

Evangelical Covenant Church

March 19, 2023

Call to Worship

“Ancient Graves”

Life at ECC

Kate Cogswell
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Mission Spotlight

Cross Cultural Ministry Workshop

Children’s Message

Worship in Song

“Graves Into Gardens”
“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Morning Prayer

Kelli Holland
Council

Children’s Invitation

Scripture Reading

Kate Cogswell
[Psalm 27:7-14](#)

Sermon

Pastor Stacey Littlefield
**One Thing:
There and Back Again**

Worship in Song

“The Story I’ll Tell”

Benediction

Next Week’s Scripture

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

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

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THIS WEEK AT ECC

Today	10:30am	Worship Service, Sanctuary & Online Toddler Nursery (Birth-3 year olds) Kids Out Loud (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5 <i>mid-service, Kids Out Loud</i> (1st-5th Grade), Life Center
	11:45am	Newcomer's Lunch, Great Room
	11:45am	1935 Lunch, Great Room
	5:15pm	Fusion, ECC Life Center
	Monday	6:30pm
Tuesday	6:00pm	Women's Dinner Out, Trish's Redbird Cafe
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30pm	NETpm Women's Bible Study, Great Room
	6:30pm	Men's Group, Room 10
	6:30pm	High School Youth Group, Life Center
Thursday	9:30am	NETam Women's Bible Study, Great Room
	2:30pm	Miller Afterschool JAM, Life Center
	5:30pm	Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
	5:30pm	Pervasive Prayer, Prayer Room

Save the Date

April 7	Good Friday Service
April 9	Easter Services (9:00am and 10:30am)
June 5-9	Summer XP

Newcomers' Luncheon: Are you new to ECC? Are you looking for a way to get connected? If you said yes to either or both of these questions, we invite you to our Newcomers' Lunch TODAY, following the service.

Holy Week Observances:

- **Maundy Thursday:** On April 6, 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 April 7, 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 April 9, 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).
- **Community Café:** This year, we're trying something new: On Easter Sunday our high school students will be hosting a free Community Café before and in between the worship services in the Life Center. We hope you'll plan to attend! More details to come.

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

Easter Flowers: Each Easter, we decorate our sanctuary with flowers. For \$12, you can purchase flowers in honor or in memory of someone special, or for yourself to take home after the Easter service. If you already tried to buy flowers, we have corrected the error that was charging double. [Order by April 2.](#)

CCMW: International Student Ministries from Purdue University invite you to the Cross Cultural Ministry Workshop on March 25 from 9:00am-12:00pm at Faith West Community Center. Come learn about how you can be a part of sharing Jesus with all the nations. [Register here.](#)

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! (More details soon)

Adult Christian Formation: Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. The Adult Sunday School Class is doing a study of 1 Peter and 2 Peter.

Spiritual Growth

- **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.

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 the Gospel of Matthew, meets at 6:30pm on Wednesdays in Room 10. We hope you can join us.
- **Men's Monthly Meal:** Men of ECC, join us for our monthly meal on March 20 at 6:30pm at Teays River (3000 S 9th St) for good food and conversation.

Women's Ministry

- **Women's Dinner Out:** We will be gathering for dinner at Trish's Redbird Cafe (696 Walnut St, Dayton) on March 21 at 6:00pm. The only cost is what you pay for your own dinner. [RSVP](#) is appreciated. We hope to see you there!
- **Bravely Baby Shower:** Join us on April 22 at 2:00pm for a baby shower to support Bravely Women's Health and its clients. If you would like to lend aid but cannot attend you can make donations straight to Bravely. You can find a list of needs and RSVP [here.](#)

1935: All young adults roughly age 19 to 35 are invited for a lunch hangout, short devotional time, and games TODAY, right after the service.

Youth Ministry

- **High School Night:** Join us every Wednesday, at 6:30pm in the Life Center. The night will include snacks, games, spiritual formation, and community building with Pastor Chuck. If you would like to help with these H.S. Nights, please email [Pastor Chuck](#).
- **Fusion:** 6th-12th graders, join us this evening (3/19) from 5:15pm - 7:00pm for a combined youth group experience. We will meet here at ECC in the Life Center.
- **Young Life:** Youth 9th-12th grade, join Young Life on March 20 for roller skating at Great United Skates (135 S. Earl Ave).

Winter Walking: Wanting to get some steps in but it's just too cold? ECC's gym will be open from 8:30-11:00am, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for walking. All are welcome!

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.

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Please Pray For:

Comfort: Betty Ellsberry in the loss of her husband, Jim Ellsberry

Recovery from Surgery: Michael Arman, Betty Bergmark, BethAnn Rogers-Bird, Todd Crum, Pam Crum, Phil Denhardt, Deb Fife, Joy Mykytiuk, Alice Stroshine

Health Concerns

ECC Attenders: Maxine Balkema, Freda Brock, John Brock, Bonnie Brockman, Stan and Nancy Crum, Mick Denhardt, Marge Elliott, Tammy Faulkinbury, Shelly Fishback, Marilyn Grenat, Vickie Henry, Brian Jewell, River Lail, Margaret Maitlen, Joy Mykytiuk, 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), 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: Margo Thievagt, WDA Disciple Building, Georgia

Service Person of the Week: Ethan Adkins, Army, Mike and Sharon Arman's grandson

Prayer Focus: Youth Ministry; Pastors Kristin Mueller (Middle School) and Chuck Potts (High School), Youth Group Leaders

Stewardship at a Glance

March Budget (4 wks)	\$61,538	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.22-2.28.23	\$538,462
Weekly Amount Needed	\$15,385	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.22-2.28.23	\$552,608
Last Week's Offering	\$17,267	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.22-2.28.23	\$563,907
March Amnt Received (2wks)	\$32,738		
March Amnt Needed (2wks)	\$28,800		

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