



# THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

June 21, 2020

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome/Call to Worship**

Michael Weller

**\*1000 Tongues**

**\*Praise the Lord (Psalm 117)**

**Announcements**

**Prayer**

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

**Scripture**

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 & Revelation 21:1-5

Nancy McGrath

**Message**

Rooted: Soul Tears

Garth McGrath, guest speaker

**Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)**

**\*King of Love**

**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](http://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](http://vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch)**



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 6/21

10:30am • Livestream Worship

## Monday 6/22

## Tuesday 6/23

7:00pm • MS Pool Party

## Wednesday 6/24

## Thursday 6/25

## Friday 6/26

## Saturday 6/27

## Sunday 6/28

10:30am • Livestream Worship

7:00pm • Journey Paper Presentations

**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](http://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](http://thornapple.org/strengthen).
- **Online Prayer Service** | Join us online at 8:00pm Tuesday evenings (resuming next week) for a brief service of prayer and worship led by Michael Weller. Access the service on our Facebook page ([facebook.com/thornapplecov](https://facebook.com/thornapplecov)), Vimeo ([vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch](https://vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch)), or the Livestream link at [thornapple.org](http://thornapple.org).
- **MS Pool Party** | All fall 2020 6th-8th graders are invited for some pool time Tuesday, June 23, 7-8:30pm at the Baum's (5027 Meadow Springs Trail). Bring modest swimsuit and towels; some snacks provided (no dinner). Social distancing encouraged; fun required.
- **Journey Paper Presentations** | Sunday, June 28 at 7:00pm in the church parking lot graduating 8th graders will be presenting their papers in front of their families following by light refreshments. RSVP regrets only to Linda Winer ([lwiner@thornapple.org](mailto:lwiner@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](https://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** | The season is on! We could use some more players - contact Todd Drenth to join the team (no experience needed - just fresh legs and a desire to play). Any men interested in being on the team can contact Todd Drenth ([twdrenth@gmail.com](mailto:twdrenth@gmail.com) or 616.204.5670).
- **Thornapple MOPS** | Women with have infants, toddlers and/or preschoolers are invited to join together with other moms at Thornapple and our community. Beginning this September, we will be meeting the first and third Thursday evenings of the month from 7:15-9:15pm. Registration opens to Thornapple Moms on June 21 and to the public on June 28. To ensure your spot is saved, complete the registration form AND pay the \$67 registration fee (scholarships available). Learn more and register here: [bit.ly/2YAVmNi](https://bit.ly/2YAVmNi)

## Funding the Mission of Thornapple

### Financial Update (as of May 31, 2020)

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
May	\$106,124	\$109,500	(\$3,376)
2020 YTD	\$538,440	\$521,500	\$16,940

## NEWS

- **Housing Needed** | Our new Transitional Pastor, Remy Diederich, and his wife Lisa, will be in need of help with temporary housing. We are looking for both temporary two week summer stay options (are you off to the cottage?; times needed: 7/16-28, 8/13-25, 9/3-15) and longer term loans or rentals (snow birding it?) starting in October. Please contact Patty Dekker (616-450-6661 or [dpdekker2@gmail.com](mailto:dpdekker2@gmail.com)) if you know of some options or can offer one yourself!
- **Chris and Becca Hirt**, Thornapple-supported Missionaries serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators in SE Asia, are currently in Grand Rapids. If you would like to connect with them, here's their info: [chrisandbecca@hirtfamily.net](mailto:chrisandbecca@hirtfamily.net) or 616.294.8880.
- **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](mailto: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](http://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 68<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://thornapple.org/difference) for more info.

## 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).

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

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

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

- **MS Pool Party** | 7-8:30pm, June 23 at the Baum's
- **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.

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**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.

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

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

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

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

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## THORNAPPLE TRANSITION NEWS

**Thornapple is in a very challenging, yet exciting time of transition.** Our senior pastor left us a few weeks ago, and our youth pastor also recently resigned. Below are a few updates from the elders:

### Update

- Last week we announced that we have hired a new TRANSITIONAL PASTOR, Remy Diederich. Remy is an ECC pastor who is retiring after 20 years at a church in Menominee, WI. He will be coming on board ½ time in July, and will transition to 4 days per week starting in October. His first Sunday preaching for us will be July 19. He will be our primary preaching/teaching pastor until our full-time senior pastor is in place.
- Last Wednesday the Senior Pastor Search Committee met with Superintendent Garth McGrath. They are organizing and planning over the summer and will be seeking congregational input later toward the fall. They are taking advantage of the resources available from the Evangelical Covenant Church.
- The elders discussed the future of high school ministry. A draft committee has been formed to work on short and long term plans. Invitations will be made and a search committee will be formed soon for a new Minister to Students.

### 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 Thornapple Student Ministry team and its great volunteers as they continue ministering to our students so well.
- For our future search committee who will be assigned the task of finding our next Minister to Students.
- 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](http://thornapple.org/transition).



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Summaries of elder meetings can be found under "About Our Elders" at: [thornapple.org/about-us](http://thornapple.org/about-us)