



THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

July 5, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Call to Worship

Michael Weller

***Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)**

***Great Things**

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

***This I Believe (The Creed)**

Scripture

Matthew 11:25-30

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Message

Rooted: Rest for the Weary

Lynne McLaughlin

***It Is Well with My Soul**

Hymn #451

Holy Communion

***I Shall Not Want**

***Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty**

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

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 7/5

10:30am • Livestream Worship

Monday 7/6

7:30pm • Young Adults Small Group

Tuesday 7/7

6:00pm • Men's Softball (Ada 1)

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

8:00pm • Online Prayer Service

Wednesday 7/8

10:00am • Trailblazer's Park Date

Thursday 7/9

Friday 7/10

Saturday 7/11

Sunday 7/12

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

- **Trailblazers Park Date** | All 3rd-5th graders welcome to join us for fun at Cascade Park on Wednesday, July 8, 10:00-11:30am.
- **Welcome the Diederichs** | Join us Monday, July 20 at 7:00pm for an open house to welcome Remy and Lisa Diederich to our church family. We will have desserts, activities for children and, of course, social distancing. More info to come!
- **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.
- **TSM High School IF Video Series, Outdoor Edition** | For Incoming Freshmen - Graduating Seniors Tuesday evenings, July 7, 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.
- **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). Remaining game schedule: July 7 at 6pm (Ada 1) and July 14 (7pm (Leonard)). Any men interested in being on the team can contact Todd Drenth (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 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

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 both temporary two week summer stay options (are you off to the cottage? Times needed: 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) 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 or 616.294.8880.
- **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.
- **UICM Can Donation Update** | Thank you to everyone who donated their returnables to UICM, Phil and Brenda Veen delivered 75+ bags of cans and bottles!
- **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.

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 IF Video Series** | Tuesday evenings (June 30, July 7/14/28), 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

Contact: Shalini Bennett, 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.

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

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

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THORNAPPLE TRANSITION NEWS

Thornapple is in a very challenging, yet exciting time of transition in many areas! Our senior pastor left us last month for a new position with the ECC of Canada and our youth pastor also recently resigned. Below are a few updates from the elders:

Update

- We have hired a transitional pastor, Remy Diederich. Remy is an ECC pastor who is retiring after 20 years at a large church in Menominee, WI. He will be coming on board ½ time in July, and will transition to four days per week starting in October. He and his wife, Lisa, will be officially moving to Grand Rapids in October. His first Sunday preaching at Thornapple will be July 19. Check out our website for more information and a video from Remy and Lisa (thornapple.org/interim).
- The Senior Pastor Search Committee met with is 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 are in the final stages of appointing a search committee for our next 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 next month.
- 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 students as they continue to navigate this season of losses and transition.
- 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.



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