



Spring 2026

# TRUE TO LIFE

A publication of the Evangelical Child and Family Agency

## LOVE IN ACTION BREAKFAST SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>

9:00 AM TO NOON

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON

1823 ARBITER COURT - NAPERVILLE, IL 60563

**THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND BUT RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED.**

### CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF AFFIRMING LIFE!!

Mark your calendars and set your alarms! Please join us as we celebrate our 76-year legacy of serving others!

We are thrilled to announce that our annual Love In Action event is evolving for 2026! For years, we've gathered on a Friday evening, but this year, we're trying something different – A Saturday Breakfast! Our celebration this year will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 9am - noon, at the beautiful Embassy Suites in Naperville.

Together we will enjoy:

- † A delicious array of breakfast dishes
- † Heartfelt Stories highlighting the Legacy of ECFA — We will hear from those whose lives were impacted years ago and still today.
- † A time of Worship: Marina Menconi will be back to lead us in a time of worship that will honor God and His faithfulness.

If you would like to provide additional support to our ministry, table sponsorships (\$400) are available to help offset the cost of this event. If you would like to be a table sponsor, please call Dan or Reneé at 630-653-6400.

There are three ways to register:  
Visit our website at  
[www.evanca.org/loveinaction](http://www.evanca.org/loveinaction)  
Follow the QR code below:



Call Dan or Reneé at  
630-653-6400

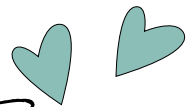
We look forward to celebrating together!

**RSVP BY APRIL 3, 2026**

# Love, Luck, and Lob Shots:



## A Recap of Our Pickleball Success



While most people were focused on chocolates and roses this past Valentine's Day, many of us were busy dinking and driving for a great cause. Our Valentine's Day Pickleball Event was a smashing success, bringing together players of all ages and skill levels for a morning of high-energy fun.

A huge thank you to Sure Shot in Naperville for hosting us in their beautiful facility. The layout was perfect-allowing us to run a competitive tournament while keeping plenty of space open for free play. This meant that whether you were a seasoned pro or first-timer picking up a paddle, there was a spot for you on the court.

We kicked things off with breakfast snacks to keep everyone's energy up, but the real "fuel" was the incredible excitement brought by our participants. The atmosphere was buzzing and the raffle was a major hit! With so many amazing items up for grabs, a great deal was had by many!

A massive congratulations to our podium finishers and a "well played" to everyone who stepped onto a court.



The competition was fierce but friendly!  
After some hard fought matches, we were proud to crown out winners!

- ① Carly & Brandon ② Barb & Ken ③ Tina & Nicholas



# Amy's Story

Amy was adopted into a Christian family shortly after she was born. Her parents were strong believers who faithfully taught her about who God is and what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. She attended church regularly and participated in AWANA growing up, but for many years she was not truly living out a Christian life.

When Amy was 18, she was involved in a tragic car accident. She remembers waking up and praying, asking God to please let her live. In that moment, she realized that if she had died in the accident, she would not have gone to heaven. It was then that Amy recognized how God had used her parents to plant His Word in her heart. That day, she committed her life to Christ, and she continues to walk closely with the Lord today.

About 20 years ago, Amy was learning about how to speak with women who were considering abortion, and this experience profoundly impacted her. She realized that her birth mother, who was only 16 when Amy was born, and her birth father, could easily have chosen abortion. Instead, they courageously chose life. Because of that decision, Amy is who she is today: a pastor's wife, a mother to three beautiful girls, and a child of God.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TOPGOLF FUNDRAISER

**GET YOUR SWING READY!  
WE ARE HEADING BACK TO  
THE BAYS!  
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026**

What started as a new way to bring our community together has quickly become the highlight of our summer calendar. Whether you are a scratch golfer or someone who has never held a club, this event is about more than hitting targets - it's about hitting our goals for the years ahead.

This is a family friendly event perfect for all skill levels. Dinner will be available during the three hours of play. Just to add another layer of fun, there will be a silent auction.

Mark your calendars now. More details to come!



**AUCTION 2026 ~ SAVE THE DATE  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026**

It's never too early to put our Annual Auction on your calendar.  
We hope to see you there!!

# Memorials

## In Loving Memory

**Bruce Askin & Eleanor Hill**

*From: Edmund & Rhonda Covarrubias*

**Lucy Askin**

*From: Lee & Bonnie McCullough*

**Adalee DeYoung**

*From: Jack & Carol Locke*

**Rev. Wendell Karsen**

*From: Susan Vanderberg*

**Jenna King**

*From: Phil & Julie King*

**John & Sandy Norris**

*From: James & Elsie Jerozal*

**Bev Ozinga**

*From: Betty & Stephanie Januski*

**Joan Paver**

*From: Bill Paver*

*Alan & Phyllis Hill*

*Beth M. Paver*

*Bruce & Pattie Larson*

*Elmer & Pauline Paver*

*Greg & Linda Muir*

*Larry & Vivian Laborn*

*Lynette Paver*

*Phillip & Patricia Richards*

**David E. Salstrom**

*From: David W. Salstrom*

**Bernice Tognotti**

*From: Robert & Diane Kral*

**Lee Wright**

*From: Darlene Wright*

### SAVE THE DATES

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