Room 10. They will do a one hour inductive bible study that tracks with our sermon series. We hope you can join us.

Women's Ministry:

- **Popcorn and Projects:** Ladies, please join us for another Popcorn & Projects event on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00pm in the Great Room! Bring whatever project you're working on and enjoy fellowship (and popcorn) while you work. We also will be assembling gift bags for our DCS service project and [would love your help!](#)
- **DCS Appreciation Service Project:** We want to celebrate together this morning - all the hearts and items to donate to show our appreciation to the Department of Child Services case workers have been selected! Thank you! We are grateful for your generosity, and we know the DCS workers will be encouraged too. Please be sure to bring your donations to the church office by Sunday, February 11th. The gift bags will be assembled at the Ladies' Popcorn and Projects event.
- **NET:** Ladies, the Women's Ministry NET Bible studies will begin soon. NETpm begins Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30pm and NETam Thursday, February 22 at 9:30am. Watch for details coming soon!

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 February 13 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!

1935 "The Big Game" Watch Party: All young adults (roughly age 19-35) are invited to a party on Sunday, February 11 at 6:00pm to watch the Super Bowl. Whether you LOVE football, or would just have fun watching the commercials and halftime show, we hope you will join us for this fun time together! The party is being hosted by Courtney Fitzsimons at their new home in West Point (about 15 minutes from ECC). You are welcome to bring an appetizer to share. Please sign-up [here](#).

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.
- **UNITE 2024:** After 6 long years, our denomination's triennial youth event, Unite (formerly known as CHIC), will return in July 2024! All students currently in 8th-12th grade will be invited to attend this incredible event with our youth group. [Register here](#) or contact [Pastor Chuck](#) for more information.
- **Young Life:** Youth 9th-12th grade, join Young Life on 2/5, 2/12, and 2/26 in the life center. It will be a time to connect with your Young Life leaders and friends in a small group setting. We will catch up with one another, watch the Club video, and take a few moments to process the Club Talk together.

4th/5th Grade Gatherings: Our 4th and 5th grade students are invited to join us February 11 for lunch, Bible study, games, and more! We'll meet over in the Life Center, starting after worship, and go until 1:45pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Please contact [Pastor Kristin](#) for more details.

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.

Soul Training: Explore our [Soul Training page](#) where you will find an introduction to spiritual practices and a wide variety of places to begin or add to your own transformational journey.

Pickle Ball at ECC: Pickle ball is now available at ECC!! We will be playing every Monday, Friday, and Saturday morning at 9:00am and on Monday evenings at 6:00pm through out the month of January. 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](#).

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 are looking for a way to get more involved in the ministry and mission of ECC, you can [let us know here](#). Remember, it will take all of us serving together for us to become a community of people who know God, follow Jesus, and pursue God's purposes in the world, and we'd love to have you join us!

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Please Pray For:

Comfort: Sue Cox and the Cox family in the passing of Sue's father, Bob Windler

Health Concerns

ECC Attendees: Marilyn Ziemer, 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, Dave Shoemaker, Judi Stanfield, Jill Taul, Janet VanBuskirk, Jane Warner, Dawn Witter

ECC Attendees' 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), Linda Shute's mother (Judy Shute)

Mission of the Week: Jim and Hydi Peterson, Covenant Missionaries, Japan

Service Person of the Week: Collin Moody, Navy, Mike and Sharon Arman's Grandson

Prayer Focus: Meal Ministries: Miller Meals, Bauer Meals, Miller Backpack program, Meal Trains

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

January Budget (4 wks)	\$65,284	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.23-12.31.23	\$440,660
Weekly Amount Needed	\$16,321	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.23-12.31.23	\$418,042
Last Week's Offering	\$11,000	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.23-12.31.23	\$453,441
January Amnt Received (3 wks)	\$55,584		
January Amnt Needed (1 wks)	\$9,700		

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