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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 Church as a fellowship of believers" mean?

Membership in the Covenant Church is by confession of personal faith in Jesus Christ and is open to all believers. We observe baptism and Holy Communion as sacraments commanded by Jesus. We practice both infant and believer baptism. We believe in the priesthood of all believers—that is, we all share in the ministry of the church. We also affirm that God calls some men and women into professional, full-time ministry. The church is not an institution, organization, or building. It is a grace-filled fellowship of believers who participate in the life and mission of Jesus Christ. It is a family of equals: as the New Testament teaches that within Christian community there is to be neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, but all are one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:28).



June 2, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Michael Weller

***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

***Lord Most High**

Greeting

Prayer for Gift of Service

Pastor Karen Ingebretson

Offering

***I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

Hymn #242

Scripture

1 Samuel 16:14-22

Don Scamehorn

Message

This Is Us:
How You Get From Where You Are to Where You Want to Be.

Pastor Ben Ingebretson,
guest pastor

Holy Communion

***How Sweet To Wait Upon the Lord**

***Before the Throne of God Above**

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

***Be Thou My Vision**

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.

Summer Worship, ONE Service | Through Sunday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend), we will have a SINGLE worship service at 10:00am. Nursery (birth to 3-years-old) and Lil' K (fall 4-years-old to 1st grade) are available in the lower level.

Young Artists | Elementary-aged students interested in contributing artwork (any medium) to our art display area this summer should have their parents contact Rachel Wong (rachelcwong@aol.com).

Bulletins left at the back of the Sanctuary will be recycled.



CALENDAR

Sunday 6/2

10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K
11:30am • Young Families Park Picnic
(Ada Park)
5:00pm • Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Monday 6/3

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men

Tuesday 6/4

Wednesday 6/5

Thursday 6/6

6:30pm • Prayer Gathering
7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 6/7

9:30am • WholyFit

Saturday 6/8

Sunday 6/9

10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K

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) to sign up.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **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). If you would like to meet with a care partner, please contact Pastor Karen (kingebretson@thornapple.org).
- **Women's Biking Group** | A group of women from Thornapple are planning on biking one night a week (day yet to be determined) in the Cascade/Ada/Alto/Caledonia areas. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Gail Mortenson (kgmort1@gmail.com).
- **MOPS 2019-2020** | Thornapple moms with at least one preschool age child are invited to join the Thornapple MOPS sisterhood! MOPS meets the 1st and 3rd 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. Space is limited!
- **Young Families Park Picnic** | Attention families with younger kids, meet us at Ada Park for a picnic right after church today. Bring your own lunch and blanket or chairs. We are not officially reserving the pavilion, so just come find us! Any questions, text Rachel Smith (618.541.8576).
- **Women's Pickleball** | Have you wondered if you too might enjoy Pickleball? Monday, June 17, 6:30-8:30pm at Belknap Park (30 Coldbrook NE; shares a parking lot with Griff's Ice House) you can come and find out! Andra and Tami DeJong will show you how the game is played and get you playing with others who are learning, too. Paddles and balls will be provided, wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothing. Bring friends and register online: thornapple.org/pickleball.
- **Young Adults Small Group** | Will be meeting throughout the summer, typically the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. College students home for the summer are welcome to join us! Questions? Contact Shalini Bennett (shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616-516-9892).
- **Lego Camp** | Free for fall 1st-6th 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.
Note: If you are an adult or high schooler interested in helping facilitate the camp, please email Lisa Udell (ludell@thornapple.org).
- **Vacation Bible School** | Aug. 5-9, 9:00am-Noon. Free for fall K-5th grade children. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/vbs.
- **Women's Retreat at Portage Lake** | Join other women from the Great Lakes denomination for a weekend of spiritual uplift, community building and personal retreat. Oct. 4-6. Thornapple Women's Ministry is hosting this year so we'd love to have a big group from our church plan on attending. Learn more and register at portagelake.org/glcwomen (early bird registration runs through Aug. 4)

NEWS

- ♦ **Please pray** for Karalyn and Mickey Tresh, and her extended family, as they grieve the death of Karalyn's mom, Jeanne Harrison, on Sunday, May 26.
- ♦ **Lego Camp/VBS Volunteers** | Students and adults available to help with summer Children's Ministry events should contact Lisa Udell (ludell@thornapple.org). We are especially in need of a preschool teacher and a KidVid teacher for VBS (Aug. 5-9).
- ♦ **Coffee Prep Volunteers** | We are looking for people who can commit to 2-4 weeks at a time to make coffee for Sunday mornings. Typically, 8:00am to 11:00am, less in the summer months when we have one service. Anyone with interest or questions can contact Suzanne Roth (sroth@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Communion Prep Volunteers** | We are looking for 1 or 2 more "pairs" of people to help 3 or 4 times a year with communion preparation. The commitment involves 1.5-2 hours on the Friday or Saturday before the first Sunday of the month to prep the juice and wafers. On the Sunday, volunteers arrive before first service to set up, re-set between services and stay after to clean up. Training is provided. Please contact Katie Silvernale (katentroy@hotmail.com or 616-340-3143) with questions or interest.
- ♦ **Degage Ministries Volunteers Needed** | We serve dinner at Degage the first Sat. of every month (5:30-7:30pm) and we are in need of more volunteers to help with this. If you are interested, please contact Karen Knister (karenjk@comcast.net).
- ♦ **Summer Lil' K Teacher Sign-Up** | We staff our summer Lil' K class (fall 4s-1st grade) with parent leaders from June 2 through Aug. 25 at 10am each Sunday in the Lower Level. The teaching is all done by DVD, leaders are just facilitators. Parents, please check find a date that works for you (and/or your spouse) and then sign-up: thornapple.org/liilk.
- ♦ **Cards for Prisoners** | Cards for Prisoners is in need of people who are willing to write general conversational letters to incarcerated persons who have almost no one close to them on the outside. The program facilitates this opportunity, using no last names or addresses with cards channeled through a PO box. People typically write about 8 times per year, including birthdays and holidays. To learn more, contact LMDJ team member Chuck Clemence (clemence55@hotmail.com or 616.406.8193).

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.

CHILDREN | thornapple.org/children

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **Lil' K** | Fall 4s-1st grade, lower level
- **Lego Camp** | (Fall 1st-6th) June 17-20 (am/pm sessions)
- **VBS** | (Fall K-5th) Aug. 5-9, 9am-Noon

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **HS Summer Gatherings** | Start June 12, 7-9pm at the Baas' (8280 45th Street, Ada, 49301). Bring a swimsuit, towel and friends! More dates/locations online.
- **MS Pool Party** | Thurs., June 13, 1-3pm at the Baum's (5027 Meadow Springs Trail, Ada).
- **MS Gym & Grow** | Bring your friends and come hang out at church for games, Bible Study and snacks. Thursdays, 10am-Noon, June 27, July 11/25, Aug. 1.

YOUNG ADULTS | thornapple.org/adults

- **Small Group** | Typically the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact: Shalini Bennett, shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616-516-9892.

HORIZONS | thornapple.org/adults

- Summer Gatherings TBA
- **Italian Night** | *Save the date:* Sept. 20 at church

PRIME TIMERS (60+) | thornapple.org/adults

- **Soup & Study** | Resumes in the fall 2019

WOMEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **WholyFit** | Summer classes meet Fridays, 9:30-10:30am (June 7/14/21, July 12/ 19/26, Aug. 2/16/23).
- **MOPS** | Open to moms with at least one preschool-aged child, 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 19. Learn more at thornapple.org/mops
- **Moms on a Mission** | Open to moms with school-aged and older children, 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 26. Learn more at thornapple.org/momsonamission
- **Women's Bible Studies** | Resuming Sept. 11

MEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **Summer BBQ/Games** | Mid-August, date TBA
- **Men's Small Group Studies** | Resuming in Sept; four time/day options at Thornapple: Sunday at 9am, Monday at 7pm, Friday at 6:30am and Saturday at 8:30am