

# Evangelical Covenant Church

## September 17, 2023

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Life at ECC

Stacey Littlefield  
Lead Pastor

Worship in Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”  
“What a Beautiful Name”  
“God With Us”

Morning Prayer

Chuck Potts  
Pastor of Young Adults

Children’s Message

Children’s Blessing

Scripture Reading

Kate Cogswell  
[Revelation 2:12-17](#)

Sermon

Pastor Kurt Kincanon  
**The Story of Everything:  
Trust Over Compromise**

Worship in Song

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

Benediction

Next Week’s Scripture

[Revelation 2:18-29](#)

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## THIS WEEK AT ECC

<b>Today</b>	9:00am	Adult Christian Formation, Great Room
	10:30am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online Toddler Nursery (Birth-3 year olds) Kids <b>Out Loud</b> (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5 <i>mid-service</i> , Kids <b>Out Loud</b> (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
	12:00pm	1935 Lunch, Life Center
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
	6:30pm	Men's Monthly Meal, Walt's Other Pub
	6:30pm	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30am	Men's Bible Study, Zoom
	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
	11:00am	Triple L Picnic, Wea Creek Orchard
	6:30pm	Men's Group, Room 10
	6:30pm	Youth Group, Life Center
	6:30pm	NETpm Women's Bible Study, Great Room
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30am	NETam Women's Bible Study, Great Room
	5:30pm	Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
	5:30pm	Pervasive Prayer, Prayer Room
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym

### **Save the Date**

September 24	Intro to ECC
November 10-12	Women's Retreat
October 29	Congregational Meeting

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**Care Team Training:** Are you interested in joining our Care Team? Our ECC Care Team members care for and support those who are hurting during challenging times. We listen, are present, and pray with those in need. Our next training will be on September 23 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. [RSVP here.](#)

**Intro to ECC:** We are holding our Introduction to ECC class on September 24 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. Sign up [here.](#)

**Believers' Baptism:** We will be holding Believer Baptisms on October 8. 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. 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 to sign up [here](#) so we can contact you with more information.

**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, here is an opportunity we want to highlight.

- We are looking for people to serve at Miller Elementary in various ways including in the classroom, library, lunch, recess, or other areas. We also are building a team to serve family meals at Miller every other month.
- We are looking for people to help serve on the coffee and donut hospitality team. This Sunday morning commitment is for 1 weekend a month.

You can [let us know](#) you're interested in learning more about this opportunity and many more [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!

**Adult Christian Formation:** Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. The Adult Sunday School Class is doing a series on parables in the gospel of Luke.

**Triple L Fall Picnic:** Triple L invites our Senior Adults to Wea Creek Orchard for a “bring your own” picnic on September 20, 11:00am. We will tour the new Lavender Bee company's beekeeping and honey harvesting operations and enjoy some lavender lemonade with our lunches. [RSVP here](#).

### 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 at 6:30pm on Wednesdays in Room 10. We are currently studying the book of Revelation. We hope you can join us.
- **Men's Monthly Meal:** Men, join us for our monthly meal at 6:30pm tomorrow. We are changing things up and rotating between two restaurants. This month we will be at Walts' Other Pub (3001 S 9th St) for good food and conversation.

### Women's Ministry

- **NET am/pm:** Prayer is a gift - and invitation to talk to God - yet sometimes it's a struggle. There is no right way to pray so join us as we explore scriptural examples helping us to learn to draw near to God through prayer. When You Pray started Wednesday, September 13, 6:30pm, and Thursday, September 14, 9:15am, but there is still time to join! Details [here](#).
- **Women's Dinner:** Ladies, on September 25 at 6:00pm, we will be gathering for dinner at Walt's Other Pub (3001 S 9th St). 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 here](#).
- **Women's Retreat: come&rest** is designed by women of ECC and Riverside to create space for you to step away from the normal rhythms of life and connect with God and other women. It is November 10-12 at Camp Tecumseh and includes worship, games, fun and laughter, solid teaching, community, relationship building, the beauty of God's creation, free time, meals, and lodging. [Registration](#) is now open!

**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. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:30am. [MOPS and MOMSNext](#) are 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 Lunch:** All young adults (roughly ages 19-35-ish) are invited to come to a 1935 lunch after church TODAY in the life center. We hope you will join us as we share a meal, play games, and enjoy time in community together.

**Youth Group:** 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 building. Doors open at 6pm each week for those who would like to arrive early. Contact [Pastor Kristin](#) or [Pastor Chuck](#) with questions.

**Middle School:** We're planning to take our middle school students to the corn maze at Exploration Acres on Saturday, Sept. 30! Friends are very welcome! Cost is \$12/student, with scholarships available as needed. Students should plan to meet at church at 1:30pm, and our estimated return time is 4:30pm. Parents are welcome to join and chaperone! Please let [Pastor Kristin](#) know if your student plans to attend.

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Gatherings:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us October 8 after church for lunch, Bible study, games, and more! We'll meet over in the Life Center, starting after worship, and going until 1:45pm. Friends are welcome to join us! Please contact [Pastor Kristin](#) for more details.

**Children's Ministry:** Now that a new school year is underway, all of our students should be attending classes that match their current grade level. Our nursery, preschool, and kindergarten children meet in the main building, down the hall from our worship space. Our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students begin in worship with their families. Midway through our worship service, they are invited to a class in the Life Center building.

**LifeGroups:** LifeGroups (our small groups ministry) is currently forming new groups to begin this fall. Let us know you are interested in taking part [here](#).

**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!! Currently we have playing times set for Monday at 6:30pm and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:00am. 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.

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## Please Pray For:

**Recovery from Surgery:** Destiny Hatke, John Martin, Marilyn Grenat, Michael Arman, Pam Crum, Deb Fife

## Health Concerns

ECC Attenders: Jill Taul, Westyn Antonian, Maxine Balkema, Freda Brock, John Brock, Bonnie Brockman, Stan Crum, Marge Elliott, Tammy Faulkinbury, Shelly Fishback, Vickie Henry, River Lail, Margaret Maitlen, Judi Stanfield, Debbie Trella, Janet VanBuskirk, Ben Waninger, Nate Waninger, Jane Warner, Dawn Witter

ECC Attenders' Family: Reba Kinder's sister (Trudi Morgan), Ginny Quesada's mom (Karen Retzner), 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:** Pete Zull, International Students Inc., Purdue

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

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

**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

September Budget (4 wks)	\$65,283	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.23-8.31.23	\$146,887
Weekly Amount Needed	\$16,321	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.23-8.31.23	\$130,866
Last Week's Offering	\$23,121	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.23-8.31.23	\$144,044
September Amnt Received (2 wks)	\$34,905		
September Amnt Needed (2 wks)	\$30,378		

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