

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 25th

Worship Service @ 10:30am
Confirmation @ 12pm

Tuesday, February 27th

Women's Bible Study @ 9:30am
Building Rental @ 5pm

Wednesday, February 28th

Feed My Starving Children @ 4:30pm
Discipleship Series @ 6:30pm

Saturday, March 2nd

Building Rental @ 9am
Family Game Night @ 6:00pm

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. 25: **Confirmation** at 12pm

Wed., Feb. 28: **Feed My Starving Children** at 4:30pm

Sat., March 2: **Family Board Game Night** at 6pm

Sunday, March 3: **UNITE Meeting** at 9:30 am



Lent 2024 Naperville Covenant Church

Worship Music

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
“House of the Lord”

Prayer of Confession

Worship Music

“Hungry”

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:16-18
Steve Offutt

Message

“Fasting”
Pastor Josiah Cheng

Announcements & Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Closing Worship Song

“Blessed Be Your Name”

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 unstaffed today, but families are welcome to use this space as needed.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt Planning Meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7pm on Zoom
Plans are underway for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, to be held on Saturday, March 23. Check your church email for a link to SignUp Genius to volunteer, or visit the sign-up sheet in the church narthex. *Anyone interested in helping make the Egg Hunt happen is invited to join a planning meeting this Tuesday night on Zoom.* RSVP for the meeting to kelly@napercov.org.

Lenten Discipleship Series Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Greg Johnston is leading a series on Rev. Dennis Edwards' new book—*Humility Illuminated: The Biblical Path Back to Christian Character* on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the NECC library. This Wednesday 2/28 they will be discussing the first two chapters, “Yielding: Where Humility Starts” and “Embodying: The Example of Jesus”.

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.

Bean Bonanza - UNITE Fundraiser on Sunday, March 10 after service
Remember Spudfest? Join us this year for Bean Bonanza! We will have a coffee station, counting beans jar, bean crafts, silent auction and more. All proceeds support sending youth to UNITE. Contact Pastor Josiah if you can contribute to the silent auction.

Women's Bible Study Continues This Tues, Feb. 27 at 9:30am
This winter, WBS is 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

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.

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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Sermon Notes

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

Forgive us;

For the things we have failed to do that we regret,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have acted without love,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have reacted without thought,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have withdrawn care,

Forgive us;

For all the times we have failed to forgive,

Forgive us.

For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

God of all time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burden of regret. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we are assured there is no sin so terrible that God cannot forgive, no hurt so terrible that God cannot heal. God accepts, God forgives, and God sets free. Receive the forgiving love of God.

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