

# The Grove Covenant Church

## April 26, 2026

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**Welcome and  
Morning Announcements**

Kristin Devine Mueller  
Pastor of Families and Children

**Worship in Song**

“This Is Amazing Grace”  
“Jesus We Love You”  
“Worthy Of It All”

**Morning Prayer**

Chuck Potts  
Pastor of Young Adults

**Children’s Message**

**Mission Spotlight**

Summer XP Update

**Children’s Blessing**

**Scripture Reading**

Kate Cogswell  
[Luke 24:13-35](#)

**Sermon**

Pastor Stacey Littlefield  
**Encounters:  
On the Road**

**Worship in Song**

“Way Maker”

**Benediction**

**Next Week’s Scripture**

[John 20:19-23](#)

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**To Know God, Follow Jesus, and Pursue God's Purposes in the World**  
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## **THIS WEEK AT THE GROVE COVENANT CHURCH**

- Today** 12:00pm Intro to The Grove, Great Room
- Monday** 9:00am Pickleball, Life Center Gym  
7:28pm Young Life, Life Center
- Wednesday** 6:30am Men's Morning Bible Study, Zoom  
6:30pm Men's Evening Study, Room 10  
6:30pm Youth Group, Life Center  
6:30pm Women's Quilt Class, Great Room
- Thursday** 5:30pm Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
- Friday** 9:00am Pickleball, Life Center Gym  
6:30pm 1935 Night, Life Center Small Group Room
- Next Sunday** 9:00am Adult Christian Formation, Great Room  
10:30am Worship, Sanctuary and Online  
Toddler Nursery (Birth - 3 years old)  
Kids Out Loud (3yrs - Kindergarten), Room 5  
mid-service, Kids Out Loud (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Life Center  
12:00pm Confirmation End of Year Retreat, Life Center  
4:30pm Aspire Women's Event, Sanctuary

### **Save the Date**

May 31 Congregational Meal & Meeting

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**Intro to The Grove:** We are holding our Introduction to The Grove class TODAY, at noon. The class includes lunch and will last 2 and a half to three hours, and childcare will be supplied if needed. If you're interested in learning more about The Grove, we would love to have you join us. This class is required for those who wish to become a member of The Grove, but taking part in the class does not obligate you to do so.

**Graduating Seniors:** We will be honoring our High School graduating seniors in worship on Sunday, May 31. If you are a graduating senior or have a graduating senior in your house, please fill out [this form](#) by Sunday, May 26. While May 31 will be for our High School graduates, if you are or have someone in your home graduating from College or a Trade School this year, please [let us know](#) so we can recognize those accomplishments as well.

**Outreach Toiletry Closet:** The Grove has an outreach closet to help those in need in our community. With recent changes to SNAP benefits, it's getting even harder for those who are struggling financially to make ends meet. Please [sign up](#) to bring toiletries and/or cleaning items. [Signing up](#) helps us to be sure to have a variety of products available. You can drop off items in the bin behind the east counter.

**Adopt a Landscape Spot:** If you enjoy making outdoor areas look beautiful, we would love your help. We have several landscaped areas that are maintained by The Grove attenders. If you are interested in adopting one or more of these landscape areas, please contact [Pastor Kurt](#) for more information.

**Adult Christian Formation:** Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the Great Room. Adult CF has just started a new series entitled *Hebrews: Jesus is Better*.

### Men's Ministry

- **Wednesday Morning Men's Fellowship:** Join us each week at 6:30am via Zoom. The group is studying the book of Matthew using an NT Wright commentary. For an invitation, 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:

- **Postage Stamp Mini Quilt Class:** We invite you to a quilt Class on April 29, 7:00pm to make a simple, quick mini quilt from small pre-cut squares. No experience is needed, and fabric will be provided. If you are able, bring a sewing machine, but if not, there will be some available at the church. We hope you can join us! [RSVP](#).
- **Aspire:** Mark your calendars for May 3. We are excited to host an Aspire women's event – a night full of laughter, learning, stories, and music with 3 ladies, a Bible Teacher, a Comedian, and a Musician, taking the stage. You won't want to miss this! As the host church, we will be selling [tickets](#) at a discounted price, but today is the last day to get your [discounted tickets](#). You will still be able to purchase general seating tickets at the door for \$35.

### 1935 Young Adults (roughly ages 19 to 35-ish):

- **1935 Nights:** All young adults are invited to come and connect through conversation and fun at our regular 1935 Night gatherings. Young adults are welcome to gather from 6:30 to 8:30pm every other Friday at the Life Center. To get details on location and the latest plans, please fill out the interest form on the [1935 page](#) of our website.

### Youth Group:

- **Wednesday Gathering:** Students in grades 6-12 are invited to the Life Center every Wednesday for snacks, community, and Bible study from 6:30–8:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM for early arrivals. Contact [Pastor Kristin](#) or [Pastor Chuck](#) with questions.

### 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 our Kids' window in the lobby. 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.

**Pickleball at The Grove Covenant Church:** We will have courts open on Monday and Friday at 9:00am. 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 The Grove Covenant Church and their guests. If you would like to get an email with schedule updates, let us know [here](#).

**LifeGroups:** Building community and growing in Christ are key to what it means for us to know God, follow Jesus, and pursue God's purposes in the world. LifeGroups meet at least twice monthly for prayer, fellowship, and spiritual formation. If you aren't currently in a group and would like to join one, please fill out our [interest form](#), and we will contact you with more information.

**The Grove App!** Have you ever wondered what's happening in the life of the church here at The Grove and not known how to find out? Well, the best way for us to stay connected as a church is by using The Grove Covenant Church app for your phone or tablet! You can go [here](#) to download and find some helpful tips on how to use the app!

**SAWs Team:** The Grove's Men's Ministry partners with [Servants At Work \(SAWs\)](#) to construct ramps for wheelchair bound people in Lafayette and West Lafayette. We are forming a team to pre-build ramp components for upcoming installations. If you would like to be on this team, please [sign up](#).

## Please Pray For:

**Recovery from Surgery:** Kara Webb, Matthias Hatke, Todd Crum, Terri Clark, Pam Crum, Linda Helmerick, Linda Kelly, Denny Lancaster, Fran Nance, Patty Vrana, Marilyn Ziemer

## Health Concerns

Church Attenders: David McIntosh, Jamey Ahrens, Freda Brock, Allen Busenitz, Terri Clark, Kate Cogswell, Mike DeBoy, Marge Elliott, Marilyn Grenat, Solomon Hatke, Vickie Henry, Perry Kirkham, Margaret Maitlen, Ken Ritchey, Denise Senesac, Judi Stanfield, Abby Stearns, Richard Stroshine, Jill Taul, Nina Thayer, Ben Waninger, Nate Waninger, Jane Warner

Church Attenders' Family: Deb Burrow's parents (Chuck and Rosemary Vendl), 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), brother (Brian Waninger), Lisa Kohl's brother (Tony Kohl), Kari Ekenstedt's mother (Sheila)

**Mission of the Week:** Travis and Sharon

**Service Person of the Week:** Kevin Reid, Navy, Angie Pendley's brother-in-law

**Prayer Focus:** Grounds Teams: Custodial (Greg Crapo, Kathy Riley-Beck, Jessica Stine, Chuck Vrana), Landscaping: Carter Riley & our Landscaping Volunteers

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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 referral coordinators contact you.

## Stewardship at a Glance

April Budget	\$77,687	Fiscal Year Budget 7.1.25-3.31.26	\$699,181
Weekly Amount Needed	\$17,928	Fiscal Year Giving 7.1.25-3.31.26	\$691,862
Last Week's Offering	\$20,084	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.25-3.31.26	\$692,864
April Amnt Received	\$55,549		
April Amnt Needed	\$22,138		

Go to [thegrovecov.church](http://thegrovecov.church) to find out ways you can connect with others in our church community.