

The Grove Covenant Church

May 3, 2026

**Welcome and
Morning Announcements**

Kate Cogswell
Director of Spiritual Formation and Women's Ministry

Worship in Song

"House of The Lord"
"Holy Spirit"

Morning Prayer

Ronda Ooms
Director of Community Outreach

Children's Message and Blessing

Spiritual Practice

Scripture Reading

Kevin Gibson
[John 20:19-23](#)

Sermon

Pastor Stacey Littlefield
**Encounters:
The Disciples**

Worship in Song

"Great Are You Lord"

Communion

Worship in Song

"Doxology"

Benediction

Next Week's Scripture

[John 20:24-31](#)

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	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 st -5 th Grade), Life Center
	12:00pm	Confirmation End of Year Retreat, Life Center
	4:30pm	Aspire Women's Event, Sanctuary
Monday	9:00am	Pickleball, Life Center Gym
Wednesday	6:30am	Men's Morning Bible Study, Zoom
	6:30pm	Secret Sister Reveal Party, Great Room
	6:30pm	Men's Evening Study, Room 10
	6:30pm	Youth Group, Life Center
Thursday	5:30pm	Bauer Family Meal, Bauer Community Center
	5:30pm	Pervasive Prayer, offsite
Friday	9:00am	Pickleball, Life Center Gym
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 st -5 th Grade), Life Center

Save the Date

May 31 Congregational Meal & Meeting

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 24. 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.

Adopt a Landscape Spot: We have a big campus here at The Grove with several landscape beds. The way we keep those free of weeds and looking good is that individual beds are adopted and maintained by individual Grove attenders. Adopting a bed is simply a commitment to keep it weeded and looking good from the spring through fall. It doesn't cost anything except your time a couple of times per month. If you are interested in adopting one or more of these landscape areas, please contact [Pastor Kurt](#) for more information.

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.

Congregational Meal help: Our next congregational meeting is Sunday, May 31. There will be a fellowship meal immediately after worship, and the meeting will begin at about 1:00pm. Please [sign up](#) to attend the meal, and for childcare, so we have an idea of the number attending. We are also looking for [volunteers to help](#) our coordinator and for the donation of sides or desserts. Please visit the Connect page to sign up and 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:

- **Aspire:** TONIGHT, 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! You can still 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:

- **End-of-Year Party!** All middle and high school students are invited to our end-of-year youth group party on Wednesday, May 27, from 6:00-8:00pm, in the Life Center
- **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 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.

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:

Upcoming Surgery: Caleb Cranford

Recovery from Surgery: Todd Crum, Pam Crum, Matthias Hatke, Linda Helmerick, Denny Lancaster, Kara Webb, Marilyn Ziemer

Health Concerns

Church Attenders: Freda Brock, Allen Busenitz, Terri Clark, Kate Cogswell, Mike DeBoy, Marge Elliott, Marilyn Grenat, Solomon Hatke, Vickie Henry, Perry Kirkham, David McIntosh, 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: Nou Hope Haiti

Service Person of the Week: Matt Moynihan, Navy, son-in-law of Bill & Patti VanAlstine

Prayer Focus: Administrative Staff: Office Assistant (Danielle Clark), Financial Team (Pastor Kurt Kincanon, Kelli Hodgson, Denny Mellon, Carla Weathers)

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	\$10,619	Fiscal Year Expenses 7.1.25-3.31.26	\$692,864
April Amnt Received	\$66,168		
May Amnt Needed	\$77,687		

Go to thegrovecov.church to find out ways you can connect with others in our church community.



To give online, follow this [link](#) or follow the link in the [Bible App](#).

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- **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.
- **Wednesday Evening Study:** Pastor Kurt's weekly study will NOT meet on November 26. The study will resume on December 3.
- **Men's Monthly Meal:** Men, join us for our monthly meal on **March 16** at 6:30pm at Walt's Other Pub (3001 S 9th St) for good food and conversation.
- **Men's Monthly Meal:** Men, join us for our monthly meal on **February 16** at 6:30pm at Teay's River (3000 S 9th St) for good food and conversation.
- **Wednesday Gathering:** 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](#).
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- **Young Life:** Youth 9th-12th grade, join Young Life on 2/9, 2/23, and 3/2 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, watch the Club video, and take a few moments to process the Club Talk together.