## 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 2

Worship Service @ 10:30 am

# 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 2, 2023 - Worship Service

#### **Worship Music**

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

**Call To Worship** 

**Worship Music** 

"The Solid Rock"

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:1-9

**Worship Music** 

"Spirit Of The Living God"
"Let The Church Say Amen"

#### Message

"Parable of the Sower"
Parables of Jesus: Stories of the Kingdom Series
Pastor Leslie X.

#### **Communion Sacrament**

Pastor Kelly & Pastor Leslie X. "Wonderful Words Of Life" Hymn #525

Announcements & Prayer

Offertory

Closing Worship

"Graves Into Gardens"

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:** No Sunday Squad today. Be sure to grab an activity bag to enjoy during today's service. 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 Begins TODAY! Starting TODAY, we will be exploring some of Jesus' parables - simple stories from everyday life with big truths about the rule and reign of God.

**Outdoor Service - July 9th!** To highlight the summer season of ministry, we will gather for a special outdoor service at NaperCov! Invite a friend and join us for this special Sunday. There will be no children's programming indoors, but we will have some activities set up for our kids to enjoy outside (chalk, bubbles, sensory bins).

**Parable Party NaperCov Kids Summer Series Coming in July! -** Our 2023 Kids Summer Series (July 9, 16 & 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: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PPKids23">https://tinyurl.com/PPKids23</a>. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please register at: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PPVol23">https://tinyurl.com/PPVol23</a>.

Centennial Beach Outing July 16! The NECC Community Life Team is sponsoring an outing at Centennial Beach in Naperville for everyone Sunday, July 16 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.

Summer Monthly Women's Bible Study resumes July 18th! - Summer Women's Bible Study will meet monthly on Tuesdays -- 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 <a href="mailto:kathy\_buettner@comcast.net">kathy\_buettner@comcast.net</a>.

Summer Serve resumes July 19th & August 6th! - We have several projects to accomplish for our church this summer. We are setting aside the above dates 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.

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

**Covenant Point Bible Camp 2023 Summer Staff Openings** Covenant Point Bible Camp is seeking staff for its summer programs this year. This opportunity offers both quality employment and significant personal job growth options. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.cpbc.com/staffopenings/">https://www.cpbc.com/staffopenings/</a> or contact <a href="mailto:cpbc@cpbc.com">cpbc@cpbc.com</a>.

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Worship Service July 2, 2023 Takeaway #3:

"Parable of the Sower"
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Takeaway #4:

Takeaway #1:

Takeaway #2:

