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 7th

Worship Service @ 10:30am Service at the Pearl @ 1:15pm

Monday, April 8th

Monday Crew @ 2:30pm Executive Board Meeting @ 7pm

Tuesday, April 9th

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

Wednesday, April 10th

Ohana @ 5pm Discipleship Series @ 6:30pm

Thursday, April 11th

Building Rental @ 10am

Friday, April 12th

Youth Lock In @ 7pm

Saturday, April 13th

Creative Prayer Workshop @ 2pm

Sign up for our Weekly All-Church Email and our Parent Connection Email Newsletters: https://tinyurl.com/NECCNews

Find us @NaperCov on Social Media



NaperCov Youth

While engaging with 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.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Wednesday, April 10: Ohana at 5pm

Fri, April 12 - Sat, April 13: Youth Lock-In

Sunday, April 14th: UNITE Meeting at 9:30am

Sunday, April 14th: Confirmation at 12pm



Sunday, April 7th, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter

Worship Music

"Your Name"

"He Knows My Name"

Ministry Highlight

Adopt a Resident at The Pearl

David Sladkey

Worship Music

"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Alice Salzman

Message

"Four Things God Says About You"

Part Two: "You Are Blessed"

Rev. Dawn Bodi

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

"I Love You Lord / I Exalt Thee"

Announcements & Prayer

Worship Music

"O Come To The Altar"

Benediction

Rev. Dawn Bodi

A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant! Thank you for joining us today. If it's your first time visiting us, please fill out the Connection Card in the pew and place it in the offering bag or follow the QR code on the insert.

Prayer After Service - Stephen Ministry has a rotating team who are ready to pray for anyone who would like it today. Head out of the sanctuary to the library after service in order to receive prayer.

Children 1st-5th Grade will remain in the sanctuary today, activity bags are available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

Preschool/Kinder Room is open and staffed during our entire service. Children ages 2.5 - 5 are invited at any time to come explore the Bible together through story and play.

The Nursery is open and staffed by volunteers today. Infants and children up through age 3 are welcome at any time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adopt a Resident at The Pearl - NaperCov congregants are invited to "adopt" a resident at The Pearl and meet with them throughout the year. These visits can involve conversations, games, food, music, etc. Visit https://tinyurl.com/adoptnecc or use the QR code to sign up.



Women's Bible Study Continues Tues, April 9 at 9:30am - WBS meets on Tuesdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. They are currently studying Lisa Harper's How Much More: Discovering God's Extravagant Love in Unexpected Places. Contact Kathy Buettner for more information at kathy_buettner@comcast.net

Lenten Discipleship Series Continues Wed, April 10 at 6:30pm - Our Lenten Discipleship Series will be meeting this upcoming Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm in the library, where they will be discussing chapters 9 and the conclusion from Rev. Dennis Edwards' new book; "Humility Illuminated." On April 17th, Rev. Dennis Edwards himself will join the group for their discussion of his book.

Creative Prayer Family Workshop on Sat, April 13 at 2pm - Connecting with God through Creative Prayer is a workshop available to kids of all ages and their grownups. The workshop will be led by Amy Jackson of The Perch and will include a short teaching about prayer, whole-body prayer, and creative prayer stations. RSVP by April 10 at https://tinyurl.com/creative-prayer

First UNITE Work Days Fundraiser on Thurs, April 20 - To fundraise for UNITE, NaperCov's youth will be having two work days on April 20th and June 1st, during which they will be available to help with tasks, projects, and lawn work. Reach out to Greg Johnson at gregorypauljohnson@gmail.com or (630) 967-4659 for any inquiries.

Budget Town Hall Meeting on Sun, April 21 - After our service on Sunday, April 21st, the executive board will hold a budget town hall meeting to present the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year and answer congregants' questions.

Dick Bowes Memorial Service on Fri, April 26 at 10am - The NaperCov community is invited to join the family and friends of Dick Bowes for a service in his memory. There will be a lunch following the service in our Fellowship Hall.

Feed My Starving Children Service Opportunity on Sat, April 27 at 5pm - The Community Life team is organizing an opportunity to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children and then get dinner at the Patio. You can sign up at the table in the narthex or by contacting Marty Casey at mcasey2727@gmail.com (630) 548-2565.

Monthly Financial Report - Below are the financials for March of 2024. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of Naperville Evangelical Covenant Church.

NECC Financials – Month of March 2024				
	Month		YTD	
	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan
Giving	\$ 52,502	\$ 32,355	\$ 396,485	\$ 350,291
Expenses	\$ 29,506	\$ 39,926	\$ 364,271	\$ 399,457

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Covenant Living Benediction

May the Lord, mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever.

Grant us peace, perfect peace, faith in ey'ry endeavor.

Lift you eyes and see His face and His grace forever.

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