

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, February 18th

Worship Service @ 10:30am

Youth Service @ 10:45am

Confirmation @ 12pm

Monday, February 19th

Board of Spiritual Life @ 7pm

Tuesday, February 20th

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am

Building Rental @ 5pm

Wednesday, February 21st

Ohana @ 5pm

Discipleship Series @ 6:30pm

Saturday, February 24th

Building Rental @ 9am

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:

Sunday, Feb. 18: **Youth Service** at 10:45am

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Wed, Feb. 21: **Ohana** at 5pm



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Lent 2024 Naperville Covenant Church

Worship Music

“Soul On Fire”
“Holy Holy Holy”

Prayer of Confession

Worship Music

“O Come To The Altar”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11
Barbara Dwyer

Message

“Into the Wilderness”
Pastor Kelly Johnston

Announcements & Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Closing Worship Song

“Only King Forever”

Benediction

Pastor Kelly Johnston

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 on the insert.

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

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.

Black History Month Resources - See your weekly announcement email for resources recommended by Dominique Gilliard—Director of Racial Righteousness & Reconciliation for the Evangelical Covenant Church—with a few additions from Pastor Kelly and Pastor Josiah.

Women’s Bible Study Continues This Tues, Feb. 20 at 9:30am - This winter, WBS will be studying Lisa Harper’s *How Much More: Discovering God’s Extravagant Love in Unexpected Places*. Contact Kathy Buettner for more information at kathy_buettner@comcast.net

Lenten Discipleship Series Begins This Wed, Feb. 21 at 6:30pm - Greg Johnston will be leading a series on Rev. Dennis Edwards' new book—*Humility Illuminated: The Biblical Path Back to Christian Character*. The first meeting will be on Wed, Feb. 21 from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the NECC library.

Covenant Point Men’s Retreat Feb. 23-25 - 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

Parent Café on Sun, Feb 25 at 9am - All parents are welcome to come a little early to church next Sunday, February 25th to hang out, get a cup of coffee or tea, and connect! This event is for anyone actively parenting—whether your kids are in high school or are babies. Let's share our wisdom and encouragement with each other. Childcare is provided. RSVP's to kelly@napercov.org are helpful but not required!

NaperCov Board Game Night on Sat, Mar 2 from 6pm-8pm - Take some time out of your weekend to have fun playing board games with your NaperCov family. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share. There will be games for all ages and complexities.

Monthly Financial Report - Below are the financials for January of 2024. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of Naperville Evangelical Covenant Church.

NECC Financials – Month of January 2024`				
	Month		YTD	
	Actual	Plan	Actual	Plan
Giving	\$ 27,457	\$ 32,355	\$ 321,110	\$ 285,582
Expenses	\$ 43,335	\$ 43,338	\$ 303,435	\$ 314,998

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Prayer of Confession

We come before you, O God, your wayward children.
We confess to you our love of worldly goods.
We prefer to live by bread alone rather than your life-giving Word.
We confess to you that we do not trust in your saving love.
We test and question your presence in our lives.
We do not see your angels that surround us.
We confess to you that we worship worldly power and success.
We ignore those in need.
We believe that it is we, rather than you, who has charge over the world.
Forgive us our sins and weakness, and set us on the path toward health and wholeness that can be found only in you.
May we worship and serve only you, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

As we walk this Lenten journey, we do so with the God of love. Our God accepts us when we turn away from sin and turn toward new life in God. Through the power of the Holy Spirit may you grow in grace.

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