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**AFFIRMATION HIGHLIGHT**

Thornapple's denomination, the Evangelical Covenant Church, seeks to form and nurture communities that are deeply committed to Jesus Christ and passionately engaged in Christ's mission in the world. For Covenant people, our essential beliefs are summed up in what we call *Covenant Affirmations*:

- We affirm the centrality of the word of God.
- We affirm the necessity of the new birth.
- We affirm a commitment to the whole mission of the church.
- We affirm the church as a fellowship of believers.
- We affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit.
- We affirm the reality of freedom in Christ.

Throughout the year we'd like to offer a more in-depth look at each affirmation. Please contact one of our pastoral staff if you have questions about these beliefs.

**What does "we affirm a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit" mean?**

The Covenant Church affirms the Trinitarian understanding of one God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The New Testament tells us that the Holy Spirit works both within individuals and among them. We believe it is the Holy Spirit who instills in our hearts a desire to turn to Christ, and who assures us that Christ dwells within us. It is the Holy Spirit who enables our obedience to Christ and conforms us to his image, and it is the Spirit in us that enables us to continue Christ's mission in the world. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to us as individuals and binds us together as Christ's body.



**July 7, 2019**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Welcome**

Michael Weller

**\*Great Things**

**\*Glorious**

**Greeting**

**Offering**

**Prayer**

**Scripture**

*1 Samuel 27:1-28:2*

Bethany Williams

**Message**

*This Is Us: Living Well in the Middle of the Mess*

Pastor Rob Peterson

**\*I Shall Not Want**

**Holy Communion**

**\*In Christ Alone**

*We practice open communion; all who desire to follow Christ are invited to the Lord's Table.*

**\*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. There are also new worship resources for July - verse of the month cards and weekly scripture readings to help bring worship into your weekdays.*

*Children's worship resources are available at the back of the Sanctuary by the sound booth.*

*Summer Worship, ONE Service | Through Sunday, Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend), we will have a SINGLE worship service at 10:00am. Nursery (birth to 3-years-old) and Lil' K (fall 4-years-old to 1<sup>st</sup> grade) are available in the lower level.*

*Flowers in the Sanctuary | Garden filled with flowers? Have a pretty planter full of blooms? If you would like to share your flowers with us for a Sunday morning, please contact Babs Sharp to sign up (bdsharp@yahoo.com or 616.430.2998).*



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 7/7

10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K  
11:30am • Room at the Table Picnic  
at Ada Park

## Monday 7/8

6:30am • Monday Mornings for Men  
6:30pm • Women's Pickleball (offsite)  
7:30pm • Young Adults Small Group (offsite)

## Tuesday 7/9

## Wednesday 7/10

7:00pm • HS Summer Gathering (offsite)

## Thursday 7/11

10:00am • MS Gym & Grow  
6:30pm • Prayer Meeting/Spiritual Practices  
7:00pm • Worship Team Rehearsal

## Friday 7/12

9:00am • HS Bible Study (offsite)  
9:30am • WholyFit

## Saturday 7/13

## Sunday 7/14

10:00am • Worship/Nursery/Lil' K  
11:30am • Luncheon with Esperanza Church  
2:30pm • MS Whitecaps and Concert  
6:00pm • Annual Meeting Delegate Meeting

## Summer Room at the Table

On the first Sunday of every month (TODAY) we encourage everyone to eat lunch with others after worship, during the summer we invite you to bring a picnic for you and your family to Ada Park following Sunday worship for fellowship on those first Sundays.

## Summer at Thornapple

Check out everything we have planned for the summer, all in one spot: [thornapple.org/summer](http://thornapple.org/summer).

## Evening Women's Bible Study?

We are exploring the *possibility* of an evening women's Bible study, if this is something you would be interested in, please contact Lynne McLaughlin ([lmclaughlin@thornapple.org](mailto:lmclaughlin@thornapple.org)).

## Pray for Pastor Andrew's Sabbatical

Join others in picking a specific day to pray during Pastor Andrew's sabbatical. Sign up: [thornapple.org/sabbatical](http://thornapple.org/sabbatical).

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Women's Pickleball** | Any Thornapple women and their friends are invited to join us at Belknap Park (30 Coldbrook St. NE), Monday nights, 6:30-8:30pm. Sign up via the link here: [thornapple.org/pickleball](http://thornapple.org/pickleball).
- **Thursday Night Prayer/Spiritual Practices** | For seven weeks, starting July 11 at 6:30pm, Pastor Rob invites you to join him to learn about spiritual practices that help cultivate a greater awareness of God. He will be using the book *Spiritual Practices in Community: Drawing Groups into the Heart of God* by Diana Shiflett. Feel free to read the book prior to the first gathering and come for conversation and prayer. Learn more: [thornapple.org/summer](http://thornapple.org/summer).
- **Luncheon with Esperanza Church** | Our friends from Esperanza Church will be joining us for worship on Sunday, July 14 and serving up a homemade chicken dinner following worship in the Community Center. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come, with a free-will offering being taken to provide scholarships for Esperanza families to attend family camp at Portage Lake. Learn more and register (required) online at [thornapple.org/esperanza](http://thornapple.org/esperanza) or in the Lobby following worship this morning.
- **MS Whitecaps/Sidewalk Prophets Concert** | Sunday, July 14, 2:30-10:00pm (5-10pm for just the game). Free for friends and family. Learn more and register (by July 9): [thornapple.org/mswhitecaps](http://thornapple.org/mswhitecaps).
- **Annual Meeting Recap with Delegates** | Sunday, July 14 at 6pm. Join Pastor Rob and our meeting delegates for a time of discussion and prayerful interaction around outcomes from the ECC Annual Meeting. Childcare will be available for children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under; please contact Lisa Udell ([ludell@thornapple.org](mailto:ludell@thornapple.org) or 616.299.0158) if you will need childcare.
- **MS Michigan's Adventure** | Tuesday, July 23, 9:30am-10:15pm (drop off and pick up at Thornapple) for fall 6th-8th grade students and friends. Cost is \$35/person plus cash for dinner and snacks. Register and learn more: [thornapple.org/miadventure](http://thornapple.org/miadventure).
- **Sunday Social** | All ages (families and individuals) are invited to a hymn sing followed by an ice cream social Sunday, July 28 at 6:30pm in the Thornapple Community Center. Mark your calendar for future dates: Aug. 25 and Sept. 22.
- **Vacation Bible School** | Aug. 5-9, 9:00am-Noon. Free for fall K-5<sup>th</sup> grade children. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/vbs](http://thornapple.org/vbs).
- **Women's Safety Awareness and Self-Defense Training** | Thornapple's Safety Team invites women (16 and older) to a workshop led by Traci Ruiz, Lt-Ret., who brings 25 years of police experience to the training arena. Sunday, Aug. 11, 6-8:30pm in the Community Center. Cost is \$60/person. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/selfdefense](http://thornapple.org/selfdefense).
- **Men's Ministry Dinner + Games** | On Thursday, Aug. 15, 6:30-9:00pm all Thornapple men, their friends and family (sons/grandsons) are invited to join us for a spaghetti dinner and indoor games. Register at [thornapple.org/mensbbq](http://thornapple.org/mensbbq).
- **Board Game Night** | Anyone high school age and older is invited to join us for board game night in the Community Center, Friday, Aug. 16 at 7:00pm led by JB Hunt ([huntjedi@gmail.com](mailto:huntjedi@gmail.com)). Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/boardgame](http://thornapple.org/boardgame).

# NEWS

- ♦ **Please pray** for Cindy and Dustin Bylsma, and her extended family, as they grieve the death of Cindy's mom, Carole Ann Storvick, on June 30.
- ♦ **VBS Volunteers** | Students and adults available to help with VBS (Aug. 5-9) - we are especially in need a KidVid teacher, color group leaders and craft/kitchen helpers - should contact Lisa Udell ([ludell@thornapple.org](mailto:ludell@thornapple.org)).
- ♦ **VBS Supplies** | Support Children's Ministry and our VBS outreach by signing up to donate gift cards for VBS supplies here: [thornapple.org/vbsdonaions](http://thornapple.org/vbsdonaions).
- ♦ **Men's Retreat at Portage Lake** | Join other men from the Great Lakes denomination for a weekend of relaxation, mountain biking, ropes course, chapel, worship and 24-hour bacon station Sept. 27-29. Learn more and register at [portagelake.org/mensretreat](http://portagelake.org/mensretreat).
- ♦ **Women's Retreat at Portage Lake** | Join other women for a weekend of spiritual uplift, community building and personal retreat. Oct. 4-6. Thornapple Women's Ministry is hosting this year so we'd love to have a big group from our church plan on attending. Learn more and register at [portagelake.org/glcwomen](http://portagelake.org/glcwomen) (early bird registration runs through Aug. 4).
- ♦ **Coffee Prep Volunteers** | We are looking for people who can commit to 2-4 weeks at a time to make coffee for Sunday mornings. Typically, 8:00am to 11:00am, less in the summer months when we have one service. Anyone with interest or questions can contact Suzanne Roth ([sroth@thornapple.org](mailto:sroth@thornapple.org)).
- ♦ **Communion Prep Volunteers** | We are looking for 1 or 2 more "pairs" of people to help 3 or 4 times a year with communion preparation. The commitment involves 1.5-2 hours on the Friday or Saturday before the first Sunday of the month to prep the juice and wafers. On the Sunday, volunteers arrive before first service to set up, re-set between services and stay after to clean up. Training is provided. Contact Katie Silvernale ([katentroy@hotmail.com](mailto:katentroy@hotmail.com)) with interest.
- ♦ **Twelve:12Hope** | Tim Friesen is preparing for child trauma training in the DR Congo in July and Zimbabwe in August and has a list of supplies that can be purchased (delivered by July 14) and donated for this training, see the list and sign up: [thornapple.org/12](http://thornapple.org/12).

# 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 | [thornapple.org/children](http://thornapple.org/children)

- **Nursery** | Birth-3yrs, lower level
- **Lil' K** | Fall 4yrs-1<sup>st</sup> grade, lower level
- **VBS** | (Fall K-5<sup>th</sup>) Aug. 5-9, 9am-Noon

## STUDENTS | [thornapple.org/students](http://thornapple.org/students)

- **HS Summer Gatherings** | Next date July 10, 7-9pm at the Silvernale's (611 Village Springs Dr., Ada). Bring a swimsuit, towel and friends! More dates/locations online.
- **HS Bible Study** | Friday mornings at 9am at Forest Hills Foods' café.
- **MS Gym & Grow** | Bring your friends and come hang out at church for games, Bible Study and snacks. Thursdays, 10am-Noon, July 11/25, Aug. 1.
- **MS Whitecaps** | July 14, 2:30-10pm
- **MS Michigan's Adventure** | July 23, 9:30am-10:15pm

## YOUNG ADULTS | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Small Group** | Meeting July 8/22, 7:30-9pm at 6578 Brookhills Ct. SE, Grand Rapids. Contact: Shalini Bennett, [shalinibennett@gmail.com](mailto:shalinibennett@gmail.com) or 616-516-9892.
- **Beach Outing** | At the Veen's cottage in Grand Haven, Monday, Aug. 5

## HORIZONS | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Italian Night** | *Save the date:* Sept. 20 at church

## PRIME TIMERS (60+) | [thornapple.org/adults](http://thornapple.org/adults)

- **Soup & Study** | Resumes in the fall 2019

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

- **WholyFit** | Summer classes meet Fridays, 9:30-10:30am (July 12/19/26, Aug. 2/16/23).
- **MOPS** | Open to moms with at least one preschool-aged child, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 19.
- **Moms on a Mission** | For moms with school-aged/ older children, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday mornings, resuming Sept. 26.
- **Women's Bible Studies** | Resuming Sept. 11

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

- **Dinner and Games** | Aug. 15 at 6:30pm
- **Men's Small Group Studies** | Resuming in Sept; four time/day options at Thornapple: Sunday at 9am, Monday at 7pm, Friday at 6:30am and Saturday at 8:30am