



# THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

July 12, 2020

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome/Call to Worship**

Michael Weller

**\*Come, Thou Almighty King**

Hymn #101

**\*This Is Amazing Grace**

**Announcements**

**\*Come, Ye Sinners**

**Prayer of Confession**

**\*Nothing to Fear**

**Scripture**

Psalm 1

**Message**

Rooted: The Secret to Happiness

Amanda Benckhuysen,  
professor of Old Testament,  
Calvin Theological Seminary

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

Hymn #68

**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.*

**Livestream | [vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch](https://vimeo.com/thornapplecovchurch)**



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 7/12

10:30am • Livestream Worship

## Monday 7/13

7:30pm • Young Adults Small Group

## Tuesday 7/14

6:00pm • Pop-Up Family Picnic

7:00pm • Men's Softball (Leonard)

7:00pm • HS IF Video Series (Silvernale's)

## Wednesday 7/15

10:00am • Trailblazer's Park Date

## Thursday 7/16

## Friday 7/17

## Saturday 7/18

## Sunday 7/19

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](https://thornapple.org/covid19) for up-to-date information.**

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Pop-up Family Picnic** | Have kids 5th grade and younger? Pick up or pack up dinner on Tuesday night, July 14 and join us at 6:00pm at Cascade Park under the pavilion (all the way at the back of the park). Bring chairs or blankets in case the pavilion is full. We'll eat together, play some games and Children's Ministry will provide dessert.
- **Trailblazers Summer Fun** | All 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders welcome to join us for a park date at Cascade Park on Wednesday, July 15, 10:00-11:30am and/or a pool party on Wednesday, July 22, 1:00-3:00pm at the Baum's house (5027 Meadow Springs Trail, Ada).
- **Welcome the Diederichs** | Join us Monday, July 20 at 7:00pm for an open house in the parking lot to welcome Remy and Lisa Diederich to our church family. We will have ice cream, activities for children and, of course, social distancing. Did you know Remy has authored a few books? We will be doing a drawing for some copies for those in attendance.
- **Sunday Evening Outdoor Worship** | We have a date to gather again together for worship: Sunday, July 26 at 7pm in the church parking lot. We will still livestream as normal that morning at 10am and for those who feel comfortable meeting in person (with social distancing), we will have an evening service with Michael leading music and Remy speaking.
- **K-2<sup>nd</sup> Family Pool Party** | Tuesday, July 28, 1:00-3:00pm all K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families are invited to a pool party at the Fitzgibbons' house (5283 Whitneyville Rd. SE, Alto)
- **TSM High School IF Video Series, Outdoor Edition** | For Incoming Freshmen - Graduating Seniors Tuesday evenings, July 14, 28, 7:00-8:30pm at the Silvernale's (611 Village Springs Dr. SE). In watching *IF: Trading your if only regrets for God's what if possibilities* by Mark Batterson we'll explore how we can dream with God for our future. As we have many students about to step into a new phase of life; either going to college, jumping into high school, or moving up in grades and trying new things, we are all thinking about what the future could hold for us. We'll with a hangout (lawn games or swimming), watch the video and then break into small groups for discussion.
- **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 is now open to all. 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)

# NEWS

- **Minister to Students Search Committee** | The Elders approved the following people for the search committee for our next Minister to Students: Katie Silvernale (chair), Sarah DeBaets, Matt DeHoog, Mark DeJong, Jeff Guikema, Lynne McLaughlin and Stephanie Taylor. The group anticipates meeting for the first time this week to get starting with their work.
- **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 temporary two-week summer options for 8/13-25 and 9/3-15. Please contact Patty Dekker (616-450-6661 or [dpdekker2@gmail.com](mailto:dpdekker2@gmail.com)) if you know of options.
- **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.
- **Blood Drive - DONORS and VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** | Working with our neighbor church, Cascade Fellowship, we are hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 29, 11:00am and 5:00pm in our building. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, an appointment is needed; there are multiple slots for each time so spouses can sign up together, you just need two accounts. Volunteers are also needed to help with the drive: loading/unloading supplies; greeting and screening donors; serving post-donations snacks. Learn more and sign up to donate or volunteer at [thornapple.org/difference](http://thornapple.org/difference).
- **Donations** | If your household is symptom-free, In the Image is seeking unopened basic need items. Go to [intheimage.org/expressgiving](http://intheimage.org/expressgiving) to request a drop-off appointment and see what items are needed.

# 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)

- **Pop-Up Family Picnic** | All families, Tues., July 14 at 6pm at Cascade Park
- **Trailblazer Park Date** | Wed., July 15, 10-11:30 at Cascade Park
- **Trailblazer Pool Party** | Wed., July 22, 1-3pm at Baums (5027 Meadow Springs Trail, Ada)
- **TCM Pool Party** | Tues., July 28, 1-3pm for all K, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families at Fitzgibbon's (5283 Whitneyville Rd. SE, Alto)

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

- **HS IF Video Series** | Tuesday evenings (July 14/28), 7:00-8:30pm at the Silvernale's (611 Village Springs Dr. SE).
- **HS Camp Out** | Friday, July 31 - Details coming soon

## 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** | Monday nights at 7:30pm; alternating online on Zoom and in-person in the church parking lot. All are welcome, contact Shalini for the schedule.

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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)

## THORNAPPLE TRANSITION NEWS

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

- Our new transitional pastor, Remy Diederich, started this week! Remy is an ECC pastor who is retiring after 20 years at a large Covenant church in Menomonie, WI. He is working with us half time between now and the end of September, and will transition to four days per week starting in October when he and his wife Lisa officially move to Grand Rapids. Check out [thornapple.org/interim](http://thornapple.org/interim) for more information and video messages from Remy. You can also learn more about him on his website ([readingremy.com](http://readingremy.com)). His first day preaching at Thornapple will be next Sunday!
- Last Thursday The Council of Elders appointed a work group to update the Senior Pastor job description. We hope to approve that updated job description at our July 23 meeting. The Senior Pastor Search Committee will be seeking congregational input later toward the fall. They are taking advantage of the resources available from the Evangelical Covenant Church.
- The Elders finalized the job description for the Minister to Students at their meeting last Thursday and the search committee had its inaugural meeting. The job has been posted and the search committee is currently taking applications. They will be starting interviews soon.

### 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. For safe travel to Grand Rapids next week.
- 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 Minister to Students search committee as it begins its work.
- 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.



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