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**AFFIRMATION HIGHLIGHT**

Thornapple's denomination, the Evangelical Covenant Church, seeks to form and nurture communities that are deeply committed to Jesus Christ and passionately engaged in Christ's mission in the world. For Covenant people, our essential beliefs are summed up in what we call *Covenant Affirmations*:

- We affirm the centrality of the word of God.
- We affirm the necessity of the new birth.
- We affirm a commitment to the whole mission of the church.
- We affirm the church as a fellowship of believers.
- We affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit.
- We affirm the reality of freedom in Christ.

Throughout the year we'd like to offer a more in-depth look at each affirmation. Please contact one of our pastoral staff if you have questions about these beliefs.

**What does "we affirm the centrality of the word of God mean"?**

We believe the Bible is the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine and conduct. The dynamic, transforming power of the word of God directs the church and the life of each Christian. This reliance on the Bible leads us to affirm both men and women as ordained ministers and at every level of leadership. It is the reason we pursue ethnic diversity in our church and is the inspiration for every act of compassion, mercy and justice.



**March 10, 2019 | First Sunday of Lent**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Welcome**

Michael Weller

**\*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

(Hymn #19)

**\*Look and See**

**\*Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him (9:00am only)**

**Offering**

**Reverse Offering for Safe Haven Ministries**

LV Wynalda

**Infant Dedication (10:30am only)**

**\*Come, Light Our Hearts**

**Scripture**

Romans 6:1-11; Colossians 2:9-15

Jacque Johnson & Barb Hoogeboom

**Message**

The Way of the Cross: Victory

Pastor Rob Peterson

**\*I Will Sing of My Redeemer**

(Hymn #223)

**\*What a Beautiful Name**

**Benediction**

*\*Congregational song*

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The Prayer Team will be under the cross following the service if you would like to pray.

If you are our guest this morning, stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a gift we have for you.

Children's worship resources are available at the back of the Sanctuary by the sound booth.

**Safe Haven Ministries "Reverse Offering" TODAY**

Today you will be invited to take a slip of paper from a basket, purchase the food item listed and return it to church next Sunday (Mar. 17) or drop off during the week in the designated area in the Lobby.

All food donations will go to Safe Haven Ministries to help women and children who are victims of domestic abuse in the Grand Rapids area. More info at: [thornapple.org/reverseoffering](http://thornapple.org/reverseoffering)



**We're asking EVERYONE to fill out a Connection Card during worship. These cards will give us your contact info and help identify your "next step" or share a prayer request. Cards can be placed in the offering plate or left at the Welcome Center. During the week, staff will follow up with people as needed.**



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 3/10

Daylight Savings Time Starts

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/Men's Bible Study  
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/Crew 52/Huddles/Sermon  
Reflection

## Monday 3/11

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men  
9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer  
7:00pm • Men's Bible Study  
7:00pm • Young Adults Small Group (offsite)

## Tuesday 3/12

7:00pm • ENGAGE (offsite)

## Wednesday 3/13

9:30am • Women's Bible Studies  
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering  
7:00pm • Financial Peace University (offsite)

## Thursday 3/14

9:30am • Moms on a Mission  
6:00pm • MOPS Consignment Sale  
7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

## Friday 3/15

6:30am • Men's Bible Study  
9:00am • MOPS Consignment Sale  
9:30am • WholyFit

## Saturday 3/16

8:30am • Men's Bible Study  
9:00am • MOPS Consignment Sale

## Sunday 3/17

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/Men's Bible Study  
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/Crew 52/Huddles/Sermon  
Reflection  
HS Small Group Sunday

**Weather Updates** | Periodically we may need to cancel events or worship services at Thornapple because of inclement weather. Cancellations are posted online at: [thornapple.org/weather](http://thornapple.org/weather) and listed with WOOD TV and WZZM TV 13.

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Take 5** | Following each service Sunday mornings in March and April, anyone new to Thornapple who is interested in knowing more about the church and ways to connect is invited to come to The Commons, grab coffee and talk with one of our pastors at the cafe tables.
- **Spiritual Disciplines Retreat with Sharon Brown** | All are welcome to a six-session retreat exploring spiritual disciplines during Lent, Tuesdays (Mar. 12-Apr. 16), 9:30-11:30am at Thornapple Community Church (corner of Thornapple River Dr. and Thornhills). Cost is \$75/person. Register at [sensibleshoesclub.com](http://sensibleshoesclub.com) using the contact page. Contact Shalini Bennett with questions ([shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com) or 616.516.9892).
- **MOPS Consignment Sale** | Thursday, Mar. 14 (6:00-8:00pm for \$5 entry), Friday, Mar. 15 (9am-1pm; free entry) and Saturday, Mar. 16 (9:00am-Noon; free entry and most items half off). Learn more: [thornapplemopsconsignmentsale.com](http://thornapplemopsconsignmentsale.com).
- **Woven** | Thornapple's group for adoptive and foster care families will be meeting on Mar. 19 at 7:30pm in The Commons. We will focus on attachment styles and how they affect parenting. Woven meetings are open to the adoptee and foster care community beyond our congregation. Please extend an invitation to anyone who may benefit.
- **Choir** | Singers of all ages are invited to join us in singing during both services on Apr. 14 (Palm Sunday). Rehearsals are Mar. 19(Tues.)/27(Wed.) and Apr. 10 (Wed.), 6:30-8:00pm. There will be an additional opportunity to sing in the choir in May. For more information, or to RSVP for rehearsal, contact Michael Weller ([mweller@thornapple.org](mailto:mweller@thornapple.org)).
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us Friday, Mar. 22 (Note: This is a 4<sup>th</sup> Friday) at 10:00am. Come enjoy speaker Karen Ingebretson a meal and fellowship.
- **Men's Breakfast** | Sat., Mar. 23 at 8:00am with speaker Cory Hendrickson. Childcare available; learn more and register: [thornapple.org/mensbreakfast](http://thornapple.org/mensbreakfast).
- **Morning of Silence** | Join us for a time of silent reflection on Mar. 23. The morning will start in the Conference Room from 9:30-10:00am with Pastor Rob presenting, "Being with God: The Role of Spiritual Practices in Cultivating Awareness of God." The upper level of the building will be available until Noon for people to spend time in silence.
- **Leave Your Mark** | On Sun., Mar. 24, all ages are invited to write a Bible passage, a prayer of dedication or just sign their name on the subfloor of the new Community Center before the final surface is installed. Grab a marker and leave a forever blessing in our new space!
- **Investment Seminar** | Thornapple is hosting an investment seminar on Sunday, Mar. 31, in The Commons at 11:45am. Join us for light refreshments as Maren Spaulding, Senior Investment Coordinator with National Covenant Properties (NCP), shares how we can be part of the bigger story through investing with NCP. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/ncp](http://thornapple.org/ncp).

# NEWS

- ♦ **Congratulations to Matt and Laura Hubers** whose daughter, Lucy Grace, is being dedicated this morning during the 10:30am service.
- ♦ **Please pray** for Walt and Ruth Wolf as they grieve the death of Walt's mom, Marjorie, on Feb. 20.
- ♦ **Worship Resources** | To help you worship throughout the week, we've prepared Worship Resources available online ([thornapple.org/media](http://thornapple.org/media)) and at the Welcome Center.
- ♦ **Glenn Van Noord (GVN) Short-Term Urban Missions Program 2019** | College students AND HS juniors and seniors can apply for GVN which gives students the opportunity to work in urban Grand Rapids this summer. Applications are now being accepted until the program is full. Learn more/apply: [thornapple.org/glennvan Noord](http://thornapple.org/glennvan Noord).
- ♦ **Women's Retreat Planning Team** | Thornapple is the host church for the fall 2019 women's retreat at Portage Lake on Oct. 4-6. Women's Ministry needs a team to help with planning hospitality, activities and promotions. If you are interested, please contact Sarah DeBaets ([sdebaets@gmail.com](mailto:sdebaets@gmail.com)) and/or Diane Kunkler ([momofspartans@yahoo.com](mailto:momofspartans@yahoo.com)).
- ♦ **New to the Covenant denomination and/or to Thornapple?** We offer a three-part series (May 1, 8, 15; 6:30-8:00pm) called "What is a Covenant Church?" This is a great way to learn about the denomination and church membership (it is also a membership prerequisite). Following the series, we will have a membership class on Sunday, May 19 from 4:00-6:00pm. For more details and to sign up: [thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass](http://thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass).

# MINISTRY INFORMATION

If you have questions or to learn more about these and other ministries, visit the links listed next to each ministry name or visit our website at [thornapple.org](http://thornapple.org).

## CHILDREN | [thornapple.org/children](http://thornapple.org/children)

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **4s-1<sup>st</sup> grade** | Children's Worship, both services
- **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade** | 10:30am only [Not 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays]
- **Trailblazers (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)** | 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:30-8pm
- **Summer dates to save** | *Lego Camp* (Fall 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) June 17-20 (am or pm sessions). *VBS* (Fall K-5<sup>th</sup>) Aug. 5-9, 9am-Noon. *Registration for both opens Apr. 30.*

## STUDENTS | [thornapple.org/students](http://thornapple.org/students)

- **MS/HS Huddles** | At 10:30am [Not 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays]
- **MS JAM** | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:30-8pm.
- **HS Refuel** | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 7-8:30pm
- **HS Small Group Sunday** | Third Sundays
- **MS Mission Trip in Chicago** | Aug. 11-16 for current 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grade. Learn more and register by Mar. 31: [thornapple.org/chicago](http://thornapple.org/chicago)

## YOUNG ADULTS | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Small Group** | Mondays, Mar. 11/25, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact Shalini Bennett ([shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com)) with questions.

## HORIZONS | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Future events TBA**

## PRIME TIMERS (60+) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Soup & Study** | Usually 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month at 10am. Program, fellowship and lunch.

## WOMEN | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **WholyFit** | Exercise and worship (childcare provided). Classes meets Fridays, 9:30-10:30am.
- **Women's Bible Studies** | Wednesdays at 9:30am
- **Breathe Retreat** | Mar. 15-17 at Portage Lake; learn more/register: [portagelake.org/breathe](http://portagelake.org/breathe)

## MEN | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Men's Small Group Studies** | Four time/day options: Sunday at 9am, Monday at 7pm, Friday at 6:30am and Saturday at 8:30am (all at Thornapple)
- **Men's Breakfast** | Sat., Mar. 23 at 8:00am with speaker Cory Hendrickson. Register: [thornapple.org/mensbreakfast](http://thornapple.org/mensbreakfast)