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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.
- 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 15, 2020 | Third Sunday of Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

And Can It Be

Welcome

Michael Weller

***1000 Tongues**

***Only a Holy God**

Greeting

Always Making Room Celebration

Offering

Scripture

John 4:5-26

Babs Sharp

***Your Labor Is Not in Vain**

Message

Lent: A Season for Change | Transforming Water

Pastor Rob Peterson

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

***King of 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.

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

Easter flowers used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday 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.

SERMON NOTES



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Bulletins left at the back of the Sanctuary will be recycled.



CALENDAR

Sunday 3/15

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Men's Small Group
10:15am • College Brunch
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/MS Huddle/Adult Formation &
Fellowship
6:30pm • HS Huddle

Monday 3/16

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

Tuesday 3/17

7:00pm • Support Group for Family & Friends
of Aging Adults
7:00pm • ENGAGE (offsite)

Wednesday 3/18

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 3/19

9:30am • MOPS
1:00pm • Pick Up Basketball
6:30pm • Council of Elders

Friday 3/20

6:30am • Men's Bible Study
6:30am • HS Bible Study (offsite)
9:30am • WholyFit
1:00pm • Pickleball (women)

Saturday 3/21

8:30am • Men's Bible Study

Sunday 3/22

9:00am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/Men's Small Group
10:30am • Worship/Nursery/Children's
Worship/MS Huddle/Adult Formation &
Fellowship
11:45am • Peterson Farewell Reception
6:30pm • HS Huddle

Children's Ministry Summer

Dates to Save

Lego Camp | June 22-25, am or pm

VBS | Aug. 3-6, 9am-Noon

Registration opens May 1 for both.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Support Group for Family & Friends of Aging Adults** | Tuesday, March 17, 7-8:30pm with speaker Susan Lamos from Vista Springs talking on "Come Visit Me: A Hands-On Look at Visiting Loved Ones with Memory Loss."
- **Prime Timers' Soup & Study** | Anyone 65 and older is invited to join us Wed., March 18 at 11:15am for fellowship, lunch and speaker Dan Melgren from Covenant Trust. Contact Rachel Wong (rachelwong@aol.com) with questions.
- **Family Promise Volunteer Training** | Two-hour required training session for all volunteers who will be helping with Family Promise hosting. Join us Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00pm at church. Questions: Barb Behm (barb.behm@gmail.com).
- **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.
- **Horizons' Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** | Join us for an evening of food and fellowship at host homes on Sat., March 28 in the evening. You can offer to host a dinner or simply attend one. Attendees will be asked to bring a dish to pass. Sign up by Mar. 21: thornapple.org/horizonsdinner.
- **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.
- **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 the 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. We have a second week of hosting already scheduled for May 24-31 (watch for the new volunteer sign up coming out in mid April and mark your calendars to save the dates).
- **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. 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. 21/27/28)
- **Pick Up Basketball** | Thursday evenings, 7:00-9:00pm (NOT Apr. 16/30, May 7/14) in the Community Center. Open to anyone who wants to play basketball (intermediate skill level). Questions? Dave Lieuwen (dliuwen@yahoo.com).



MISSIONARY FOCUS

Derek & Alicia DeKam, serving with InterVarsity in Michigan. Pray for a special retreat time we are having Mar. 30-31 for campus staff who are discerning their longer term commitment to campus ministry with InterVarsity. This is for our staff who have been serving for 3-8 years. Pray that the Lord provides wisdom and vision for their futures.

NEWS

- **Congratulations** to Meredith and Chris Podehl on the birth of their daughter, Maeve Davidson Podehl, on Monday, Mar. 9.
- **Peterson Farewell Reception** | Next Sunday, Mar. 22 everyone is invited to the farewell reception for Pastor Rob and Soni following the second service in the Community Center.
- **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) with questions.
- ♦ **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 until the program is full. Learn more: 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.
- **Love Mercy Do Justice Team Meeting** | Anyone interested in learning more or being involved with LMDJ is welcome to join the team on Thursday, April 15 at 6:30pm at church.

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 (Birth-5th) | thornapple.org/children

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

STUDENTS (6th-12th) | thornapple.org/students

- **MS Huddle** | Sundays at 10:30am
- **HS Huddle** | Sunday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm
- **MS JAM (6th-8th)** | 1st and 3rd Wed., 6:30-8pm
- **HS Bible Study** | Fridays at 6:30am at FHF café
- **MS Believe Conference** | April 24-25
- **HS Senior Banquet** | April 26, 6:00pm
- **HS Camp Week** | July 11-19 (thornapple.org/campweek)

YOUNG ADULTS (18-30) | thornapple.org/adults

Contact: Shalini Bennett, shalinibennett@gmail.com or 616-516-9892.

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

HORIZONS (50s-60s) | thornapple.org/adults

- **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner** | Sat., Mar. 28 in the evening. thornapple.org/horizonsdinner

PRIME TIMERS (65+) | thornapple.org/adults

- **Soup & Study** | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 11:15am. Program, fellowship and lunch.
- **Prime Timer, Moms + Preschooler Carnival** | Fri., May 1 (*new date*), 10:30am-12:30pm.

WOMEN | 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

- **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.