

## 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, May 21**

Worship Service @ 10:30 am

Sunday Squad ~ 10:45 am

Kids Sunday Planning Meeting @ 12 pm

4th & 5th Grade Small Group @

12:15-1:30 pm

**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

#### Weekly Gatherings

##### **Wednesday**

Youth Group  
5:00 - 7:00 PM

##### **Sunday**

Bible Study  
9:30 - 10:15 AM

More details on our website: [napercov.org/youth](http://napercov.org/youth)

#### Upcoming

**5/27** Annual Competition

**6/4** Graduation Sunday

**7/28-7/30** NECC

Camping Trip



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# Welcome to Naperville Covenant Church

Sunday, May 21, 2023 - Worship Service

## Worship Music

“Freedom”

“Same God”

“All Things New”

Naperville Covenant Church Choir

## Scripture Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

## Worship Music

“Before The Throne Of God Above”

## Message

“Praying For Deliverance”

Deeply Rooted Sermon Series

Pastor Leslie X.

## Announcements & Prayer

### Offertory

### Closing Worship

“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

### Benediction

Pastor Leslie X.

**A warm welcome to Naperville Covenant!** Thank you for joining us today for worship. While face masks are encouraged, they are not required. 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 a Bible lesson, craft, and games. Parents, please come retrieve your kids after 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...*

**Deeply Rooted - Sermon Series continues TODAY!** Prayer is a continual back-and-forth conversation with God. It comes from a deeply rooted place that is honest, trusted, and even tested. But sometimes, as followers of Jesus, we ask ourselves, “Does prayer work?” “Is God listening?” “Am I praying the right way?” “What should I pray about?” This six-week series (April 30-June 11) will explore how Jesus teaches us to pray, how prayer can influence our communities, and examine other powerful prayer moments in Scripture.

**Graduation Sunday - June 4!** Celebrate our Graduates and students moving up! We'll have a special time to honor High School graduates, prayer for all students graduating, and gifts available for them. There will be cake and light reception in honor of graduates as well as gathering for our Annual Meeting. For more info, please see Pastor Josiah.

**NECC Annual Meeting - June 4** We will be holding our annual meeting in-person immediately after church on Sunday, June 4. Please make every effort to join us if you can. There will be a remote viewing option, which will be available as the date gets closer in you cannot attend in person.

**NECC Golf Outing - June 11!** The Community Life Team is pleased to announce a nine-hole golf outing Sunday, June 11, 2023 at Boughton Ridge Golf Course in Bolingbrook. This is an adults only social event. The first foursome will tee off at 3:00 p.m. followed by other groups at 10-minute intervals. All golfers must have their own clubs and Boughton Ridge does not allow ride-alongs. After the golf outing, Bob and Shar Diller will be hosting a cook-out at their home for all golfers and spouses who do not golf. The menu will consist of hot dogs, brats, and burgers. For more info, please see Sid Scott or Bob Diller.

**NECC Camping Trip July 28-30!** Do you love the outdoors or need to take a break from the busyness of life? Join us for a few days or stop by for a couple of hours as we get away on a trip to Rock Cut State Park July 28-30. It's a 1.5 hour drive making it easily accessible but far enough to get away from home. Don't have any camping gear or experience? No problem! We have several experienced campers that are willing to share or lend necessary equipment. There's great hiking trails and lake fun with watercraft rentals available. We'll also have delicious food available! Cost is \$35/person. Please RSVP with Pastor Josiah by **TOMORROW May 22** in order to reserve camping space.

**Team World Vision - Clean Water Initiative 2023** Calling all runners, and non-runners alike, Team World Vision and Naperville Covenant Church are teaming up to compete in this fall's Chicago Marathon as part of TWV's help to fight global poverty! To find out how you can be part of this year's team or for more info, please see Greg Johnston.

**Volunteer Delegates Needed for Gather 2023** The Evangelical Covenant Church is hosting its Annual denomination-wide Meeting 'Gather 2023' this summer June 28-July 1 in Garden Grove, California. Naperville Covenant Church is seeking two church members to volunteer and serve as delegates (pay own way) either in-person or virtually. If you're interested in representing NECC as a delegate, please visit <https://covchurch.org/gather/>.

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***Hebrews 4:14-16***  
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Takeaway #1:

Takeaway #2:

Takeaway #3:

Takeaway #4:

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