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 14th

UNITE Meeting @ 9:30am Worship Service @ 10:30am Confirmation @ 12pm Service at the Pearl @ 1:15pm

Monday, April 15th

Monday Crew @ 2:30pm Board of Spiritual Life @ 7pm

Tuesday, April 16th

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

Wednesday, April 17th

Ohana @ 5pm Discipleship Series @ 6:30pm

Thursday, April 18th

Building Rental @ 10am

Saturday, April 20th

Youth Work Day @ 8am Building Rental @ 10am

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.

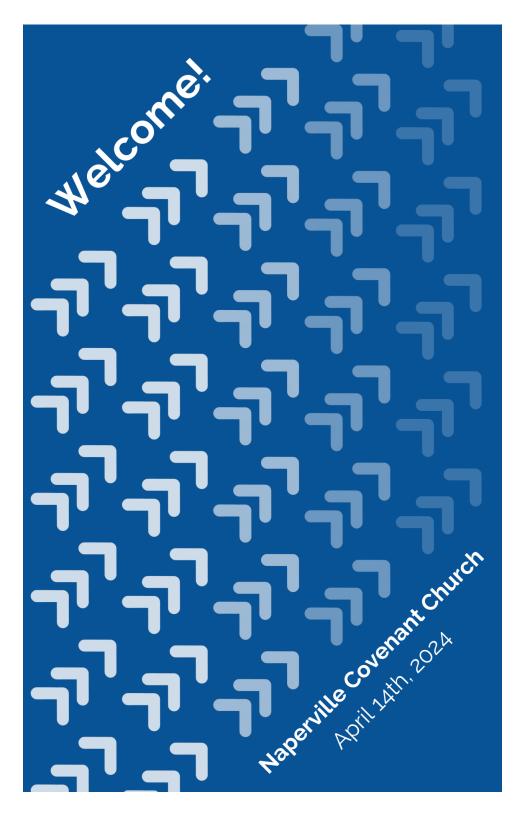
Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday, April 14th: Confirmation at 12pm

Wednesday, April 17th: Ohana at 5pm

Saturday, April 20th: Youth Work Day at 8am

Sunday, April 21st: Youth Service at 10:45am



Sunday, April 14th, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter

Worship Music

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Hymnal #78)
"Father Spirit Jesus"

Ministry Highlight

Preparing to Welcome a Transitional Pastor

Rev. Kevin Swanson

Worship Music

"God in Heaven (Prayer for a New Year)" Written by Covenanter Paul Lessard

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 7:3-11

Diane Quagliana

Message

"If We Stay..."

Rev. Kevin Swanson

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

"Trust in the Lord"

Announcements & Prayer

Worship Music

"God So Loved"

Benediction

Rev. Kevin Swanson

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 are welcome to come to Sunday Squad after the opening set of worship songs. We will return to the sanctuary during the closing song.

Preschool/Kinder Room is 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 one or two times per month throughout the year. These visits can involve conversations, games, food, music, or whatever else you'd like. We're hoping to have ten more individuals/families adopt a resident. Visit https://tinyurl.com/adoptnecc to sign up.

Francine Vieceli Meal Train - There has been a meal train set up for Francine Vieceli, who will be returning home from an extended hospital/rehab stay on April 18th. You can sign up to provide a meal using the link in the weekly email. Please read the section about Francine's current dietary restrictions as well as the section with instructions for delivery. If you have questions, contact Kathy Buettner.

Women's Bible Study Continues Tues, April 16 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

Rev. Edwards Visiting Discipleship Series Wed, April 17 at 6:30pm - Rev. Dennis Edwards will join our Lenten Discipleship Series this upcoming Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30pm in the library. He'll be there to discuss his new book—"Humility Illuminated: The Biblical Path Back to Christian Character"—which the group has been reading throughout the Lenten season.

First UNITE Work Day 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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Sermon Notes

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