

CALENDAR

Sunday 7/28

10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K
11:00am • MS Mission Trip Training
6:30pm • Sunday Social

Monday 7/29

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men
6:30pm • Women's Pickleball (offsite)

Tuesday 7/30

2:30pm • MS Pool Party (offsite)

Wednesday 7/31

Thursday 8/1

10:00am • MS Gym & Grow
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering/Spiritual Practices
7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

Friday 8/2

9:00am • HS Bible Study (offsite)
9:30am • WholyFit

Saturday 8/3

Sunday 8/4

10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K
11:30am • Room at the Table (Ada Park)

Evening Women's Bible Study?

We are exploring the possibility of an evening women's Bible study, if this is something you would be interested in, please contact Lynne McLaughlin (lmclaughlin@thornapple.org).

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Sunday Social** | All ages are invited to a hymn sing followed by an ice cream social, TONIGHT at 6:30pm in the Community Center. Mark your calendar for future dates: Aug. 25 and Sept. 22.
- **Summer Room at the Table** | On the first Sunday of the month (next Sunday, Aug. 4), we encourage everyone to eat lunch with others after worship, during the summer we invite you to bring a picnic for you and your family to Ada Park following Sunday worship for fellowship on those first Sundays.
- **Vacation Bible School** | Aug. 5-9, 9:00am-Noon. Free for fall K-5th grade children. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/vbs.
- **National Night Out - Volunteer Opportunity** | Thornapple will be helping out with family games at the Mary Free Bed YMCA on Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 5:00 to 8:00pm for National Night Out (grymca.org/events/national-night-out). If you and/or your family can help lead games, please contact Pastor Karen (kingebretson@thornapple.org) or Pastor Rob (rpeterson@thornapple.org).
- **Women's Safety Awareness and Self-Defense Training** | Thornapple's Safety Team invites women (16 and older) to a workshop led by Traci Ruiz, Lt-Ret., who brings 25 years of police experience to the training arena. Sunday, Aug. 11, 6-8:30pm in the Community Center. Cost is \$60/person. Learn more and register: thornapple.org/selfdefense.
- **Men's Ministry Dinner + Games** | On Thursday, Aug. 15, 6:30-9:00pm all Thornapple men, their friends and family (sons/grandsons) are invited to join us for a spaghetti dinner and indoor games. Register at thornapple.org/mensbbq.
- **Board Game Night** | Anyone high school age and older is invited to join us for board game night in the Community Center, Friday, Aug. 16 at 7:00pm led by JB Hunt (huntjedi@gmail.com). Learn more and register: thornapple.org/boardgame.
- **MOPS** | Moms with at least one preschool age child are invited to join MOPS! The group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings of the month, beginning Sept. 19, 9:15-11:15am. Childcare for birth through 5 and the cost is \$125 (scholarships available). Register by emailing thornapplemops@gmail.com.
- **Men's Retreat at Portage Lake** | Join other men from the Great Lakes denomination for a weekend of relaxation, mountain biking, ropes course, chapel, worship and 24-hour bacon station Sept. 27-29. Learn more and register at portagelake.org/mensretreat.
- **Women's Retreat at Portage Lake** | Join other women 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

- ♦ **Congratulations** to Michael Zamzow and Karissa Green whose son, Owen Samuel Green Zamzow, is being baptized this morning.
- ♦ **Please pray** for Steve and Jen DeRoos and their extended family as they mourn the passing of Steve's dad, Lee Murphy, on July 18.
- ♦ **School Supply Drive** | The Love Mercy Do Justice team invites you to join us in donating school supplies to bless In the Image, a Christian organization that provides a free store for people in need. We will be collecting any and all new school supplies on Sunday, Aug. 11 for delivery on Aug. 12.
- ♦ **Flowers in the Sanctuary** | Garden filled with flowers? Have a pretty planter full of blooms? Share your flowers with us for a Sunday morning, contact Babs Sharp to sign up (bdsharp@yahoo.com or 616.430.2998).
- ♦ **VBS Supplies** | Support Children's Ministry and our VBS outreach by signing up to donate gift cards for VBS supplies here: thornapple.org/vbsdonaions.
- ♦ **Twelve:12Hope Supplies** | Tim Friesen will be conducting child trauma training in Zimbabwe in August and has a list of supplies that can be purchased (delivered by Aug. 17) and donated for this training: thornapple.org/12.
- ♦ **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. On Sunday, volunteers arrive before worship to set up, re-set between services and stay after to clean up. Contact Katie Silvernale (katentroy@hotmail.com) with interest.
- ♦ **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, please contact Marian Hunt (mareileenhunt@gmail.com). If you would like to meet with a care partner, please contact Pastor Karen (kingebretson@thornapple.org).
- ♦ **Next Steps** | Looking for a way to get "plugged" in at Thornapple? Visit with the volunteers at the Welcome Desk 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.

CHILDREN | thornapple.org/children

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **Lil' K** | Fall 4yrs-1st grade, lower level
- **VBS** | (Fall K-5th) Aug. 5-9, 9am-Noon

STUDENTS | thornapple.org/students

- **HS Summer Gatherings** | Next date Aug. 7, 7-9pm at the Ingebretson's (765 Eastridge Dr., GR 49525).
- **HS Bible Study** | Friday mornings at 9am at Forest Hills Foods' café.
- **MS Pool Party** | July 30, 2:30-4:30pm at the Fitzgibbons' (5283 Whitneyville Rd. SE, Alto)
- **MS Gym & Grow** | Bring your friends and come hang out at church for games, Bible Study and snacks. Thursdays, 10am-Noon, Aug. 1.

YOUNG ADULTS | thornapple.org/adults

- **Small Group** | Meeting Aug. 19, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact: Shalini Bennett, shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616-516-9892.
- **Beach Outing** | At the Veen's cottage in Grand Haven, Monday, Aug. 5

HORIZONS | thornapple.org/adults

- **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 (Aug. 2/16/23).
- **MOPS** | Open to moms with at least one preschool-aged child, 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 19.
- **Moms on a Mission** | For moms with school-aged/ older children, 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 26.
- **Women's Bible Studies** | Resuming Sept. 11

MEN | thornapple.org/adults

- **Dinner and Games** | Aug. 15 at 6:30pm
- **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