

## 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, September 17**

Worship Service @ 10:30 am

Sunday Squad ~ 10:45 am

Sermon Response Meeting @ 12 pm

#### **Monday, September 18**

Board of Spiritual Life Meeting

@ 7 pm

#### **Tuesday, September 19**

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am

**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

#### Upcoming

9/17 Youth Service

10:45 am

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Service @ The Pearl 1:30 pm

9/17 Confirmation 12-2 pm

Check out our website: [napercov.org/youth](http://napercov.org/youth)

9/20 Ohana

5-6:30 pm

7/15-7/19 Unite 2024



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Matthew 6:19-21

# Welcome to Naperville Covenant Church

Sunday, September 17, 2023 - Worship Service

## Worship Music

"Again I Say Rejoice"

## Call To Worship

## Worship Music

"Honey In The Rock"

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:19-21

## Worship Music

"I Surrender All"

## First Grade Bible Presentation

Pastor Kelly

## Message

"It's A Matter Of The Heart"

Lord Of The Fries Sermon Series Pt. 1

Pastor Leslie X.

## Announcements & Prayer

## Offertory

"Is Your All on the Altar?"

## Closing Worship

"Build My Life"

## 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...

**Lord of The Fries - Sermon Series Begins TODAY!** Join us as we begin our new sermon series TODAY – Lord of the Fries! God has blessed us with possessions, money, time, influence and the list goes on. He has placed those things in our hands. Whatever or whoever we are willing to open our hands to, sharing those blessings, we also open our hearts to. The danger is money and all it can buy begins to possess our hearts. God, our provider, wants nothing and no one in possession of our hearts except Him. For the hearts He rules, He promises to provide for all their needs. This series will examine these topics and much more!

**Sermon Response Meeting - TODAY!** Come join us for a meeting to discuss Pastor Leslie X's sermon immediately after service in the library TODAY!

**Family Service @ the Pearl - TODAY!** NaperCov families are encouraged to attend our weekly worship service at The Pearl (200 W. Martin Ave., Naperville) TODAY! The service begins at 1:30 p.m. and usually ends around 2:30 p.m. -- come when you are able! We will have some percussion instruments to share with the residents as well as some games to help connect. To learn more, please see Pastor Kelly or Pastor Josiah.

**New Women's Bible Study Begins September 19!** This fall the Women's Bible Study will meet weekly on Tuesdays, beginning September 19th at 9:30 am at church. We will be studying through Angie Smith's study, "Seamless." For more information, please contact Kathy Buettner at [kathy\\_buettner@comcast.net](mailto:kathy_buettner@comcast.net).

**Finding Your Why? Workshop – Oct. 28** Based on Simon Sinek's book Find Your Why: A Practical Guide for Discovering Purpose for You and Your Team, this workshop, which will take place at church from 9 am-2:30 pm (with a 30-minute meal break) and is completely FREE to attend, focuses on discovering the ultimate reason a specific congregation exists. The workshop includes extensive small group work, large group brainstorming, video, facilitator instruction, visuals, and storytelling to empower multiple learning styles. For more info, please contact the church office.

**The Peace Table Storybook Bible** Limited quantity available for purchase today. If you are interested in taking home a wonderful new storybook Bible we will be using in our classrooms this Fall, visit the counter by the Preschool Room. Special price for NaperCov families is \$20.

## - Have an announcement or event you'd like to publicize? -

Please fill out our Publicity Request Form. You can access it by following <https://tinyurl.com/NECCPRF> or visit the Events page on the NaperCov website at <https://www.napercov.org/events>.

## NECC Financials – Month of August 2023

	Month		YTD	
	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan
Giving	\$ 27,110	\$ 30,289	\$ 76,929	\$ 98,440
Expenses	\$ 40,121	\$ 37,217	\$ 108,214	\$ 115,476

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**September 17, 2023**

***“It’s A Matter Of The Heart”***  
***Lord Of The Fries Sermon Series Pt. 1***  
***Pastor Leslie X.***

Takeaway #1:

Takeaway #2:

Takeaway #3:

Takeaway #4:

**NaperCov Giving**  
<https://napercov.org/give>

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