

**May 2, 2021**

**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**, after a two weeks of special services (Gems and installation of council members), Reverend Jonker will resume our sermon series on the short letters of the New Testament. He will preach on 3 John. **Next Sunday night**, Reverend Jonker will preach on Judges 13-16 and the story of Samson.

### **TODAY & UPCOMING**

**Ordination/Installation of New Council Members:** Today we are thankful to God for providing new elders and deacons to serve on the Council of LaGrave. At the **8:40 AM** service, we will install Elaine DeStigter to the office of elder, and Peter Ackerman and Aaron Elzinga to the office of deacon. At the **11:00 AM** service, we will install Steve Schroder, Judy Scholten, Perrin Rynders, Norma de Waal Malefyt, Paul LaGrand to the office of elder; Kara Plantinga, Amy Dozema, and Hillary Scholten to the office of deacon.

**Thank-you to Outgoing Council Members:** Today we are thankful to God for the elders and deacons who have completed their years of faithful service. **The retiring administrative elders are:** Rich Bouma, Bob DeJong, Dan Gelderloos; **the retiring visiting elders are:** Carol Erichsen, Alanna Rynders, Grace Shearer. **The retiring administrative deacons are:** Aaron Faber, Zach Kruyf, Deb Ondersma, Matt Scholten; **the retiring visiting deacons are:** Sandy Leestma, Mitchell Schroder. We thank them all for their service to Christ's church.

**2s & 3s and Children's Worship** will meet during both of our services this morning.

**Church School Classes for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders** continue today at 10am in the upper level classrooms.

**CREW (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders):** Our final Celebration Worship of this church year is tonight at 6 at the Vault. We will be recognizing our high school graduates and they will be participating in the service. Bob is the speaker & Katie & her dad

are leading music. **UTAH participants** – we will meet after Celebration at 7:30 for a very important informational/planning meeting. Don't forget to sign up for SUMMER SERVICE WEEK for High School, Middle School and College age persons. Dates are Tuesday, June 22, (beginning after dinner) to Sunday, June 27, (ending after lunch). More information can be found at [lagrave.org/summerservice](http://lagrave.org/summerservice). Cost is only \$100 if you are a member of LaGrave or a regular attender of CREW.

Your participation is important for **The Henry Beets Mission Society** to support the exciting work God is doing through missionaries around the world. On **Sunday, May 16**, an offering will be gathered for HBMS (your giving envelope for that day also has the word Thanksgiving on it, a printing error.) Three designated offerings (May, September, and Thanksgiving) represent the ONLY regular source of funding for this unique work, though memorial gifts and estate gifts supply some of the funds needed for its annual budget of approximately \$125,000. If you would like more details about the ministries, or would like to serve as a member of the HBMS Board, Connie Kuiper VanDyke would love to talk with you (481-1474).

**SUMMER SERVICE WEEK** is coming! We are excited to announce that we are planning our own service opportunity for high school, middle school, and college-age persons. Dates are Tuesday, June 22, (beginning after dinner) to Sunday, June 27, (ending after lunch). Participants will have the option of staying at church or sleeping at home. Work possibilities include: landscaping, painting, minor construction, cleanup, etc. Cost is \$100 if you are a member of LaGrave or a regular attender of MSM or CREW. Cost is \$200 for friends or others interested in attending. **We will also be looking for 1 adult leader for every 5 students who sign up.** Sign up deadline is May 18. For more information or to register, please contact Pastor Bob or use the following link: [lagrave.org/summerservice](http://lagrave.org/summerservice).

**All-Church Picnic:** The Fellowship Committee is optimistically planning a fun all-church picnic at Johnson Park this summer, **July 21**. We hope you mark this on your summer event calendar and plan on joining us that evening! More details coming soon.

**LiveSafe:** Want to get involved with church work in some way? Our LaGrave LiveSafe team, (part of the greater CRC Safe Church program), has a few members retiring. We are looking for

some new people who have an interest in helping our church members, whether spouses, dating singles, children, or the elderly, live their lives in safety. We provide confidential support, information, and resources to our fellow church members who might be in harmful relationships. If needed, training will be provided. We meet once every other month. Please contact Deanna DeVries ([devries-deanna@att.net](mailto:devries-deanna@att.net)) or Jane Elzinga ([jane.elzinga@gmail.com](mailto:jane.elzinga@gmail.com)) if you are interested, or would like more information.

**Graduates:** We plan to continue the annual LaGrave tradition of recognizing those who are graduating from middle school, high school, college & with advanced degrees. Please contact the church office by **May 16** (call 616-454-7204 or email [abredeweg@lagrave.org](mailto:abredeweg@lagrave.org)) with the graduate's name, school name, and degree earned (if applicable).

**Christian Education Enrollment** document distribution began last week by the Christian Education Committee members to all families with school age children. If you have enrolled in the past, please contact your CEC representative to coordinate and enroll for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are new to LaGrave and /or have children entering school for the first time, please contact Caleb Doezema or Tim Mustert for more information and for enrollment documents. Christian Education committee members will collect enrollment documents, either paper or electronic copies, during the month of April and the first week of May. **Final day of collection will be this Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.**

#### **Notes of Thanks:**

- Thank you all for your faithful calls, cards, visits, messages, prayers, communion visits, and flowers over the past six years during Eve's illness. Your kind expressions of faith, reading Scriptures and praying with Eve and myself have been so greatly appreciated. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3) Blessings, love, and hugs - **Paul Wright** and the **family of Eve Meeter**

- Dear LaGrave Friends, your many expressions of sympathy following the unexpected death of our brother were so comforting and very much appreciated. **Rog and Sue Bratt**

**Praise God for:**

- **Glen Sundstrom**, who will celebrate his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Thursday, May 6.
- **Marie Werner**, who will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Thursday, May 6.
- **Cynthia Roelofs**, who will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Saturday, May 8.

***PRAYER CONCERNS***

**Let us faithfully pray for:**

- **John Hoffman**, who is under the care of Hospice at Clark Skilled Nursing.
- **Hattie Patterson**, who will be undergoing testing for some severe respiratory complications.
- **Rosie Westveld**, who is receiving Hospice care at home. Please no visitors or phone calls at this time. Cards and emails are appreciated.
- **Chip Wisse**, who is home recovering from back surgery.

**We extend our Christian sympathy to:**

- **Dori VanderMey** in the passing of her sister-in-law Barbara VanderMey on Saturday, April 24.
- **Rhonda Whyte-Koster** (Bob Jr.) and **Hannah Whyte** in the passing of Rhonda's father-in-law Robert Koster Sr. on Sunday, April 25.

**Please pray for those with continuing needs:**

- Sandy Buter, Jackie Crawford (Jim and Bea Hoek's daughter), Cloe Ann Danford, Roger Dekker, Sandra Destrempe, Katherine Doezema, Lois Dykstra, Rob Entingh, Mary Granstra, Shirley Grassmidt, Ken Gritter, Ken Karsten, Kathy Krager, Marv Klyn, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Sheryl Maliepaard, Hattie Patterson, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Sharon Snoeyink, Roger Stouwie, Riley Swinehart, Gerri Tiggelman, Bob VanderLey, Sharon VanHouten, Glenda Veltman, Helen Wentzheimer, Paul Wright

**Prayer Request from HMBS missionaries Jona and Juska Lazarre: The Foster Care program** continues to grow! Our prayers are especially for the foster children who cannot reunify with biological relatives, and that the Haitian government will make ways for the foster families to officially adopt them. There have been a lot of conversations, but nothing concrete yet. Things in Haiti often move very slowly; please pray that God opens hearts and doors to allow for the permanent placements of these willing families and children.

**CALENDAR**

Sunday, May 2

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare, Toddler Rm. 2's & 3's Church Time, 3's Room
8:55 AM	Children's Worship, 4s – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal (9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> ), Jr. Choir Rm.
10:00 AM	Church School 3-12, Upper Level Rooms Choir Rehearsal (K-2 <sup>nd</sup> ), Jr. Choir Rm.
11:00 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare, Toddler Rm. 2's and 3's Church Time, 3's Room
11:15 AM	Children's Worship, 4s – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
4:15 PM	Bells Gloria, Handbell Room
5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal (6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> ), Jr. Choir Rm.
6:00 PM	Evening Worship CREW & MSM Celebration, Vault

Monday, May 3

2:30 PM	Comfort & Care Ministry, Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Executive, (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 4

1:00 PM	Knitting Group, LL Meeting Room
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Wednesday, May 5

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study, Room 200
10:00 AM	Women's Mid-Morning Bible, LL. Mtg. RM
1:15 PM	Intercessory Prayer, Rm. 217
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor

Friday, May 7

7:30 AM	Men's AM Bible Study, Room 200
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Assisting This Week

**Security:** 8:40 – Charles VandenBerg, Jon VanHekken  
11:00 – Jeff Scholtens, Chase Scholtens

Assisting Next Week, May 9:

**Security:** 8:40 – Nate Versluis, Jake Versluis  
11:00 – Brad Post, Tim Post