



NOW IS THE TIME

Quarterly Update

From the Desk of Pastor Jon:

Recently, I was on the campus at Northwoods and a sign caught my eye—"Under Construction." Seeing that brought a big smile to my face. But you know, it wasn't really about the sign but what it represented—that together we're refusing to settle for the status quo and are building towards a future where we're better able to minister to the needs of our congregation and reach the hearts of neighbors. That's inspiring and exciting!

Because of our collective generosity, we've already begun the first few items on our list of projects. Again, these aren't just building upgrades; they're intentional steps towards creating an atmosphere where people encounter God and a facility that's better equipped to welcome the neighbors God has placed around us.

Many of you have already begun giving toward your pledge, and your dedication to this project touches my heart. Thank you! If you've been on the fence or are just hearing about this and haven't yet made a pledge, would you consider joining us? Every gift, no matter the size, moves us one step closer to the future we're building together. You can give online at northwoods.church/nowisthetime.

As we continue to build in the days ahead, let's remember that the most meaningful construction won't happen on the building but in the hearts of people. That's what God is after and I'm grateful to build alongside you!

In Christ,

Jon Rychener
Northwoods Community Church

NOW NEWS

Construction on the Children's Ministry began March 11 with upstairs classrooms.

New HVAC units for the Student Center and Ministry Offices have arrived and are ready to be installed.

After the HVAC units are installed, the roof in those areas will be replaced.

Our Children's Ministry received a new name on March 22: **Northwoods Kids.**



... I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.
2 CORINTHIANS 6:2

Children's Ministry Update

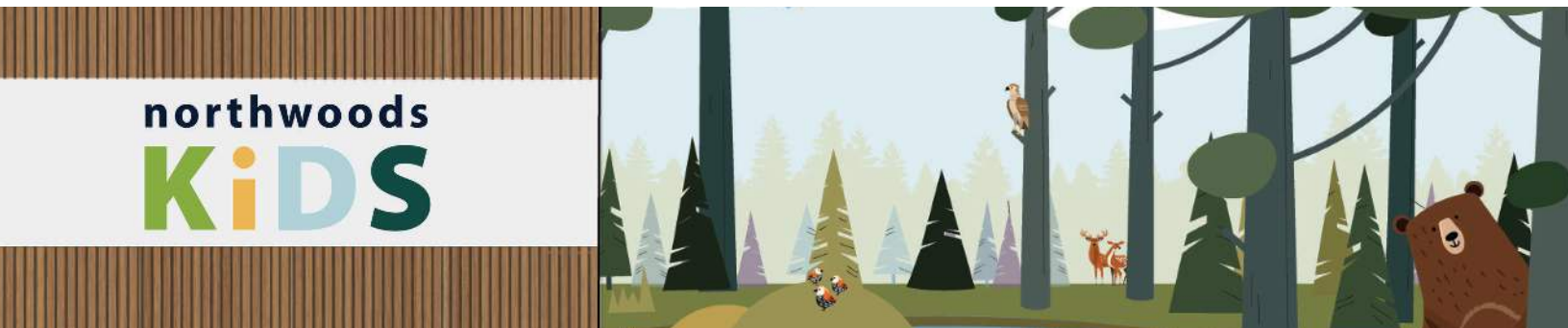
For over 35 years, Northwoods has been committed to sharing the truth of Jesus Christ with the Peoria community—especially through our children's ministry.

Through Discoveryland, we've taught God's Word in creative and relevant ways, helping kids know that God loves them, has provided a path to relationship with them through Jesus, and has sent the Holy Spirit to empower them. We know many of you have stories of life-change that have come from this ministry, and our desire is to see many more children and families experience God in the years to come.

As part of our Now is the Time Campaign, we're refreshing our children's ministry with updated designs and a new name: **Northwoods Kids**.

This name clearly identifies our programming for children from birth to 5th grade, making it easy for current and new families to understand what we offer. After careful research and consideration, we are confident the name **Northwoods Kids** will give families an immediate understanding of the scope of ministry, while the name Discoveryland often requires additional explanation for parents who are trying to navigate our campus and ministries for the first time.

While the name has changed, our mission has remained unchanged. God is going to continue to do great things through **Northwoods Kids**!



Giving Information

No gift is too small to make an impact. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us? **Scan the QR code** to create a pledge or make a donation to Now is the Time.

You can also reach us at giving@northwoods.church or by phone at **(309) 243-1550**. Just ask to speak to someone about giving to Now is the Time.



\$4,643,678
Total Given

\$13,060,345
Total Pledged

\$15 Million
Dream Goal

