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, July 16

Worship Service @ 10:30 am Sunday Squad ~ 10:45 am Beach Outing @ 12:30 pm Parable Party @ 3-4:30 pm (Check-in begins at 2:45 pm)

Monday, July 17

Board of Spiritual Life Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, July 18

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am

Wednesday, July 19

Youth & Children's Summer Serve @ 2-4 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.



Youth Events

Upcoming

7/16 Centennial Beach 7/19, 8/6 Summer Serve 7/26 Hurricane Harbor 8/2 Indiana Dunes 8/6 Water Party

Register on our website: napercov.org/youthevents





Welcome to Naperville Covenant Church

Sunday, July 16, 2023 - Worship Service

Worship Music

"House Of The Lord"
"Kingdom"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30 Kathy Buettner

Worship Music

"Seek Ye First"

Message

"Parable of the Wheat & Weeds:
Stay Out Of The Weeds"
Parables of Jesus: Stories of the Kingdom Series
Pastor Leslie X.

Announcements & Prayer

Offertory

Closing Worship

"Let The Church Rise"

Benediction

Pastor Leslie X.

A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant! Thank you for joining us today for worship. 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: Sunday Squad today! Kids will be dismissed right before the sermon to head to classroom K for prayer, a Bible lesson, and activities. We will return to the sanctuary during the closing song. (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 OPEN today with volunteers ready to care for children up through age 2. (Nursery will be staffed the first, second and third Sundays of the month).

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Knowing, Loving and Serving...

Parables of Jesus: Stories of the Kingdom - Sermon Series continues TODAY! Continuing today, we will be exploring some of Jesus' parables - simple stories from everyday life with big truths about the rule and reign of God.

Centennial Beach Outing TODAY! The NECC Community Life Team is sponsoring an outing at Centennial Beach in Naperville for everyone TODAY, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Please feel free to invite friends and family for a fun day at the beach. The cost for each adult is \$9.00 while the cost for children (ages 3-7) is \$7.00. You do not need to sign up early for this event. Payment will be taken at the beach entrance on July 16th. Please see Ed or Patti Fey if you have any questions

Parable Party NaperCov Kids Summer Series Continues TODAY! - Our 2023 Kids Summer Series (TODAY & July 23 - 3-4:30 pm) is all about some of Jesus' greatest stories - we're going to have a PARABLE PARTY! Register your child(ren) today! This event is FREE but knowing who can come which day really helps us plan well. Register: https://tinyurl.com/PPKids23. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please register at: https://tinyurl.com/PPVol23.

Summer Monthly Women's Bible Study resumes TUESDAY! - Summer Women's Bible Study will meet monthly on Tuesdays -- this TUESDAY July 18th and August 15th at 9:30 am at church. Each day will revolve around a themed discussion, shared prayer concerns and fellowship. A group lunch (dutch-treat) will follow at a restaurant nearby! Please mark your calendars! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Buettner at kathy_buettner@comcast.net.

Summer Serve resumes WEDNESDAY & August 9th! - We have several projects to accomplish for our church this summer. We are setting aside the following dates (July 19th & August 9th) to work on these projects as a way to serve our community. This will be from 2-4 PM. All the dates listed are Wednesdays. Some projects include: painting the youth room, making coffee tables, and creating a mural. For more information, please contact Pastor Josiah (josiah@napercov.org) or see Pastor Kelly.

NECC Camping Trip July 28-30! Join us for a few days or stop by for a couple of hours as we get away on a trip to Rock Cut State Park July 28-30. It's a 1.5 hour drive making it easily accessible but far enough to get away from home. Don't have any camping gear or experience? No problem! We have several experienced campers that are willing to share or lend necessary equipment. There's great hiking trails and lake fun with watercraft rentals available. We'll also have delicious food available! Cost is \$35/person. For more information, please see Pastor Josiah

Scripture Passage Readers Needed - The Worship Committee is looking for individuals who will read the scripture passage on Sunday mornings. Please see Shirley Gustafson (shirley121@comcast.net) or Sneha Augusthy (sarah.augusthy@gmail.com) and let them know if you'd like to join the scripture reading team!

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Worship Service July 16, 2023 Takeaway #3:

"Parable of the Wheat & Weeds: Stay Out Of The Weeds" Parables of Jesus: Stories of the Kingdom Series Pastor Leslie X.

Takeaway #4:

Takeaway #1:

Takeaway #2:

