

July 2022



THORNAPPLE THOUGHTS

THORNAPPLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, R.C.A.

Summer Adventure Trip 2022

by Jesse Zandee

God reveals himself in conversation, in mutual encouragement, and by transforming hearts. God sure revealed himself in this way during our trip. I hope that these moments, relationships and memories would glorify God in return for what He's done for us. These brothers and sisters of mine are ready for any challenge. I have grown to love them very much, and it was my joy to spend so much time with them rappelling, paintballing, white-water rafting, doing high ropes and caving.

Thank you to those who supported us through prayers and financial means. Thank you also to our volunteer leaders Kelly Edington and Julie Paarlberg. This trip wouldn't have happened without all of your support!!



R.C.A. Clergy Revitalization Grant

Pastor Tim and Pastor Kent have received Clergy Revitalization grants through the RCA. The process to apply was approved in February and confirmation of grant monies came in late March. Here is a description of these how these grants were intended to be used from the Board of Benevolence:

Through generous funding from the Lilly Endowment, we will award between 60-100 Clergy Revitalization Grants to RCA Ministers (including Chaplains) and RCA Commissioned Pastors. The grant will allow pastors to take paid leave (a minimum of two weeks, but three is recommended) and to follow through with a revitalization plan of their choice. Our hope is that this short period of leave allows clergy the space and resources to begin a journey of health and self-care, giving renewed energy to bless the church with their gifts. We hope that this process creates a healthy dialogue between pastors and churches. Our aim is that this causes both the pastor and the church to choose to invest financially in well-being and self-care going forward.

The consistory has supported the plans for each of our pastors. Pastor Tim thanks members of TCC for this opportunity of revitalization. Pastor Kent's time away will be July 4-25. Per the agreement with the Lilly Foundation, R.C.A. and the recipient's church, the pastor(s) is to have no contact or ministerial responsibilities at the church during this time off. We want to honor this and ask that members refrain from contacting Pastor Kent during his time of revitalization. He will not be looking at emails, texts or listening to phone messages that are TCC related. If you have any pastoral needs during this time, contact Pastor Tim (tim@tccrca.org / 616-942-0821) or simply reach out to the office during regular business hours and Kim will help you connect. Thanks for helping Kent get the most from this experience.



Every August, In The Image has had their S.H.O.E.S. (Shoes Help Our Elementary Students) program where they fit needy children with shoes for school. In order to properly fit the shoes, they also have new socks for the children. We would like to help supply some **socks** for this program. Please bring in new socks of all sizes to the Sox Box until August 7. They will be taken down to In The Image later that week.



Camp Thornapple is in full swing! Our first class, Crafting, allowed kids to build a bird feeder out of PVC pipe. Our second class, Art, followed right on its heels. Kids are enjoying learning new skills and making new friends. There are over 25 kids signed up between all our classes. We still have openings in four of our classes, so if you want to learn more, go to our website!



JULY YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

KOINONIA

High School:

July 10, 6:00-7:30 PM

July 24, 5:00-6:30 PM (food included)

July 31, 6:00-7:30 PM

Young Adults:

July 12, 7:00-8:30 PM

July 26, 7:00-8:30 PM



July 16
4:00-8:00 PM

Both middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to a pool party at Jesse's parent's house (3511 Chamberlain Ave Grand Rapids MI 49508) from 4-8 PM. The plan is to meet there. Food will be provided. Let Jesse know if you need a ride.



July 30
1:00-6:00 PM

Both middle schoolers and high schoolers are invited to spend the afternoon at the beach! We will leave from TCC at 1:00 PM and return around 6:00 PM. **RSVP to Jesse by Sunday the 24th of July.**

Pastors' Lunch Bunch

Thursday, July 21

11:30 AM

at Cantina Mexican Grill
(2770 E. Paris SE)

Join us for food and fellowship!

A contribution of \$10.00 will help offset the cost of the meal and the tip that we provide the servers.

Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office (942-0821) if you plan to attend.



*thank
you!*

Thank you to those who contributed to the Education Fund in June. A total of \$1,645 was collected.

Thank you to those who assisted in the many tasks to make the Servant's Church Family Feasts a success. We served approximately 40-60 people per week as well as provided many take-home meals.

*Save
THE
Date*

Outdoor
Worship
August 14

July

Happy Anniversary!

- 10 Kent & Betsy Frens
- 14 Alan & Leah Watterson
- 19 Doug & Karen Honholt
- 21 Matt & Nicki Paarlberg
- 22 John & Amber Dood
- 24 Scott & Katlin Howard
- 25 Tony & Vicki Monterusso

Nursery Volunteers

(Each Sunday requires 2 volunteers,
one of which needs to be 18+)

- 3 Fonda Paarlberg /
- 10 Paul & Mary Wesselink
- 17
- 24
- 31




- 1 Tim Dieffenbach
- 1 Dylan Lutz
- 4 Sarah Rodriguez
- 13 Karen Claus
- 13 Karen Honholt
- 15 Etta Bauman
- 17 Tori Monterusso
- 17 Alyssa Monterusso
- 18 Marilyn Thompson
- 22 Doug Honholt
- 23 Nancy Myers
- 25 Jerry Nichols
- 25 Mary Wesselink
- 25 Allison Hoogerwerf
- 26 Dave Van Laan
- 27 Tom Deane
- 27 Nancy Vande Bunte
- 28 Hal Roy
- 31 Ulli Kuester

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Office closed</i> 7:30 AM Men's breakfast @ The Gathering Place 10:00 AM <i>When God Winks</i> @ Sugar Momma's	2
3 9:30 AM Worship / YouTube Live	4 <i>Office closed</i> 	5	6 12:00 PM Facebook Prayers 1:00 PM Staff meeting	7 7:00 PM Praise Band rehearsal	8 <i>Office closed</i> 7:30 AM Men's breakfast @ The Gathering Place 10:00 AM <i>When God Winks</i> @ Sugar Momma's	9
10 9:30 AM Worship / YouTube Live 6–7:30 PM High School Koinonia @ TCC	11	12 10:00 AM–Noon Camp Thornapple—Outdoor Exploration (FH) 7–8:30 PM Young Adult Koinonia @ Zandee's home	13 9:30 AM–12:30 PM Camp Thornapple—Cooking & Hospitality (Kit/FH) 12:00 PM Facebook Prayers	14 9:30 AM–12:30 PM Camp Thornapple—Cooking & Hospitality (Kit/FH) 7:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	15 <i>Office closed</i> 7:30 AM Men's breakfast @ The Gathering Place 9:30 AM–12:30 PM Camp Thornapple—Cooking & Hospitality (Kit/FH) 10:00 AM <i>When God Winks</i> @ Sugar Momma's	16 4–8:00 PM Middle & High School Pool Day
17 8:50 AM Choir rehearsal 9:30 AM Worship / YouTube Live 10:45 AM Adventure Trip highlights post-worship	18	19 1:00 PM–3:00 PM Camp Thornapple—Wood & Metalwork (FH)	20 10:30 AM Family Story Hour (CMR) 12:00 PM Facebook Prayers 1:00 PM Staff meeting	21 11:30 AM Pastors' Lunch Bunch @ Cantina Mexican Grill 7:00 PM Praise Band rehearsal	22 <i>Office closed</i> 7:30 AM Men's breakfast @ The Gathering Place 10:00 AM <i>When God Winks</i> @ Sugar Momma's	23 9:00 AM–2:00 PM Fellowship Hall in use
24 9:30 AM Worship / YouTube Live 5–6:30 PM High School Koinonia w/ food 6:30 PM Outdoor Family Movie Night	25	26 12:30 PM–4:00 PM Camp Thornapple—Cake Decorating (Kit/FH) 7–8:30 PM Young Adult Koinonia @ Zandee's home	27 9:00 AM–Noon Camp Thornapple (Outside/FH) 12:00 PM Facebook Prayers	28 7:00 PM Praise Band rehearsal	29 <i>Office closed</i> 7:30 AM Men's breakfast @ The Gathering Place 10:00 AM <i>When God Winks</i> @ Sugar Momma's	30 1–6:00 PM Middle & High School Beach Day
31 9:30 AM Worship / YouTube Live 6–7:30 PM High School Koinonia					Staff time away: Pastor Kent: July 4–25 Pastor Tim: July 25–31 Kim (Vicki will be in the office): July 25–Aug. 1	