

## 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, January 21st

UNITE Meeting @ 9:30am  
Worship Service @ 10:30am  
Confirmation @ 12pm  
Congregational Meeting @ 12:15pm

### Monday, January 22nd

Pastors at Midwinter through Fri, Jan 26th  
Building Rental @ 5pm

### Tuesday, January 23rd

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

### Wednesday, January 24th

Ohana @ 5pm  
Choir Rehearsal @ 7pm

### Thursday, January 25th

Building Rental @ 6pm

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

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. 01/21: **Confirmation** from 12pm - 2pm

Wed. 01/24: **Ohana** from 5pm-6:30pm



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Welcome!

Naperville Covenant Church  
January 21st, 2024

**Worship Music**

“Holy Is the Lord”

“You Are Good”

“More Than Amazing”

**Message**

“How Goes Your Walk with Jesus?”

Luke 24:13-35

Pastor Kelly and Pastor Josiah

**Announcements & Prayer**

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

**Closing Worship Song**

“Called Me Higher”

**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 after service in order to receive prayer.

**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**

**January Congregational Meeting After Service Today** - All Naperville Covenant members and attenders are invited to our annual January Congregational Meeting following our worship service today. 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. Parents, please get food for your kids in the fellowship hall before taking them to childcare in the PreK-Kinder Room.

**Women’s Bible Study Resumes This Tues, Jan. 23 at 9:30am** - 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](mailto:kathy_buettner@comcast.net)

**NaperCov Kids Trampoline Park Day on Sun, Feb. 4 from 2pm-4pm** - Jump on over to Get Air in Downers Grove! Kiddos get to play; parents get to connect! NaperCov will help offset the cost of our jumpers, but we do need to know if you're coming, so please RSVP by emailing Pastor Kelly.

**Parent’s Night Off Fundraiser on Sat, Feb. 17 from 5pm-8:30pm**- To help send NaperCov's high school students to the UNITE this summer, we will be hosting a Parent's Night Off. Drop your kids off at NaperCov and we'll provide a meal, games, crafts, and entertainment for them as you take the night off. It will cost \$60 per kid with discounts for multiple children.

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

**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](mailto:sstenmark@sbcglobal.net) or (773)-554-6662.

**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.

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

# HOW GOES YOUR WALK WITH JESUS?

*Pastor Kelly Johnston & Pastor Josiah Cheng* **January 21, 2024**

## **Luke 24:13 - 35**

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.

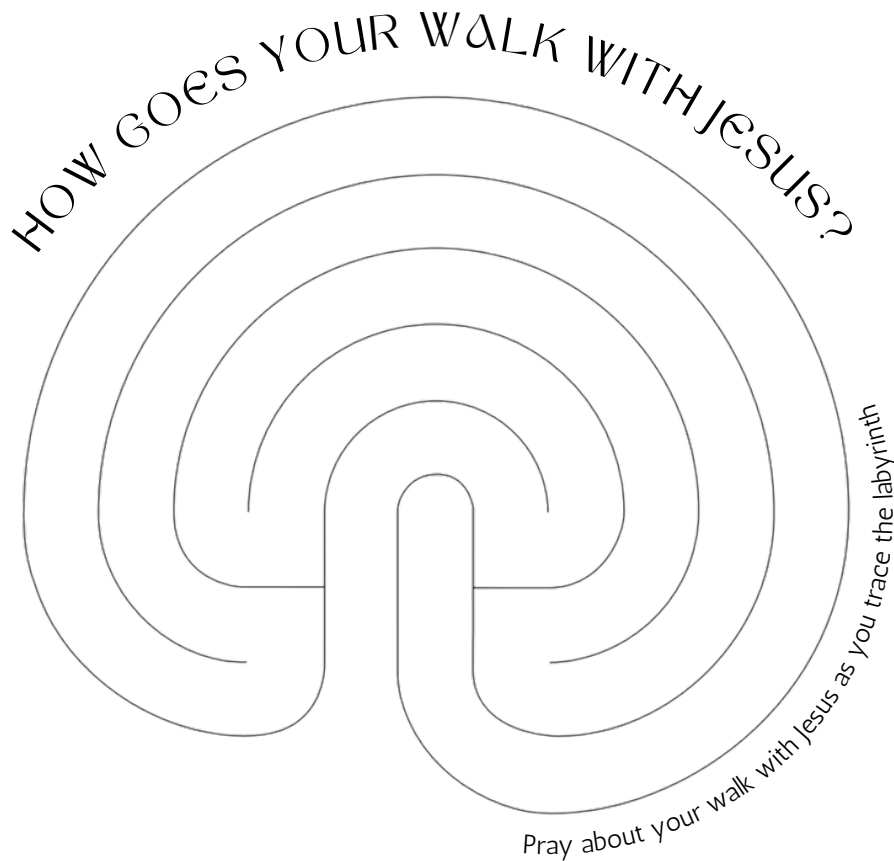
18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

28 As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. 29 But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. 32 They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

33 They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together 34 and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." 35 Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.



### ***Additional Prayers and Reflections....***

# HOW GOES YOUR WALK WITH JESUS?

*Reflecting on how we encounter Jesus on the Road to Emmaus in Luke 24:13-35, how is your walk with Jesus as an individual, and as a member of this church community? Take time to reflect...*

JESUS AS COMPANION Listening to our stories

*For me personally...*

*For my Naperville Covenant community...*

JESUS AS HOST Fellowship at the table;

*For me personally...*

*For my Naperville Covenant community...*

JESUS AS TEACHER Engaging God's Word

*For me personally...*

*For my Naperville Covenant community...*

JESUS AS RESURRECTED LORD Saving with power

*For me personally...*

*For my Naperville Covenant community...*