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**THORNAPPLE TRANSITION NEWS**

Thornapple is in a time of transition. Pastor Rob will be completing his ministry in later March. We thank God for the last ten years and we are praying for the Lord's wisdom as we continue "Helping People Find and Follow Jesus Christ."

**Update**

- Elders continue to search for candidates for our interim pastor and continue to work with our conference superintendent to identify good candidates.
- We currently have several potential candidates that we will be considering for the interim role. This is a great increase over the last week.
- More than 35 members have been nominated for the Senior Pastor search committee. Elders will be finalizing the search committee plans within the next few weeks, and will be contacting potential search committee members to ensure that they are willing to serve.

**Please Pray**

- For God's wisdom
- For peace and faith during this time
- For God's love and care of the Petersons as they continue to put their faith in Him.
- For God to lead us to the right interim pastor
- For wisdom for the elders as they finalize the members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee.



**THORNAPPLE**  
COVENANT CHURCH

**March 1, 2020 | First Sunday of Lent**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Welcome**

Michael Weller

**\*Come, Ye Sinners**

**\*Lord Most High**

**Greeting**

**Prayer**

**Offering**

**Scripture**

*John 1:35-51*

**\*Your Labor Is Not in Vain**

**Message**

*Lent: A Season for Change | A Transforming Encounter*

Pastor Rob Peterson

**Holy Communion**

**\*And Can It Be That I Should Gain**

*Hymn #306*

**\*Brokenness Aside**

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

**\*Who You Say I Am**

**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.*

*A video stream of Sunday's services is available online through the "Livestream" link at thornapple.org.*

**SERMON NOTES**

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# CALENDAR

## Sunday 3/1

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/Men's Small Group  
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Adult Formation  
& Fellowship  
11:45am • 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch  
6:30pm • HS Huddle

## Monday 3/2

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men  
1:00pm • Hearts for Sewing  
6:00pm • Pickleball (co-ed)  
7:00pm • Men's Small Group

## Tuesday 3/3

7:00pm • ENGAGE (offsite)

## Wednesday 3/4

9:30am • Women's Bible Study  
11:15am • Prime Timers' Soup & Study  
6:30pm • Trailblazers  
6:30pm • MS JAM  
6:30pm • Women's Bible Study  
6:30pm • Prayer Gathering

## Thursday 3/5

9:30am • MOPS  
8:00pm • Pick Up Basketball

## Friday 3/6

6:30am • Men's Bible Study  
6:30am • HS Bible Study (offsite)  
9:30am • WholyFit  
1:00pm • Women's Pickleball  
10:00pm • One Epic Night (offsite)

## Saturday 3/7

5:00am • One Epic Night (pickup, offsite)  
8:30am • Men's Bible Study  
8:30am • Pickleball (co-ed; intermediate)

## Sunday 3/8

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/Men's Small Group  
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's  
Worship/MS Huddle/Adult Formation &  
Fellowship  
6:30pm • HS Huddle

## Children's Ministry Summer

### Dates to Save

**Lego Camp** | June 22-25, am or pm

**VBS** | Aug. 3-7, 9am-Noon

Registration opens May 1 for both.

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Hearts for Sewing** | Meeting on Monday, March 2, 1:00-4:00pm in the Lower Lobby. Sewers and non-sewers are invited to join the team.
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 65 and older is invited to join us Wed., March 4 at 11:15am for fellowship, lunch and speaker Andrew Vanover. Contact Rachel Wong ([rachelcwong@aol.com](mailto:rachelcwong@aol.com)) with questions.
- **MOPS Consignment Sale** | Thursday, March 12 (6:00-8:00pm for \$5 entry); Friday, March 13 (9am-1pm; free entry); Saturday, March 14 (9:00am-Noon; free entry and most items half off). Anyone interested in selling should email [tccmopsconsign@gmail.com](mailto:tccmopsconsign@gmail.com) for more information.
- **College Brunch** | All college students are invited to join us for brunch on Sunday, Mar. 15 following first service in the Community Center (left). The van will wait for students who need a ride back to Calvin.
- **Horizons' Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** | Join us for an evening of food and fellowship at host homes on Sat., March 21 in the evening. You can offer to host a dinner or simply attend one. Attendees will be asked to bring a dish to pass. The actual start time will be set by the host home, but we are suggesting between 6:00 and 7:00pm. Sign up: [thornapple.org/horizonsdinner](http://thornapple.org/horizonsdinner).
- **CPR Training** | The Safety and Security Team is sponsoring a CPR training class on Sat., March 28, 9:00am-Noon in the Community Center. Participants who complete the class will receive their Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) certification. Cost of the class is \$30. Please register at [thornapple.org/cpr](http://thornapple.org/cpr).
- **Twelve 12:Hope Stories of Hope** | On Sunday, Mar. 29 following second service in the Conference Room, Tim Friesen will be sharing stories and experiences from his recent travels and overall ministry. Please join us for a time of light refreshments, sharing, and specific ways to pray for the work of Twelve12:Hope.
- **Family Promise IHN Hosting** | The week of April 5-12 Thornapple will be serving as a Host Church for Family Promises' Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). We will need your help with donations, meal prep and volunteering in the afternoons/evenings at church while they families are on site (serving meals, playing with kids, overnight hosts, general hospitality). Learn more about the program and sign up to help: [thornapple.org/ihn](http://thornapple.org/ihn).
- **What is a Covenant Church? Class** | Anyone new to Thornapple and the Evangelical Covenant Church is invited to join us for a three-part series taught by pastors, Wed. evenings, 6:30-8pm, April 29, May 6/13 (childcare available). The classes are required for membership, in addition to the Membership class. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass](http://thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass). Please note, the next Membership Class is Sunday, May 17, 4-6pm.
- **Pickleball** | Monday nights (co-ed) 6-9pm; Friday afternoons (women) 1-3pm and Saturday mornings (intermediate, co-ed) 8:30-10:30am. Rackets and balls provided; no past experience is needed. (NOT Mar. 13/14/21/27/28)
- **Pick Up Basketball** | Thursday evenings, 8:00-10:00pm (NOT Mar. 12, Apr. 16/30, May 7/14) in the Community Center. Open to anyone who wants to play basketball (intermediate skill level). Contact Dave Lieuwen ([dliuwen@yahoo.com](mailto:dliuwen@yahoo.com)) with questions. Note: starting Mar. 19, time changes to 7:00-9:00pm.

# NEWS

- **Congratulations** to Hannah and Josh Potter on the birth of their son, Ezra Wells, on Feb. 18.
- **Peterson Farewell Reception** | Save the date for Sunday, Mar. 22 for a farewell reception for Pastor Rob and Soni following the second service in the Community Center. Stay tuned for more details.
- **Fabric Donations Needed** | When Sarah Cross was here last month from Zimbabwe, she asked Hearts for Sewing to make feminine hygiene kits for the ladies at the Food Pantry. After the team sews them, Tammy Friesen will deliver the kits in August but it will take a lot of fabric to get these made so they are asking for donations of 100% cotton flannel (prewashed preferred; any color is fine). Donations can be left in the Copy Room. Contact Jan Schneider ([janschneider02@gmail.com](mailto:janschneider02@gmail.com)) with questions.
- **Easter Flowers for Sanctuary** | Easter flowers can be ordered in honor or in memory of someone for \$5; order envelopes are available at the Welcome Center. Flowers can be picked up after the second service on Easter Sunday, April 12.
- **Glenn Van Noord (GVN) Short-Term Urban Missions Program 2020** | College students AND HS juniors and seniors can apply for GVN which gives students the opportunity to work in urban Grand Rapids this summer. Applications will be accepted starting March 1 until the program is full. Learn more: [thornapple.org/glennvannoord](http://thornapple.org/glennvannoord).
- **International Missions Team** | Interested in learning about and praying for our missionaries? You are invited to be part of the monthly team meeting the second Sunday of each month; Lower Level Meeting Room B, 8:00-10:00am.
- **Weather Updates** | Periodically we may need to cancel events or worship services at Thornapple because of inclement weather. Cancellations are posted at: [thornapple.org](http://thornapple.org) and listed with WOODTV and WZZM.

# 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 Huddle** | Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm, not 2/9
- **MS JAM (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)** | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed., 6:30-8pm
- **HS Bible Study** | 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 6:30am at FHF café
- **MS One Epic Night** | Mar. 6-7 ([thornapple.org/epic](http://thornapple.org/epic))
- **HS Camp Week** | July 11-19 ([thornapple.org/campweek](http://thornapple.org/campweek))

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

Contact: Shalini Bennett, [shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com) or 616-516-9892.

- **Small Group** Mondays, Mar. 9/23 and Apr. 13/27, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids.

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

- **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** | Sat., Mar. 21 in the evening. [thornapple.org/horizonsdinner](http://thornapple.org/horizonsdinner)

## PRIME TIMERS (65+) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Soup & Study** | 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 11:15am. Program, fellowship and lunch.
- **Prime Timer, Moms + Preschooler Carnival** | Wed., Apr. 29, 10:30am-12:30pm.

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

- **Bible Studies** | Wednesdays at 9:30am/6:30pm. Evening study does not meet Apr. 1/8; last day is May 13.
- **WholyFit** | Fridays, 9:30-10:30am

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

- **Small Group Studies** | Four time/day options: Sunday at 9am, Monday at 7pm, Friday at 6:30am and Saturday at 8:30am.
- **Men's Breakfast** | Saturday, May 16 at 8am with speaker Jim Smith.