# Who We Are At Naperville Covenant Church

We desire to be an increasingly diverse, compassionate community committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ in our neighborhoods and world.

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# **Weekly Events**

### Sunday, April 30

Parent Cafe @ 9 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am

# Tuesday, May 2

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am

## Saturday, May 6

Men's Breakfast @ 8 am Theater/Dinner Event @ 5:45 pm

# Sign up for our Email and Parent Connection Newsletters:

https://tinyurl.com/NECCNews

## NaperCov Youth

While engaging with their peers and community, NaperCov Youth Ministry will be a place where students find acceptance for who they are and challenged to grow deeper in faith with Christ.



## **Weekly Gatherings**

### Wednesday

Youth Group 5:00 - 7:00 PM

### Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 - 10:15 AM

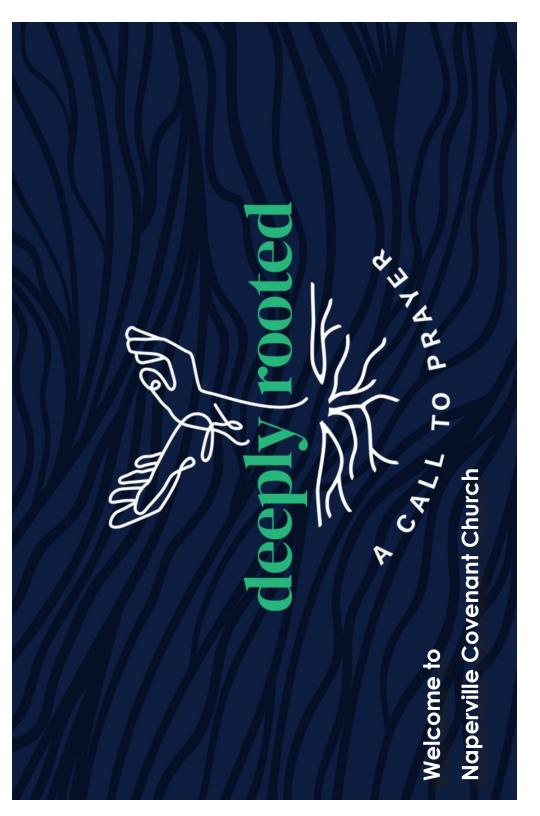
# **Upcoming**

5/5 Night at the Movies 5/10 Volunteer Appreciation 5/12 H.S. Graduate Celebration 5/20 Global 6k

5/27 Annual Competition 6/4 Graduation Sunday

More details on our website: napercov.org/youth





# **Welcome to Naperville Covenant Church**

Sunday, April 30, 2023 - Worship Service

Worship Music "Great Things"

Call To Worship Psalm 95:6-7

**Worship Music** 

"Honey In The Rock"

"Make Room"

Message

"Learning To Pray"
John 5:19
Deeply Rooted Sermon Series
Pastor Leslie X.

**Special Music** 

"The Lord's Prayer" - Hymn #393 Melinda Alberty

**Children's Moment** 

Letting Our Prayers Fly
Pastor Kelly

**Announcements & Prayer** 

Offertory

Closing Worship

"I Will Trust In The Lord"

Benediction

Pastor Leslie X.

A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant! Thank you for joining us today for worship. While face masks are encouraged, they are not required. If today is your first day visiting us, please fill out the Connection Card (or scan the QR Code and visit the website link on the insert) and place it in the offering plate or take it to the front office desk. Please also stop by the Welcome Center for more information and a FREE gift!

**CHILDREN K-5TH GRADE:** No Sunday Squad today. Be sure to grab an activity bag to enjoy during today's service and take part in the Children's Moment. Sunday Squad is every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month.

**PRESCHOOL ROOM:** Our Preschool Room is open and staffed during our entire service. Children 2 - 5 are invited at any time to come explore the Bible together through story and play.

**NURSERY:** Our nursery is unstaffed, but available for parents and their infants to use.

**PRAYER TIME:** Each Sunday after worship, NECC's Stephen Ministry offers individual prayer in the prayer room (library).

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS!**

### Knowing, Loving and Serving...

Deeply Rooted - Sermon Series begins TODAY! - Prayer is a continual backand-forth conversation with God. It comes from a deeply rooted place that is honest, trusted, and even tested. But sometimes, as followers of Jesus, we ask ourselves, "Does prayer work?" "Is God listening?" "Am I praying the right way?" "What should I pray about?" This six-week series (April 30-June 11) will explore how Jesus teaches us to pray, how prayer can influence our communities, and examine other powerful prayer moments in Scripture.

**Women's Bible Study continues Tuesday -** The NECC Women's Bible Study continues Tuesday, May 2 at 9:30 am with a 4-week study of the Lord's Prayer; a video and written study by Laurie Polich Short. For more information, please contact Kathy Buettner at <a href="mailto:kathy\_buettner@comcast.net">kathy\_buettner@comcast.net</a>.

**Men's Breakfast - May 6 -** The monthly NaperCov men's breakfast resumes Saturday, May 6th at the Colonial Cafe located at South Washington and Gartner Street.

**Theater/Dinner Event - May 6** NECC Community Life Team is sponsoring an outing to Naperville Central High School for their production of "Les Misérables" Saturday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. This production is directed by our very own Susie Johnson! A block of 30 tickets, at a cost of \$15.00 each, are available NOW! Questions? Please see Marty Casey.

**Rev. Michelle Sanchez visits NaperCov May 7!** On Sunday, May 7 we will be joined by guest preacher Rev. Michelle Sanchez, executive minister of Make and Deepen Disciples for the ECC denomination and the author of *Color-Courageous Discipleship: Follow Jesus, Dismantle Racism, and Build Beloved Community.* Light refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall after service, followed by a Q & A session with Rev. Sanchez.

**Park Meetup - May 7** Come play and hangout - whether you have young kids or just want to get out! We will gather around 12:30 p.m. (after service and the Q&A with Michelle Sanchez) at the Lisle Sensory Garden Playground (2751 Navistar Dr, Lisle). Contact Pastor Kelly with any questions!

Global 6k for Water - Saturday May 20th! Join us as we partner with World Vision and Covenant Kids Congo to raise money to provide life-changing access to clean water for our brothers and sisters in northwest Congo. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. May 20 and walk, run, or stroll 6K (3.73 miles). Register online today (<a href="https://tinyurl.com/NECCGLobal6k">https://tinyurl.com/NECCGLobal6k</a>) Questions? please see Greg Johnston for more info.

**Team World Vision - Clean Water Initiative 2023** Calling all runners, and non-runners alike, Team World Vision and Naperville Covenant Church are teaming up to compete in this fall's Chicago Marathon as part of TWV's help to fight global poverty! To find out how you can be part of this year's team or for more info, please see Greg Johnston.

Volunteer Delegates Needed for Gather 2023 The Evangelical Covenant Church is hosting its Annual denomination-wide Meeting 'Gather 2023' this summer June 28-July 1 in Garden Grove, California. Naperville Covenant Church is seeking two church members to volunteer and serve as delegates (pay own way). If you're interested in representing NECC as a delegate, please contact the church office.

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**Worship Service** April 30, 2023

"Learning To Pray" John 5:19 **Deeply Rooted Sermon Series** Pastor Leslie X.

Takeaway #1:

Takeaway #2:

Takeaway #3:

Takeaway #4:



