



# THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

July 26, 2020

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome/Call to Worship**

Michael Weller

**\*Rejoice**

**\*King of Heaven**

**Announcements**

**\*Be Thou My Vision**

Hymn #412

**Scripture**

1 Samuel 9:1-7

Josephine Koch

**Message**

*Rooted: Meribaal, A Story of Scattered Shame*

Remy Diederich

**\*Oh You Bring**

**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 7/26

10:00am • Livestream Worship  
7:00pm • Outdoor Evening Worship

## Monday 7/27

7:30pm • Young Adults Small Group

## Tuesday 7/28

1:00pm • K-2nd Family Pool Party  
(Fitzgibbons')  
6:00pm • TSM Listening Events  
7:00pm • HS IF Outdoor Gathering

## Wednesday 7/29

11:00am-5:00pm • Blood Drive

## Thursday 7/30

## Friday 7/31

8:00pm • HS Camp Out

## Saturday 8/1

## Sunday 8/2

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

- **Sunday Evening Outdoor Worship** | Join us TONIGHT at 7pm in the church parking lot for an evening service with Michael leading music and Remy speaking. Bring chairs and masks for you and your family.
- **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)
- **Blood Drive - 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. Volunteers are needed to help with the drive: loading/unloading supplies; greeting and screening donors; serving post-donations snacks. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at [thornapple.org/difference](https://thornapple.org/difference).
- **TSM High School IF Video Series, Outdoor Edition** | For Incoming Freshmen - Graduating Seniors Tuesday evenings, July 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.
- **TSM High School Camp Out** | Starts at 8pm at the Silvernale's. Boys will sleep at the Silvernale's, girls at the Baum's (pick-up will be at either home at 9am Aug. 1). Students should eat dinner before coming. We will have late-night pizza and snacks and a simple breakfast in the morning. Bring: swimsuit/towel, change of clothes (just in case), toothbrush/toothpaste, sleeping bag, bug spray, tent (if desired).
- **TSM Listening Events** | The Minister to Students Search Committee is looking for your input at the following listening events this week:
  - Tuesday, July 28 at the Silvernale's (before/during/after IF):
    - 6-7pm (Volunteers)
    - 7:15-8pm (Students)
    - 8-9pm (Parents)
  - Wednesday, July 29 on Zoom (*check email for invite*): 7-8pm (Volunteers)
  - Friday, July 31 at Silvernale's: 8-9pm (Parents) and 9-10pm (Students)
- **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

- **Congratulations** to Audrey and Jonathan Wendt who welcomed Halle Elizabeth on June 17.
- **Congratulations** to Jerry and Kerri Loranger who welcomed Chloe Anne on July 7.
- **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.
- **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)

- **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 evening, July 28, 7:00-8:30pm at the Silvernale's (611 Village Springs Dr. SE).
- **HS Camp Out** | Friday, July 31 - 8pm starting at the Silvernale's, pick up at 9am Saturday.

### **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 exciting time of transition** as we “re-create” ourselves in this season of social distancing. Below are a few updates from the elders.

### Update

- Our new transitional pastor, Remy Diederich, and his wife Lisa, have been with us since July 16th. He has definitely “hit the ground running”, having 1:1 meetings with staff, elders, and other church leaders. He is already starting to develop great relationships with our staff and elders! Remy is working ½ time at Thornapple for the next few months, then will transition to 4 days per week. Last week we had a great outdoor welcome open house for Remy and Lisa. It is great to have them join our community for this transitional time, and we are excited for Remy’s leadership during this time.
- The subcommittee of elders that is updating the Senior Pastor job description continues its work and hopes to have it updated within the next few weeks. The Senior Pastor Search Committee has created subcommittees and is making good progress on both a congregational survey and the community profile. It is important that we take our time to find the right next senior pastor for Thornapple.
- The job description for the Minister to Students has been posted, and that search committee is currently taking applications. The search committee is scheduling some listening events within the next week with students, parents and volunteers.

### Please Pray

- For Remy and Lisa Diederich as they head back home to Wisconsin next week. Also pray for Remy as he completes his ministry at his church in Menomonie within the next two months.
- For Sue Smith and the Senior Pastor Search Committee as it works to locate our next senior pastor.
- For the 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 searches for candidates and begins interviewing.
- 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.

Transition updates available online: [thornapple.org/transition](http://thornapple.org/transition).



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