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SERMON NOTES

Multiple horizontal lines for writing sermon notes.



**August 18, 2019**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Welcome**

Michael Weller

**\*Beautiful Savior!**

Hymn #317

**\*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

**\*Rejoice**

**Greeting**

**Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*Reckless Love**

**Scripture**

2 Samuel 9:1-13

Josephine Koch

**Message**

This Is Us: The Promise of Kindness

Pastor Karen Ingebretson

**\*God, Creator of Your People**

Hymn #585

**\*Let Us Be Known By Our Love**

**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.

**Next Steps** | Looking for a way to get "plugged" in at Thornapple? Stop by the Welcome Desk to learn ways to get more involved or visit [thornapple.org/next-steps](http://thornapple.org/next-steps).



# CALENDAR

**Sunday 8/18**  
10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K

**Monday 8/19**  
6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men  
6:30pm • Women's Pickleball (offsite)  
7:30pm • Young Adults' Small Group (offsite)

**Tuesday 8/20**

**Wednesday 8/21**  
6:30pm • MS Pool Party (offsite)

**Thursday 8/22**  
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering/Spiritual Practices  
7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

**Friday 8/23**  
9:00am • HS Bible Study (offsite)  
9:30am • WholeFit

**Saturday 8/24**

**Sunday 8/25**  
10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K  
6:30pm • Sunday Social

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **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. This particular evening will be kid-focused to celebrate a new school year and we're hoping to pair families with senior individuals in our church to be "Prayer Pals" for the coming school year. Mark your calendar for future date: Sept. 22.
- **Fall Kick-Off** | Sunday, Sept. 8 we return to two worship services at 9:00 and 10:30am. During the second service we will have an open house downstairs for children to visit their classrooms and meet their leaders.
- **All-Church Potluck** | We're trying something new this year instead of our traditional annual picnic: an All-Church Potluck on Sunday, Sept. 8. We will have two seatings at 11:00am and 12:15pm and encourage those attending the first seating to bring their food in disposable pans/containers so they can leave them for the second seating. We will also have a warmer available to keep dishes hot (if needed) while you are in worship. What should you bring? Last name starting with A-L: main dish; M-R: side or salad and S-Z: dessert.
- **Fall Programming Begins** | Sunday, Sept. 15 all of our classes resume their normal schedule:
  - 9:00am: Nursery (Birth-3 years); Children's Worship (4s-2<sup>nd</sup>), Men's Small Group
  - 10:30am: Nursery (Birth-3 years); Sunday School (4s-5<sup>th</sup>); MS Huddle (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>); HS Sunday Study (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>); Adult Formation
- **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).

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Your generous giving to God's ministry at Thornapple is critical every month of the year. Online giving is available for secure one-time or recurring gifts via bank account, debit card or credit card at [thornapple.org/give](http://thornapple.org/give).

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Giving (July 2019)	\$79,679	\$95,241	(\$15,562)
Giving 2019 Year-to-date	\$713,464	\$702,865	\$10,599
July 2019 building campaign (restricted)	\$34,629		

Building Fund Gifts to Date, since beginning of campaign: \$3,521,551

# NEWS

- ♦ **MOPS** is looking for seven new teachers for our classrooms (2-3 year olds and 3-4 year olds as well as one gym teacher)! Compensation is \$12/hour. We meet every first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:30. Please contact LJ Hatfield ([lorajanirwin@gmail.com](mailto:lorajanirwin@gmail.com)).
- ♦ **Women's Wednesday Morning Studies** | Women's Ministry invites you to join us at our Wednesday morning Bible studies, resuming Sept. 11 with two study options (*The Lamb of God* by Nancy Guthrie and *Spotting the Sacred* by Bruce Main), these groups meet weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9:30am. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/morningstudies](http://thornapple.org/morningstudies).
- ♦ **Men's Small Group Study** | Men's Ministry invites you to join a small group and build community with your brothers in Christ. Starting the week of Sept. 16, we will be studying *The Invisible War* by Chip Ingram. There are four time/day options, all meeting at Thornapple: Sundays at 9am, Mondays at 7pm, Fridays at 6:30am or Saturdays at 8:30am. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/smallgroupmens](http://thornapple.org/smallgroupmens).
- ♦ **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!
- ♦ **New to the Covenant denomination and/or to Thornapple?** We offer a three-part series (Sept. 18/25, Oct. 2; 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, there is a membership class on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 4:00-6:00pm. Learn more and register: [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
- **Lil' K** | Fall 4yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade, lower level

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

- **MS Pool Party** | Wed., Aug. 21, 6:30-9:30pm join us for dinner, s'mores and a movie at Baas' (8280 45th St., Ada). Bring a swimsuit, towel, friends and come have some late summer fun!
- **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.

## 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)

- **WholeFit** | Summer classes meet Fridays, 9:30-10:30am (Aug. 23). Fall schedule starts Sept.
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## MEN | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

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