

October 18, 2020

Welcome to worship at LaGrave. It is our hope and prayer that you will receive a deep spiritual blessing as we listen to and praise our Lord. The sanctuary and the chapel are equipped with T-coil loop systems.

Preparing for Worship: Next Sunday morning, we conclude our Hometown Exiles sermon series. Next week we will look at how the Apostle Peter's first letter spends so much time focusing on Jesus Christ reigning in the heavenly places. Our text will be 1 Peter 5: 8-14, but we will look at the whole letter. Reverend Jonker will be preaching.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. The prayer team reminds the congregation that one way to show our pastoral staff how much we love and appreciate them is to pray for them, their ministry, and their families.

We are so excited that our Church Council has given the go ahead to **begin our Sunday morning youth programs.** We plan to begin 2s & 3s and Children's Worship **TODAY.** Church School classes will begin October 25 or November 1. We are still looking for people willing to do a 2 to 4-week series of classes for our 11th & 12th graders. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Pastor Bob.

College Student Addresses Needed: We hope to send notes and gift cards to our college students. In order to do that, we need the mailing addresses of the students. If you are a college student or parent of a college student and would like to receive this gift, please email your name and mailing address to bgrussing@lagrave.org.

Gift Cards needed for College Students: Because of the COVID pandemic and the varied schedules of colleges and universities which our students attend, the Youth Education Committee plans to send notes and gift cards to our students instead of the holiday care packs that we have sent in the past. We are looking for 100 – \$25 Starbucks gift cards. Please bring the gift cards to the church office or send them to the church office marked, "College Gift Cards." Contact Pastor Bob with questions.

Bells Gloria: There are some openings in the children's handbell choir. Students in 3rd through 8th grade are invited to join. If you have questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Trish Brummel at brummelstudio@gmail.com.

Notes of Thanks:

- Please accept my gratitude for all the kindness shown to me during my back surgery recovery. We received delicious meals and I read and reread the thoughtful cards and emails so many of you sent. Thank you, Rev. Ruth Boven, for your frequent "checkup" calls. I know many prayers were prayed on my behalf, and I attribute my healing to them. LaGrave is a thoughtful congregation, and we are blessed to be part of it. Thank you again. **Lisa Beidler**
- To the Church Body, thank you for the loving care you showed my sister Marcia and her husband Jim Kipp. Not only did you make and deliver meals, do laundry, cut the grass, and provide transportation, you all helped clean out the house and helped Jim prepare to move. Such a blessing! This is a true example of the hands and feet of Jesus. Your sister in Christ, Anne M. Cox (**sister of the late Marcia Kipp**)
- During my recovery from shoulder surgery, I felt the presence of God through each card, call, email, text, meal, and visit. Thank you for being God's hands and feet in showing genuine care and concern. Your support is deeply appreciated, as are your many prayers. I am thrilled to be back on the organ bench just two months following surgery and pray for healing to continue. "I thank my God every time I remember you" (Philippians 1:3). **Dr. Larry Visser**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Praise God for:

- **Abbey Versluis** and **Kate Versluis**, who made public profession of their faith last Sunday, October 11.
- **Anna Faber**, who received the sacrament of baptism last Sunday, October 11.
- **Faith Hondorp**, who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on Wednesday, October 21.
- **Ruth Witte**, who will celebrate her 93rd birthday on Saturday, October 24.
- **John Hoffman**, who will celebrate his 92nd birthday on Sunday, October 25.

Congratulations to:

- **Scott & Sarah Hekstra** in the birth of their son, **Abel James** on Thursday, October 1.

Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Faith Gauger**, who is in Hospice care at home.
- **Jim Kipp**, who has been admitted to the hospital in Texas with afib. Jim can be reached at his daughter's home in Texas: Abigail Jamieson, 7212 Chapman Drive, North Richland Hills, TX 76182.
- **Tom Penning**, who lives with significant heart failure and has limited possibilities for medical intervention.
- **Glenda Veltman**, whose muscle weakness is progressing causing some shortness of breath and the use of tube feedings.
- **Than Veltman**, son of Glenda Veltman and our HBMS missionary in Ethiopia, had a scratch on his leg that became so severely infected that he is going daily to the hospital there to have it checked. It is likely a viral infection with secondary bacterial infection, and a tissue biopsy has been ordered to definitively determine the cause.
- For all who are immune-compromised or are undergoing treatments for cancer and are especially endangered at this time of COVID 19.

We extend our Christian sympathy to:

- **Ken & Carla Avink**, whose mother Arlene Avink passed away on October 8.
- **Ted & Gloria Rozeboom**, whose mother Ida Rozeboom passed away recently.

As members of God's Family remember Brothers and Sisters who live with various physical or mental limitations because of disability and remember loved ones who support them.

Please pray for those with continuing needs: Norman Bouma, Sandy Buter, Cloe Ann Danford, Katherine Doezema, Roger Dekker, Rob Entingh, Mary Granstra, Shirley Grassmidt, Marie Huizenga, Sherri Kanten, Marv Klyn, Della Landheer, Sheryl Maliepaard, Eve Meeter, Hattie Patterson, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Rich Postma, Gerri Tiggelman, Bob VanderLey, Sharon VanHouten, Glenda Veltman, Joyce Verhaar, Helen Wentzheimer, Paul Wright

Prayers for Missionary Families:

- Please pray for **Hope Okeny** who is executive director of Karin Community Initiative in **Uganda** as they are dealing with an increase in COVID-19 cases, along with an increase in malaria and other conditions due to the rainy season. Also, since the onset of COVID-19, their monthly operational budgets have been greatly affected such that they have been forced to reduce their staff and are two months in arrears of paying frontline staff and purchasing medicines.
- **Josh and Virginia Ham** in **Cameroon** have asked for our prayers for their boys as they adjust to their schooling at Rain Forest International School in Yaounde and for managing their time while meeting 2 days a week on campus and 3 days on online learning at home, and also pray for Josh and Virginia as they integrate back into their jobs. Josh is a translation consultant and is also the newly-elected chairman of the board for Wycliff Bible Translators in Cameroon, and Virginia is a linguistics consultant and the linguistics coordinator for Wycliff.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18

8:40 AM Morning Worship
11:00 AM Morning Worship
4:00 PM #Adulting, Parlor/MPR
CREW, Vault
MSM

Monday, October 19

4:00 PM Evangelistic Outreach Comm. (Zoom)
5:15 PM Finance Committee, MPR
6:30 PM Youth Educ. Committee, Parlor

TUESDAY, October 20

1:00 PM Knitting Group, LL Meeting Room
6:30 PM Worship Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 AM Men's Morning Bible Study, Room 200
9:30 AM Spiritual Journey Bible Study, (Zoom)
10:00 AM Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study,
LL Meeting Room
11:30 AM Men's Bible Study, Room 200
1:15 PM Intercessory Prayer, Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Boy's Group Outdoor Offsite @ Versluis'
6:30 PM GEMS @ Church – come with wacky hair!
Colossians Way, (Zoom)
Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor

Thursday, October 22

9:45 AM Beth Moore & More Bible Study, MPR
6:30 PM Colossians Way, (Zoom)