# 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:

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## **Weekly Events**

#### **Sunday, January 14th**

Worship Service @ 10:30am
Taking Down the Greens @12pm
Confirmation @ 12pm

### Monday, January 15th

Office Closed for MLK Day

### Tuesday, January 16th

Board of Spiritual Life Meeting @ 7pm

## Wednesday, January 17th

Ohana @ 5pm

Sign up for our Weekly All-Church Email and our Parent Connection Email Newsletters: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/NECCNews">https://tinyurl.com/NECCNews</a>

Find us @NaperCov on Social Media



## NaperCov Youth

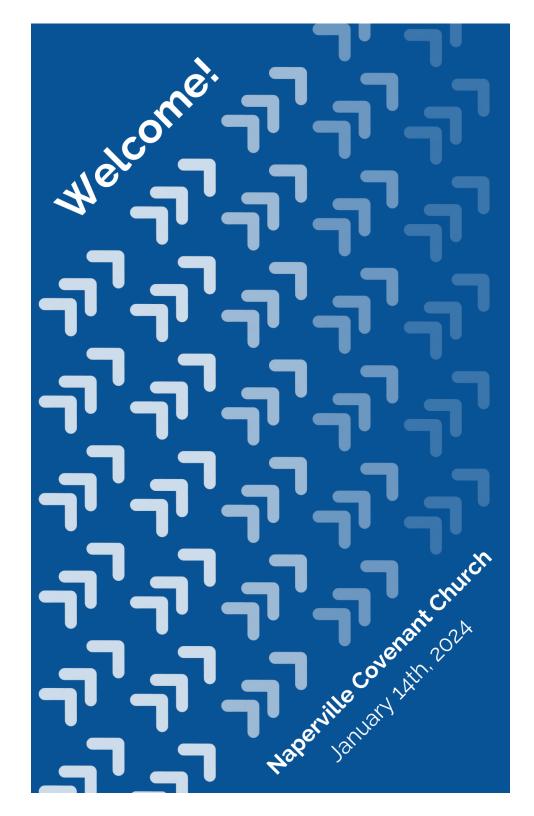
While engaging with peers and community, NaperCov Youth Ministry will be a place where students find acceptance for who they are and challenged to grow deeper in faith with Christ.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

Sun. 01/14: Confirmation from 12pm - 2pm

Youth Return from **One Life Retreat** on Mon. 01/15

Wed. 01/17: Ohana from 5pm-6:30pm



## Sunday, January 14, 2024 - Worship Service

#### **Worship Music**

"The Lion and The Lamb"

"I Will Run"

"Open The Eyes of My Heart"

#### Message

"Walking with Jesus" Luke 24:13-35 Pastor Kelly

**Announcements & Prayer** 

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings** 

"Day by Day"

**Closing Worship Song** 

"Goodness of God"

**Benediction** 

Pastor Kelly

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 in this bulletin. Please also stop by the Welcome Center for more information and a free gift.

**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 to receive prayer.

**Sign Pastor Leslie X's Photo Book After Service-** As a gift to Pastor Leslie X. Sanders, we've created a photo book. Come write down a favorite memory or encouraging message to Pastor Leslie X and his family after service today. The book is located at the main entrance to the sanctuary.

**Children 1st-5th Grade** are welcome to come to Sunday Squad after the opening worship set of songs. We will return to the sanctuary during the closing song.

**Preschool/Kinder Room** is open and 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**

**Taking Down the Greens Today** - Please join us after service today to take down the greens and store them until next year. It might not be as fun as hanging the greens but it is just as appreciated! Lunch will be provided for volunteers.

**Faith Commitment Cards due Tomorrow, January 15th** - As we look ahead to 2024, we are asking members, regular attenders, and anyone participating in the life of NaperCov to partner with the NECC leadership teams by prayerfully considering the level of financial commitment they are able to make and filling out a Faith Commitment Card. To participate, grab a card on the table outside the sanctuary and place it in the offering.

January Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 21st - All Naperville Covenant members and attenders are invited to our annual January Congregational Meeting following our worship service on Sunday, January 21st. The Executive Board will be reviewing the financials and provide an update regarding our staffing situation going forward. There will be a hot dog lunch provided by the community life team between the end of our worship service and the beginning of the meeting.

Women's Bible Study Will Resume January 23rd - WBS will be resuming on Tuesday, January 23rd at 9:30am. They will be studying *How Much More: Discovering God's Extravagant Love in Unexpected Places*. Contact Kathy Buettner for more information at kathy buettner@comcast.net

**Volunteer as an Offering Counter -** The Offering Count Team is in need of a couple of volunteers to help count the weekly offering and take the deposit over to the bank. If you are interested, please contact Scott Stenmark at sstenmark@sbcglobal.net or (773)-554-6662.

**Covenant Point Men's Retreat -** Brad Nordling is putting together a group from NaperCov to attend the Men's Retreat at Covenant Point Bible Camp from February 23rd-25th. There will be food, fellowship, activities, worship, and messages by Central Conference Superintendent Danny Martinez. For more information, contact Brad Nordling at brad@nordlingphotos.com

**Monthly Financial Report -** Below are the financials for November of 2023. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of Naperville Evangelical Covenant Church.

NECC Financials – Month of November 2023`				
	Month		YTD	
	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan
Giving	\$ 34,739	\$ 30,289	\$ 171,610	\$ 196,881
Expenses	\$ 34,326	\$ 37,293	\$ 215,185	\$ 227,325

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