



THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

June 14, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Call to Worship

Michael Weller

***O Worship the King, All Glorious Above**

Hymn #23

***Look and See**

***Jesus, Only Jesus**

Announcements

Elder Update: Interim Pastor Introduction

***Before the Throne of God Above**

Prayer

Scripture

Luke 4:14-30

Laura Anne Dolphin

Message

Rooted: The Call to Good News

Dave Diller, guest speaker

***Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Hymn #269

***What a Beautiful Name**

Benediction

**Congregational song*

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**Offering | Your offering can be mailed to the church office
(6595 Cascade Rd. SE; Grand Rapids, MI 49546) or given online (thornapple.org/giving).**

If you would like to submit a prayer request to our staff and elders, please text "prayer" to 616.207.0725.

If you are our **guest**, please text "book" to 616.207.0725 to receive a free Kindle book.

To **learn more** about Thornapple, please text "hello" to 616.207.0725 so we can connect with you.

Text "difference" to 616.207.0725 to learn about ways you can **make a difference** locally.

Livestream | vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch



CALENDAR

Sunday 6/14

10:30am • Livestream Worship

Monday 6/15

Tuesday 6/16

7:00pm • Crossover Night

8:00pm • Online Prayer Service

Wednesday 6/17

Thursday 6/18

Friday 6/19

Saturday 6/20

Sunday 6/21

10:30am • Livestream Worship

Our facility is currently closed, but our church ministries continue online. We plan on reopening when our state guidelines give permission to do so and we believe it is safe to gather again.

All keycards used to enter the building have been disabled and the building is closed to all visitors.

Visit thornapple.org/covid19 for up-to-date information.

EVENT INFORMATION

- **Marriage Matters** | The Thornapple Marriage Resource team is offering *Strengthening Your Marriage During COVID-19*. This series features brief topical videos released each week. Learn more: thornapple.org/strengthen.
- **Online Prayer Service** | Join us online at 8:00pm Tuesday evenings for a brief service of prayer and worship led by Michael Weller. Access the service on our Facebook page (facebook.com/thornapplecov), Vimeo (vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch), or the Livestream link at thornapple.org.
- **MS Student LipDub Challenge** | Student Ministries has challenged each middle school student to make a 60-90 second lipdub. Submissions can be e-mailed to lwiner@thornapple.org by June 14. Prizes will be awarded in categories such as: Best Solo, Best Family, Most Creative, Best Use of Props, etc.
- **Crossover Night** | Current 5th grade students and their families are invited to mark their "crossing over" from Children's Ministries to Student Ministries on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00pm at Thornapple. We will have a short program, some fun and an opportunity to get to know the Student Ministry staff. Students AND their entire families are invited. RSVP by June 12 to Lisa Udell (ludell@thornapple.org).
- **Virtual VBS** | St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, a church we normally partner with for VBS resources, is offering a virtual VBS the week of July 13-16. Rather than duplicate the same program, we are encouraging our families who are interested to join in on this wonderful opportunity! Registration is open until June 15. Learn more and register: stmatthewgr.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/426460. We look forward to the possibility of "live" VBS in 2021 and will be looking for ways to get kids together this summer in as safe of ways as we are able!
- **Men's Softball Team** | We're hoping that men's slow-pitch softball with Ada Parks & Rec will still happen this summer. Anyone men interested in being on the team can contact Todd Drenth (twdrenth@gmail.com or 616.204.5670), to express interest.
- We have a **Care Team** in place to address any needs in our church family (e.g., essential errands). If you or someone you know has a need for this kind of assistance or would like to volunteer for the team, please contact Pastor Karen (kingebretson@thornapple.org).

NEWS

- **Stephens Ministers Available** | During this time of unknowns, if you would like set up a regular time to talk with someone, please contact Pastor Karen Ingebretson (kingebretson@thornapple.org) and she will connect you with one of our trained Stephens Ministers.
- **Family Promise IHN Hosting** | Thornapple is part of a network of GR churches that partner with Family Promise to help local homeless families. Our next scheduled week is Sept. 20-27. More details coming later in the summer. Learn more: thornapple.org/ihn.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- If you would like to be alerted to needs in our community that you can help with as they arise, please text "difference" to 616.207.0725 to be added to the list.
- **Returnable Cans/Bottles** | UICM is collecting returnables in trailers at River of God Church (4607 68th St., Byron Center) and will return them when they are able as a fundraising effort. Phil and Brenda Veen have offered to collect cans on their front porch and deliver them to Byron Center as needed.
- **Donations** | If your household is symptom-free, In the Image is seeking unopened basic need items. Go to intheimage.org/express-giving to request a drop-off appointment and see what items are needed.
- **Freezer Meals** | UICM is seeking to provide family dinners for around 50 households a week. Thornapple has a cooler outside the office doors (checked M-F at 3pm) where you can leave freezer meals to donate. Visit thornapple.org/difference for more info.
- **Masks** | Covenant Living has a huge need for face masks with filter pockets for both staff and residents. Learn more about how to make the masks and where they can be brought for donation: thornapple.org/difference.

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

- **Virtual VBS** | July 13-16 via St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (stmatthewgr.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/426460)

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

- **HS Camp Week and MS Mission Trip** | These trips have been cancelled. We are looking into options to safely serve and travel more locally this summer and will share those opportunities as they are determined.

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

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

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

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

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Summaries of elder meetings can be found under
“About Our Elders” at: thornapple.org/about-us

THORNAPPLE TRANSITION NEWS

Thornapple is in a very challenging, yet exciting time of transition. Our senior pastor left us a few weeks ago for a new position with the ECC of Canada, and our youth pastor resigned last week.

Update

- We are announcing today that we have hired a new TRANSITIONAL PASTOR, Remy Diederich. Remy is an ECC pastor currently serving at a church in Menominee, Wisconsin. Remy will be coming on board half-time in July, and will transition to four days per week starting in October. His first Sunday preaching for us will be July 19. Watch for much more information about Remy in the weeks to come.
- The Senior Pastor Search Committee, under the capable leadership of Sue Smith, is still in its organizational process, but the work is well underway.
- Our Youth Pastor resigned from his position last week, and the Elders are beginning the process of creating transitional plans for Thornapple Student Ministry.

Please Pray

- For Remy Diederich, our new Transitional Pastor, as he transitions to part-time at his church in Wisconsin, and part-time at Thornapple starting in July.
- For Sue Smith and the Senior Pastor Search Committee as it works to locate our next senior pastor.
- For Cory and Sarah Hendrickson as they face the challenges ahead, leaning into God's grace.
- For the Thornapple Student Ministry team and its tremendous volunteers as they grieve the resignation of Cory, and continue ministering to our students so well.
- For our students as they grieve another loss and anticipate gathering together in person tomorrow evening.
- For strength, energy, health and vision for all of our leaders as we continue to face challenging times.
- For gratitude to God for His blessings as we plan ahead for our future, trusting completely in Him.

For more info, visit thornapple.org/transition.



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