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Summaries of elder meetings can be found under "About Our Elders" at: [thornapple.org/about-us](http://thornapple.org/about-us)

## 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 a commitment to the whole mission of the church" mean?

The early Covenanters were known as "Mission Friends"—people of shared faith who came together to carry out God's mission both far and near. Mission for them and for us includes evangelism, Christian formation, and ministries of compassion, mercy, and justice. We follow Christ's two central calls. The Great Commission sends us out into all the world to make disciples. The Great Commandment calls us to love the Lord our God and our neighbors as ourselves.



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**THORNAPPLE**  
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**May 5, 2019**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Welcome

**\*Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed**

**\*King of Love**

### Greeting

### Offering

**\*Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Hymn #264 (vv. 1-4)

### Scripture

Mark 6:6b-13, 30-44

Bob Kingma

### Message

*Distracted by Overcommitment*

Pastor Rob Peterson

### Holy Communion

**\*Lord, I Need You**

*We practice open communion; all who desire to follow Christ are invited to the Lord's Table.*

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

### Benediction

*\*Congregational song*

*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.*

*College students are invited to pick up an exam goodie bag in the Lobby following worship this morning.*

**TODAY, following worship you are warmly invited to join us in the new Community Center for a Dedication Ceremony as we celebrate God's provision of what we hope and pray will be a blessing to our community! Parents with children who are downstairs should pick them up before coming to the Dedication.**



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 5/5 | Dedication Sunday

10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship  
11:45am • Community Center Dedication  
7:00pm • Senior Say So

## Monday 5/6

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men  
9:30am • College & Career Moms in Prayer  
7:00pm • Men's Bible Study

## Tuesday 5/7

## Wednesday 5/8

9:30am • Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering  
6:30pm • What is a Covenant Church? Class

## Thursday 5/9

9:30am • Moms on a Mission  
7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

## Friday 5/10

6:30am • Men's Bible Study  
9:30am • WholyFit  
10:30am • Prime Timers, Moms + Preschooler  
Carnival (seniors arrive at 10am)  
Noon • Hearts for Sewing

## Saturday 5/11

8:30am • Men's Bible Study

## Sunday 5/12 | Graduate Sunday

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

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Room at the Table** | On the first Sunday of every month (today!) we encourage you to eat lunch with others after worship to enjoy community together. Make a new friend and invite them to lunch!
- **MOPS 2019-2020** | Thornapple moms with at least one preschool age child are invited to join the Thornapple MOPS sisterhood! MOPS meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday mornings of the month, beginning 9/19/19 and extending through mid-May, from 9:15-11:15am. There is childcare for ages birth through 5 and the cost is \$125 (scholarships available). Register or ask questions between May 17-22 before the group is open to the public on May 23 by emailing [thornapplemops@gmail.com](mailto:thornapplemops@gmail.com). Space is limited!
- **Prime Timer, Moms + Preschooler Carnival** | Friday, May 10, 10:30am-12:30pm (seniors arrive at 10:00am for setup) in The Commons. All preschoolers and their parents are welcome!
- **Hearts for Sewing** | The last meeting until fall is on Friday, May 10 at Noon and the group could use the help of sewers and non-sewers! The Zeigelbaurs (missionaries Thornapple supports) are sending dresses the group has made to Cameroon in May and would like to include shorts for the boys, but need lots of help to get them finished in time.
- **HS Student & Parent Meeting** | May 19, 10:30am (during the second service). Join us on May 19 for the last Huddle of the year! We will cover the details of our summer programming, including Camp Week, Twin Cities Service Trip, VBS and weekly Bible studies. Plus we will talk about next years programming and some potential changes to TSM.
- **Young Adults Memorial Day Bonfire and Pizza** | May 27 at 7:00pm at the Bennett's house (6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Questions? Shalini Bennett ([shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com) or 616-516-9892).
- **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Portage Lake Golf Outing** | Support the mission and ministry of Portage Lake Bible Camp on Saturday, June 1 at 8:00am at the Heathlands in Onekama, MI. Cost is \$150 per golfer. Kirk Mortenson is coordinating the Thornapple golfers who want to play, contact him with questions ([kirkdmortenson@gmail.com](mailto:kirkdmortenson@gmail.com)). Learn more and register: [portagelake.org/golf](http://portagelake.org/golf).
- **Lego Camp** | Free for fall 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade children, Monday, June 17-Thursday, June 20, 9:30-11:30am OR 1:00-3:00pm sessions. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/legocamp](http://thornapple.org/legocamp).  
Note: If you are an adult or high schooler interested in helping facilitate the camp, please email Lisa Udell ([ludell@thornapple.org](mailto:ludell@thornapple.org)).
- **Vacation Bible School** | August 5-9, 9:00am-Noon. Free for fall K-5<sup>th</sup> grade children. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/vbs](http://thornapple.org/vbs).

# NEWS

- ♦ **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our Community Open House a success and/or who ran/walked in the TSM 5K to raise funds to support Thornapple Student Ministries. Our church is blessed by the community it serves!
- ♦ **The first Sunday of each month** all loose cash and donations designated benevolence funds are collected to help those in need in our church family.
- ♦ **Graduate Recognition** | NEXT Sunday, May 12, we'll be celebrating all graduates and featuring our high school graduates in the services. We would also like to honor our college and grad school graduates. If you or someone you know is celebrating a higher ed graduation, please email their name, degree and school information to Michelle Bennett ([mbennett@thornapple.org](mailto:mbennett@thornapple.org)) by Tuesday, May 7.
- ♦ **Stephen Ministries** at Thornapple provides high-quality, Christ-centered, confidential care for people who are hurting. The Leader Team is looking for more care partners to train this fall. If you are interested in serving in this one-on-one support ministry for people who are experiencing transitions or loss in life, please contact Marian Hunt ([mareileenhunt@gmail.com](mailto:mareileenhunt@gmail.com)). If you would like to meet with a care partner, please contact Pastor Karen ([kingebretson@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebretson@thornapple.org)).
- ♦ **Worship Resources** | To help you worship during the week, we've prepared Worship Resources - available online ([thornapple.org/media](http://thornapple.org/media)) and at the Welcome Center.
- ♦ **Small Group Leaders** | We are looking for couples and individuals to serve as small group leaders for new groups that will be forming this spring. If you are interested and available, please contact Pastor Karen ([kingebretson@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebretson@thornapple.org)) to sign up.
- ♦ **Retreat Planning Team** | Women's Ministry is looking for a team to help with planning hospitality, activities and promotions for the fall denominational retreat at Portage Lake Bible Camp. Contact Sarah DeBaets ([sdebaets@gmail.com](mailto:sdebaets@gmail.com)) or Diane Kunkler ([momofspartans@yahoo.com](mailto:momofspartans@yahoo.com)) if interested.
- ♦ **Next Steps** | Looking for a way to get "plugged" in at Thornapple? Stop by the Welcome Center in the Lobby to learn ways to get more involved.

# 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]
- **Lego Camp** | (Fall 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) June 17-20 (am/pm sessions)
- **VBS** | (Fall K-5<sup>th</sup>) Aug. 5-9, 9am-Noon

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

- **MS/HS Huddles** | At 10:30am [Not 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays]
- **Senior Say So** | Sun., May 5, 7-9pm
- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade/Graduate Recognition** | Sun., May 12
- **MS Chicago Mission Trip** | Aug. 11-16. Learn more and register by midnight: [thornapple.org/chicago](http://thornapple.org/chicago).

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

- **Small Group** | Meets May 13, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Questions? Shalini Bennett, [shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com) or 616-516-9892.
- **Memorial Day Bonfire and Pizza** | May 27 at 7:00pm

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

- **Next event TBA**

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

- **Carnival** | Friday, May 10; seniors arrive at 10:00am for setup) in The Commons.

## 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

## 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)