



# THORNAPPLE

COVENANT CHURCH

**August 16, 2020**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome/Call to Worship**

Michael Weller

**\*Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)**

**\*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

**\*All Creatures of Our God and King**

**Announcements**

**Prayer for the World**

Lynne McLaughlin

**Scripture**

*1 John 4:12-18*

Don Scamehorn

**Message**

*Not Afraid: Fear of Worst-Case Scenarios*

Remy Diederich, Transitional Pastor

**\*Cornerstone**

**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.*

**Sermon outline and study questions | [thornapple.org/media](http://thornapple.org/media) (click on August 2020)**

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

*Join us **TONIGHT** at 7pm in the church parking lot for in-person worship and communion.*



# CALENDAR

## Sunday 8/16

10:30am • Livestream Worship  
7:00pm • Outdoor Worship

## Monday 8/17

7:30pm • Young Adults Small Group

## Tuesday 8/18

## Wednesday 8/19

10:00am • Trailblazers' Park Date

## Thursday 8/20

## Friday 8/21

## Saturday 8/22

## Sunday 8/23

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

## EVENT INFORMATION

- **Sunday Evening Outdoor Worship in August** | Join us TONIGHT or Aug. 30 at 7pm in the church parking lot in front of the Community Center for in-person worship (and communion on the 16th). Sunday mornings services will still livestream as normal at 10am (and are completely different from the evening services) and with these evening services for those who feel comfortable meeting in person (with social distancing). Bring chairs and masks for your family.
- **Trailblazer Park Date** | Fall 3rd-5th graders join us for games, friends and sweet treats at Cascade Park on Wed., August 19, 10-11:30am
- **Pop Up Family Picnic** | Have kids 5th grade and younger? Pick up or pack up dinner Monday, August 24 (*note date change*) 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.
- **HS Back to School Party** | Monday, Aug. 31, 6:00-8:00pm in Thornapple's parking lot. Invite your friends for Chick-fil-A and dessert, games, student-led worship (and yes, social distancing). Please RSVP for students and any non-Thornapple friends they are bringing so we know how much food to order: [thornapple.org/hsbts](http://thornapple.org/hsbts).
- **What is a Covenant Church? Class** | Anyone new to Thornapple and the Evangelical Covenant Church is invited to join us for a two-part, online series taught by our pastors, Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30pm, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. We've changed the format of this class to make it more accessible and easy to attend for those interested in joining our membership. The classes are required for membership, in addition to the Membership Class. Learn more and register: [thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass](http://thornapple.org/covenantchurchclass). Please note, the next Membership Class is Sunday, Oct. 11, 4-6pm and is also online and requires separate registration.

## Funding the Mission of Thornapple Financial Update (as of July 31, 2020)

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
July Giving	\$81,517	\$94,500	(\$12,983)
2020 YTD Giving	\$714,337	\$716,000	(\$1,663)

## NEWS

- **Please pray** for Beth and Kevin Read and their family as they mourn the passing of Kevin's dad, Bob Read.
- **Please pray** for our missionary partners, Chris and Becca Hirt, as they have recently transitioned back to Chang Mai Thailand from their time in the U.S. Praise God they were able to get the paperwork necessary to travel back to Thailand in time for their children to begin school. Pray for the work they are connected to in Southeast Asia through Wycliffe Bible Translators. May their work help extend God's Word to those who do not have a Bible in their language and may Jesus be present during this time of transition into a new school year.

## 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.
- **Sock Drive** | In the Image will be giving away 3,000 pairs of new shoes to school age children beginning Sept. 14. They need new socks, from toddler to adult sizes, to go along with each pair of shoes. From Aug. 3 -21 (9am-3pm, M-F), we will have a container outside the church office doors to collect new, donated socks. Socks can also be dropped off on the Danz (7619 Candlewood DR SE, Ada) or Stewart (505 Greentree Lane NE, Ada) front porches at any time. Thornapple is one of several organizations trying to collect the needed socks. Contact Kay Stewart with any questions.
- **Future Blood Drives** | Over the next year we'll be partnering with Cascade Fellowship to host blood drives every other month. Donors AND volunteers will be needed for each date to help with the drive: loading/unloading supplies; greeting and screening donors; serving post-donations snacks. Contact Beth Van Over with questions. Learn more about this opportunity to give back at [thornapple.org/difference](http://thornapple.org/difference).

## 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)

- **Trailblazer Park Date** | Wed., Aug. 19, 10-11:30am at Cascade Park
- **Pop Up Family Picnic** | Mon., Aug 24 at 6pm at Cascade Park

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

- **HS Back to School Party** | Aug. 31, 6-8pm  
Thornapple Parking Lot, RSVP: [thornapple.org/hsbts](mailto:thornapple.org/hsbts)

### 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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Josh Traugher  
Marc Kole (Treasurer)

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, is continuing to work half-time at his church in Menomonie, WI and half-time at Thornapple. He and his wife Lisa will be coming back to Grand Rapids this Thursday. He is already actively involved in our community and is building some great relationships with staff, elders, and other church leaders. The Diederichs will be moving to Grand Rapids on October 1st at which time Remy will begin working  $\frac{3}{4}$  time at Thornapple. We are excited for Remy’s leadership during this transitional period.
- The Senior Pastor Search Committee has completing a congregational survey and are beginning a church and community profile. They are also meeting with small groups to communicate on a more intimate level and hear people’s hearts. The elders are working to develop a job description for this position, in conjunction with the search committee. It is important that we take our time to find the right next senior pastor for Thornapple.
- The Minister to Students Search Committee is reviewing applications and have some very strong applicants. They will begin the formal interview process soon.

### Please Pray

- For Remy and Lisa Diederich as they travel back to Michigan next week. Also pray for Remy has he completes his ministry at his church in Menomonie, WI in the end of September.
- 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 screens candidates and begins interviewing.
- For strength, energy, health, and vision for our staff and elders.
- 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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