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SERMON NOTES

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**November 17, 2019**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Welcome**

Michael Weller

**\*Here For You**

**\*Great Things**

**\*This I Believe (The Creed)**

**Greeting**

**Prayer**

**Offering**

**\*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus**

Hymn #458

**Scripture**

Proverbs 2:1-11; James 3:13-18

Ronia Koch

**Message**

Called to Wisdom

Pastor Rob Peterson

**\*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.

**Thornapple Turned 40!**

Help us celebrate our birthday: join us **TODAY** in the Community Center (left) following each of the services for a brief moment of reflection, memory boards and **CAKE!**



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 11/17

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/Men's Small Group  
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Classes/MS Huddle/HS Sunday Study/  
Adult Formation (Community Center)  
11:45am • Art of Neighboring Workshop  
4:00pm • BLESS Conversation  
6:30pm • HS Huddle

## Monday 11/18

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men  
6:00pm • Pickleball (co-ed)  
7:00pm • Men's Small Group

## Tuesday 11/19

7:00pm • Human Sexuality and the Covenant  
Church Conversation  
7:00pm • Family and Friends of Aging Adults  
Support Group

## Wednesday 11/20

9:30am • Women's Morning Studies  
6:30pm • Women's Evening Study  
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering  
7:00pm • Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday 11/21

9:30am • MOPS  
7:00pm • Woven

## Friday 11/22

6:30am • Men's Small Group  
6:30am • HS Bible Study (offsite)  
9:30am • WholyFit  
*MS Retreat at Portage Lake*

## Saturday 11/23

*MS Retreat at Portage Lake*  
8:30am • Men's Small Group

## Sunday 11/24

*MS Retreat at Portage Lake*  
9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/Men's Small Group  
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Classes/MS Huddle/HS Sunday Study/  
Adult Formation (Community Center)  
6:00pm • Thanksgiving Worship Service  
followed by Fellowship + Pie  
6:30pm • HS Huddle

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Pickleball** | Men and women interested in playing, just show up Monday nights in the Community Center (6:00-7:30pm for friendly, less experienced players; 7:30-9:00pm for competitive play). Rackets and balls will be provided and no past experience is needed. Call/text Phil Fox (540-1568 or [pcfoxhouse@comcast.net](mailto:pcfoxhouse@comcast.net)) or Dave Harrell (591-7366 or [harrellfam@charter.com](mailto:harrellfam@charter.com)) with any questions!
- **Human Sexuality and the Covenant Church** | Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:00pm in The Commons you are invited to join Pastor Rob for a follow-up conversation regarding the Covenant's view of gay marriage. This past summer, we gathered to talk about decisions made at Gather '19. We talked about the removal of First Covenant Church in Minneapolis and the removal of the ordination of two Covenant Pastors. Childcare is available with registration: [thornapple.org/nov19](http://thornapple.org/nov19).
- **Family and Friends of Aging Adults Support Group** | Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room with social worker LuAnn Arson, coming to talk on "Dementia Never Takes a Holiday."
- **Woven** | Thornapple's group for adoptive and foster care moms meets Nov. 21 at 7:00pm in The Commons to learn from a panel of three adoptees. Please RSVP and post questions for the panelists: [thornapple.org/woven](http://thornapple.org/woven).
- **Thanksgiving Worship + Pie** | Our annual Thanksgiving family worship service is Sunday, Nov. 24 at 6:00pm. Childcare will be provided for children up to age 3. We will be collecting Covenant World Relief Soup Cans during the offering. Join us afterwards in the Community Center for fellowship and pie! Anyone interested in making (or purchasing) pies for this gathering should sign up here: [thornapple.org/pie](http://thornapple.org/pie). *Special note: non-pumpkin pies are a crowd favorite and always the first to go!*
- **Women's Ministry Advent by Candlelight** | Join us Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:00pm for dinner, desserts and hearing from women from our congregation who will be sharing part of their stories of God working in their lives. This is a great event to invite friends, neighbors and family to, tickets are \$5 and available in the Lobby through Dec. 1 (you are also welcome to sign up online: [thornapple.org/advent](http://thornapple.org/advent)). Childcare is available with registration by Dec. 3.
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 60 and older is invited to join us Friday, Dec. 6 at 10:00am for Soup & Study with a Christmas-themed chalk talk with Jim and Sharon Oudman.
- **Horizons' Jingle Mingle** | Join the Horizons group for an evening of food, carols and fun at 7:00pm on Dec. 6 at Barb & Jim Hoogeboom's home (6290 Burton St. SE, 49546). Jingle Mingle is a chance to celebrate the Christmas season with singing carols, and meet and make some new friends. Learn more and sign up to bring an appetizer or dessert: [thornapple.org/horizonschristmas](http://thornapple.org/horizonschristmas).



## MISSIONS FOCUS

**Gary and Sarah Cross**, Northside Ministries, Harare, Zimbabwe. Please pray for God's mercy and peace to rule in Zimbabwe. Pray for many people struggling due to the hardships, affecting work, schooling, health and basic food affordability.

## NEWS

- **Christmas Gifts for Degage's Christmas Store** | You are invited to purchase gifts, bring them to church Dec. 1 through Dec. 8 and place them under the tree in the Lobby. Learn more and see a list of suggested items: [thornapple.org/gifts](http://thornapple.org/gifts).
- **Kids' Food Basket Trail Mix Project** | Children 5 years and older are invited to help make and fill trail mix bags at either 10:15 and or 11:45 on Sunday, Dec. 8 in the Kitchen. We can take up to 12 child volunteers during each time slot with at least one parent staying to supervise per family. Learn more and sign kids up: [thornapple.org/kfb](http://thornapple.org/kfb).

# 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 (Birth-5<sup>th</sup>) | [thornapple.org/children](http://thornapple.org/children)

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **Children's Worship** | 4s-1<sup>st</sup>, lower level, 9:00am
- **Children's Classes** | 4s-5<sup>th</sup>, lower level, 10:30am
- **Trailblazers (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>)** | 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:30-8pm

## STUDENTS (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) | [thornapple.org/students](http://thornapple.org/students)

- **MS Huddle** | Sundays at 10:30am
- **HS Sunday Study** | Sundays at 10:30am
- **HS Huddle** | Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm
- **HS Bible Study** | 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday mornings at 6:30am at Forest Hills Foods' cafe
- **MS JAM (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)** | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:30-8pm

## YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Small Group** | Nov. 25 and Dec. 9, starting at 7pm at the Bennett's home (6578 Brookhills Ct. SE). Contact: Shalini Bennett, [shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com) or 616-516-9892.

## HORIZONS (50s-60s) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Jingle Mingle** | Friday, Dec. 6, 7pm

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

- **Soup & Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month at 10am. Program, fellowship and lunch.
- **Christmas Banquet** | Dec. 14, 11:00am-2:00pm

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

- **WholyFit** | Fridays, 9:30-10:30am
- **MOPS** | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday mornings
- **Moms on a Mission** | 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday mornings
- **Women's Morning Studies** | Wednesdays at 9:30am
- **Women's Evening Study** | Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm
- **Advent by Candlelight** | Thursday, Dec. 5, 6:30pm

## 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.