

# Evangelical Covenant Church

## March 24, 2024

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**Worship in Song**

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

**Life at ECC**

Chuck Potts  
Pastor of Young Adults

**Worship in Song**

“Hosanna Loud Hosanna”

**Children’s Message and Blessing**

**Morning Prayer**

Kate Cogswell  
Director of Spiritual Formation and Women’s Ministry

**Scripture Reading**

Allen Busenitz  
[Mark 11:1-11](#)

**Sermon**

Pastor Stacey Littlefield  
**The Kingdom is Here**

**Worship in Song**

“New Wine”  
“King of Heaven”

**Benediction**

**Next Week’s Scripture**

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

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

## THIS WEEK AT ECC

<b>Today</b>	9:00am	Adult Christian Formation, Great Room
	10:30am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online Toddler Nursery (Birth-3 years old) <b>Kids Out Loud</b> (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5 <i>mid-service</i> , <b>Kids Out Loud</b> (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
	6:30pm	Youth Group Plus, Life Center
<b>Monday</b>	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
	6:30pm	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30am	Men's Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30pm	Men's Group, Room 10
	6:30pm	No Youth Group
<b>Thursday</b>	12:00pm	Come and Go Communion, Sanctuary
	5:00pm	Come and Go Communion, Sanctuary
	5:30pm	Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
	5:30pm	Pervasive Prayer, Prayer Room
<b>Friday</b>	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym
	7:00pm	Good Friday Service, Sanctuary & Online
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00am	ECC Pickleball, Life Center Gym

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### **Holy Week Observances:**

- **Maundy Thursday:** On March 28, we will offer a Come and Go Communion. Come in anytime from 12:00-1:00pm or 5:00-6:30pm, spend time in prayer, take communion, and leave when you're ready.
- **Good Friday:** On March 29, a service will be held both in-person and online at 7:00pm. We will have nursery care for birth through age three.
- **Easter:** On March 31, we will hold two services. We will have an in-person worship service at 9:00am (nursery birth-3yr available) and an in-person and online worship service at 10:30am (nursery care and classes for ages birth through kindergarten available).

We look forward to celebrating Jesus' resurrection with you this Easter!

**Easter Café:** Come enjoy our Easter Community Café on Sunday, March 31, that is being sponsored by our Middle and High School Youth Group! You and your family can come over to the Life Center anytime between 8:15 and 11:00am and enjoy some coffee, juice, and a variety of delicious hot and cold foods! There is no cost, but if you would like to leave a thank you donation towards our camp scholarship fund, there will be a donation box.

**Spring Carnival and Pancake Breakfast:** ECC will be partnering with Miller Elementary School and Bauer Community Center to host our annual Spring Carnival/Pancake Breakfast at Miller on Saturday, April 13, from 9:30 to 11:00am. We are currently building teams with individuals and families to help with carnival games and the pancake breakfast. Please [sign up here](#) to help with this fun event!

**Rule of Life Inventory:** Today is the last day to take part in our 2024 [ECC Rule of Life Inventory](#). Our hope is to help you get a good picture of where you are growing in your engagement with the Five Distinctives of our Rule of Life, and where you might want to grow more in the coming year. The data collected is anonymous and will also help us to better celebrate how God is working in and through us and to discern ways to help us grow more—as a congregation and as individuals.

**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](#). Here are a couple of the current areas looking for more people to serve:

- We are looking for people to serve on our with our Audio Visual Team to help with slides during worship on Sunday Mornings
- We are also looking for teachers and helpers in our preschool and kindergarten classroom. Those who serve are assigned to one Sunday per month, and they get to share Jesus' love and care with some pretty awesome kids!

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. This adult class is doing a series entitled *Old Testament Survey*.

### 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 Wednesdays in Room 10 at 6:30pm. They will do a one hour inductive bible study that tracks with our sermon series. We hope you can join them.

### Women's Ministry:

- **Sugar Scrub Class:** Join us for a sugar scrub class on April 2 at 7:00pm. You will get to make and keep a sugar scrub of your very own. Sugar scrubs are great for gently exfoliating skin, so come and bring a friend. Please [RSVP](#) so we have enough supplies!
- **Women's Spring Tea:** [Join us](#) for an afternoon tea on Saturday, April 20 at 2:00pm. We will meet in the ECC Great Room. Women and guests aged from middle school and older are welcome! Please bring a tea cup and saucer to participate. Don't have one? Borrow one! We hope you can join us! The afternoon is free, but we will be accepting donations to cover the cost of the supplies.

**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 April 9 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!

#### **Youth:**

- **Gatherings:** There will be no Youth Group Gathering this week. We will resume our normal gathering on April 3 at 6:30 pm.
- **Youth Group Plus:** All Middle and High School students are invited to join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month for a night of community together. Tonight from 6:30-8:00pm we'll be putting together lunches for Lafayette Urban Ministry, hanging out, and playing games. We recognize that not every student is available on Wednesday nights consistently, so these gatherings will be another great opportunity to come and have fun together and meet new friends.
- **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 4/1, 4/8, and 4/15 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.

#### **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 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.

**Pickle Ball at ECC:** Pickle ball is now available at ECC!! 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](#).

## Please Pray For:

**Recovery from Surgery:** Nancy Crum, Marilyn Ziemer

## Health Concerns

ECC Attenders: Matt Helmerick, 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, Judi Stanfield, Jill Taul, Jane Warner, Dawn Witter

ECC Attenders' 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:** Nou Hope Haiti

**Service Person of the Week:** Will Beck, Navy, Kath Riley-Beck's son

**Prayer Focus:** Youth Ministries. Middle School (Pastor Kristin Devine Mueller), High School (Pastor Chuck Potts), and Youth Group Leaders

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**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.

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## Stewardship at a Glance

March Budget (5 wks)	\$81,604	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.23-2.29.23	\$571,226
Weekly Amount Needed	\$16,321	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.23-2.29.23	\$549,109
Last Week's Offering	\$15,126	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.23-2.29.23	\$589,555
March Amnt Received (3 wks)	\$43,452		
March Amnt Needed (2 wks)	\$38,152		

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