# 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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#### Naperville Covenant Staff:

Lead Pastor, Leslie X. Sanders - <u>lesliex@napercov.org</u> Pastor of Student Ministries, Josiah Cheng - <u>josiah@napercov.org</u> Pastor of Children and Family Ministries, Kelly Johnston - <u>kelly@napercov.org</u> Director of Music and Arts, Lucas Gillan - <u>lucas@napercov.org</u> Church Communications Administrator, Kevin Shepke - <u>kevin@napercov.org</u>

### Weekly Events

Sunday, August 13

Worship Service @ 10:30 am Sunday Squad ~ 10:45 am Monday, August 14 Executive Board Meeting @ 7 pm

### <u>Tuesday, August 15</u>

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am Baseball Outing @ 6:30 pm (Kane County Cougars Game)

## 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.







#### Sunday, August 13, 2023 - Worship Service

#### Worship Music

"Ancient Of Days"

Call To Worship

**Worship Music** 

"Hold Us Together"

Scripture Reading Luke 15:1-10 Connie Burke

Worship Music "What Wondrous Love Is This" "Reckless Love"

#### **Child Dedication**

Ellis Yuxi Cheng

Message "The Parable of the Lost Sheep: Lost" Parables of Jesus: Stories of the Kingdom Series Pastor Leslie X.

#### **Announcements & Prayer**

Offertory

Closing Worship "New Name"

#### **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...

**Back To School Sunday - August 20!** Join us for Back to School Sunday, August 20th! Invite classmates, friends, educators, and other school employees for a special worship service praying for the schools in our community and blessing students and staff as they begin a new year. For more info, please see Pastor Kelly.

**Pray For Me Cards - Available August 20** Our goal is to have every young person - babies to college-age - covered in prayer by their church family throughout the coming school year. Parents, help us out by sending us a recent photo of your child, and any updated school info! Please email to Pastor Kelly or Pastor Josiah.

**Ministry Fair - August 27!** Join us Sunday, August 27 as all NaperCov ministries will exhibit their various programs and how to get involved at our Ministry Fair! In advance of the Fair, take a minute to check out our volunteer form and fill it out to the best of your ability (check the bulletin insert). In the meantime be in prayer about What God is calling you to in the next season of ministry at NaperCov. Come to the Ministry Fair to learn more! More details about the fair will be released as the date approaches.

**Kickoff Sunday - September 10!** To launch our fall season of ministry, we will gather for a special kickoff service at NaperCov! Invite a friend and join us for this special Sunday.

**60+Day at Covenant Harbor** Covenant Harbor's popular 60+ Day returns Tuesday, September 12, 2023! All adults age 60+ are welcome to register, whether they are members of your church or not. Registration is open by following <u>https://tinyurl.com/60DayCov</u> (preferred method) and includes an option to request overnight accommodations in Geneva Bay Center on Monday, September 11, and/ or Tuesday, September 12. If you have questions or need assistance, please call (262) 248-3600 or email <u>development@covenantharbor.org</u>.

**Women's Retreat at CPBC: Sept. 29-Oct. 1!** Come for a weekend of fun, fellowship, meaningful conversation, and worship! The women's retreat is a beautiful time of year at camp, often highlighted by the peak of the fall foliage. Invite your friends out for the excellent food, good times, and life-giving worship and messages. Registration begins at 4:00 PM on Friday, with our first gathering for dinner at 5:30 PM.\*Early Bird Registration Discount applies if registered or post-marked by September 15, 2023. Pricing and details at www.cpbc.com/womensretreat.

**Scripture Passage Readers Needed** The Worship Committee is looking for individuals who will read the scripture passage on Sunday mornings. Please see Shirley Gustafson or Sneha Augusthy know if you'd like to join the scripture reading team!

- Have an announcement or event you'd like to publicize? -Please fill out our Publicity Request Form. You can access it by following <u>https://tinyurl.com/NECCPRF</u> or visit the Events page on the NaperCov website at <u>https://www.napercov.org/events</u>.

# **YOU ARE INVITED TO VOLUNTEER MINISTRY** @ NAPERVILLE COVENANT CHURCH

There are countless ways to share your time and gifts through volunteer service. From ongoing service on one of our ministry teams to periodic events on and offsite, it is easy to find ways to be involved. Ministry group leaders are always looking for willing volunteers to help further our mission. Whether it's helping to organize or staff a one-time event, serving regularly on Sunday mornings, or even making calls from home, there is something you can do to help.

Name:	
Best Email:	
Best Phone Number:	
How do you prefer we follow up with you?	I WOULD LIKE TO
🗅 Phone Call 🛛 Email 🖵 Text	LEARN MORE ABOUT
	MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

# WHAT'S YOUR PASSION?

#### CHECK YOUR TOP 3

Examples provided are just a sample of ways to serve in that area of ministry. This form is not a commitment, but a way for staff to get to know you. We look forward to doing ministry together!

- Adult Ministries (teaching, mentoring, Life Group leadership, Men's and Women's Ministries)
- Children & Family Ministries (nursery—5<sup>th</sup> grade, Sunday classes, Wednesday evening program, special events)
- Community Outreach & Service

(community partnerships, service events, benevolence, evangelism, ministries of mercy

- Congregational Care (new comer contact team, visiting ill or home-bound congregants, meals)
- Global Engagement (World Missions, missionary prayer support)
- Governance & Guidance (Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, Search Teams, Special Committees)
- Ministries Support (facility/property maintenance, administration, technology)
- Prayer (intercessory prayer, prayer chain)



- □ Service Ministries (event setup or clean up, helping in the kitchen)
  - Student/Youth Ministries (6<sup>th</sup>—12<sup>th</sup> grade/College, classes, events, small groups, Wednesday evenina programs)
  - Welcome & Hospitality (Welcome Center, greeters, ushers)
- U Worship & Arts (choir, vocalists, praise bands, drama, tech support, video operation)

# YOU ARE MINISTRY @ **NAPERVILLE COVENANT CHURCH**

# WHAT ARE YOUR SUPER POWERS?

#### SKILLS

- Construction
- Counseling
- □ Finances/
- Accounting
- Handy/Small Repairs
- Marketina & Communications
- Media/Graphic Design
- Medical Field
- Office Work
- Painting (Interior/
- Exterior)
- □ Security
- Teaching
- Computers/Tech

### ARTS

- Bass Guitar Guitar
- Dance
- Director
- Drama Drums
- Keyboard/Piano
- Lead Worship
- Lighting
- Photography
- Sound Mixing
- Videoaraphy
- Vocalist
- Writer

#### SPORTS

- Athlete
- Camping/Hiking
- Coachina/ Officiatina

#### LEADERSHIP

- Event Planning
- Mentorina Adults
- Mentoring Youth

### CARE

- Conversationalist
- Good Listener
- Housework
- Meal Prep
- Special Needs
  - Support

TELL US MORE ABOUT YOURSELF AND WHAT MAKES YOU YOU:



**Know Love Serve** 



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