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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 the reality of freedom in Christ" mean?

The Apostle Paul wrote, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free" (Galatians 5:1, TNIV). This freedom is a gift of God in Christ, and it manifests itself in a right relationship with God and others. It is not a private gift to be used selfishly, but is given to serve the community and the world. For Paul, this freedom means that we are set free from the power of those things that on their own tend to divide. United in Christ, we offer freedom to one another to differ on issues of belief or practice where the biblical and historical record seems to allow for a variety of interpretations of the will and purposes of God. *We in the Covenant Church seek to focus on what unites us as followers of Christ, rather than on what divides us.*



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# THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

August 4, 2019

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Welcome

Michael Weller

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

**\*Great Are You, Lord**

### Greeting

### Offering

**\*Speak, O Lord**

### Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-7, 11-19; Psalm 150

Claire VanderWall

### Message

*This Is Us: Sometimes You Just Have to Dance*

Pastor Rob Peterson

### Holy Communion

**\*Holy Communion**

**\*Sing to Jesus**

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

**\*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.*

*Summer at Thornapple | Check out everything we have planned, all in one spot: [thornapple.org/summer](http://thornapple.org/summer).*



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 8/4

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

## Monday 8/5

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men  
9:00am • VBS  
6:30pm • Women's Pickleball (offsite)  
6:30pm • Young Adults to Grand Haven

## Tuesday 8/6

9:00am • VBS  
5:00pm • National Night Out (offsite)  
6:30pm • MS Mission Trip Training

## Wednesday 8/7

7:00pm • HS Summer Gathering (offsite)

## Thursday 8/8

9:00am • VBS  
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering/Spiritual Practices  
6:30pm • VBS Family Night  
7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

## Friday 8/9

9:00am • HS Bible Study (offsite)  
9:00am • VBS

## Saturday 8/10

### Sunday 8/11

MS Chicago Mission Trip  
10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K  
LMDJ School Supply Drive  
6:00pm • Women's Safety Awareness and Self-Defense Training

### 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](mailto:lmclaughlin@thornapple.org)).

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Summer Room at the Table** | On the first Sunday of the month (TODAY), 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.
- **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](http://grymca.org/events/national-night-out)). If you and/or your family can help lead games, please contact Pastor Karen ([kingebretson@thornapple.org](mailto:kingebretson@thornapple.org)) or Pastor Rob ([rpeterson@thornapple.org](mailto:rpeterson@thornapple.org)).
- **VBS Family Night** | Thursday, Aug. 8, 6:30-8:00pm at church. Join us for a short program followed by more fun, food and a bounce house! Everyone welcome to come see what the kids have been learning at VBS this week.
- **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](http://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](http://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](mailto:huntjedi@gmail.com)). Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/boardgame](http://thornapple.org/boardgame).
- **Sunday Social** | All ages are invited to a hymn sing followed by an ice cream social, Sunday, Aug. 25 at 6:30pm in the Community Center. Mark your calendar for future date: Sept. 22.
- **MOPS** | Moms with at least one preschool age child are invited to join MOPS! The group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:thornapplemops@gmail.com).
- **Moms on a Mission** | Open to any moms (Thornapple attenders or friends) with school-aged and older children, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 26. We enjoy brunch, speakers, crafts and local missions projects/experiences. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/momsonamission](http://thornapple.org/momsonamission).
- **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](http://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](http://portagelake.org/glcwomen) (early bird registration runs through Aug. 4).

# NEWS

- ♦ **Please pray** for Edie Neil's family and friends, as they grieve her death on July 25. A service will be held Thursday, Aug. 8, 5-6:30pm at Trillium Woods Chapel, 8214 Pfeiffer Farms Dr. SW, Byron Center, MI.
- ♦ **Please pray** for Julie and Tad Balanda, and her extended family, as they grieve the sudden death of her sister, Amy, last week.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Twelve:12 Hope 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](http://thornapple.org/12).
- ♦ **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](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)).
- ♦ **Children's Ministry Volunteers** | We are looking for adults/teens to serve as large group teachers and small group leaders (shared positions, if needed, with flexible scheduling) on Sunday mornings during both services (greater need for 2<sup>nd</sup> service), Wednesday night leaders (twice a month) and nursery workers (4 times a year; either service). Interested and available to serve our church's children, contact Lisa Udell ([ludell@thornapple.org](mailto:ludell@thornapple.org)) to sign up!
- ♦ **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](http://thornapple.org).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- **WholyFit** | Summer classes meet Fridays, 9:30-10:30am (Aug. 16/23).
- **MOPS** | Open to moms with at least one preschool-aged child, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 19.
- **Moms on a Mission** | For moms with school-aged/ older children, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 26.
- **Women's Bible Studies** | Resuming Sept. 11

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