

**June 20, 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,** our service will be led by Jolene DeHeer. Jolene is a beloved member of our congregation and frequent speaker. She will be speaking on 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 and her message will be called "Finding Significance."

**Next Sunday night,** Reverend Jon Opgenorth will be our guest preacher. Jon is the director of Words of Hope. He will preach on Romans 10:1-17 and his message is called "Who's In?"

### ***TODAY & UPCOMING***

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

**There will be no nursery, 2/3s and Children's Worship on July 4th.**

**GEMS Counselors' Boxed Card Sale:** Today after the morning services we are able to offer our DaySpring, Warner Press, and other Christian cards for sale on tables in the Multipurpose Room. There is a large assortment of all type, except Christmas this time, and they are still only \$5 per box. You may pay today or take an IOU. Our picture boards of the 2020-21 GEMS year will also be on display. Thank you for supporting our GEMS Club.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On **Sunday, July 18** after the morning service, we will celebrate **Rev. Ruth Boven's** seven years of ministry to our congregation. In accordance with Ruth's wishes for an informal reception that will accommodate all ages, we will gather outside for a short program and ice cream treats. We hope you will join us. More information to follow later.

**All-Church Picnic:** The Fellowship Committee is 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! Watch email blasts for a way to RSVP.

**Coming in September – An Exhibit of LaGrave Members Photography!** The Visual Arts Committee invites LaGrave members of all ages to enter photographs reflecting their lives and adventures from this past year or this coming summer. These photos can be of backyard adventures, to travels far and wide, to events shared with family and friends. Be creative and artistic with your photos! Think of ways you could reflect the beauty you see in God's world or the joy you experienced in your special relationships. This exhibit will open Sunday, September 12, 2021 and will be featured in a new exhibit space! Watch for upcoming details online and in future bulletin announcements.

### ***CONGREGATIONAL NEWS***

**The Council decided to have one 10 AM morning worship service from June 27 through August 8.** Masks will be optional on the main floor of the sanctuary, masks will be required in both the balcony and the chapel.

We extend our congratulations, best wishes, and heartfelt thanks to **Annette Bredeweg**, LaGrave's Communications Secretary who will retire on June 24 and to **Reverend Lee Smits**, LaGrave's Minister of Visitation to the homebound who will retire on July 1. We are grateful to both of them for their faithful, diligent and dedicated service to LaGrave church. We pray for God's blessing on them and their spouses in their retirement years!

**The Church Assistance Program - CAP** - a program at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services is available to members of LaGrave who want to seek help, learn to thrive, and cope positively with difficult situations. These services are free and confidential. If interested, call 616-455-6210 or 800-422-0809.

#### **Assisting This Week:**

**Security:** 8:40 – Justin Holford, Loren Koeman  
11:00 – Patrick Kinstle, Dave Veldkamp

#### **Assisting Next Week:**

**Security:** 10:00 – Charles Vandenberg

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

Dear LaGrave Family, thank you for the many blessings I've received as the Junior Choir Director. Your words of kindness expressed via cards, emails, phone calls and face-to-face were encouraging. My twenty-seven years of directing the Jr. Choir of LaGrave have been such a rewarding and positive experience for me. 2020 was a difficult year for ALL of us because of the pandemic. Everything was cut short, unexpectedly, including my final year as a Children's Choir Director. This has not been easy. However, all of the love and support you've shown me as children, parents, staff and church family all of these years has been uplifting. Thanks to the committee for the lovely reception honoring the four of us as we have retired from our music positions. Thank you for the delicious cake and lovely floral bouquet; I felt loved and appreciated by everyone, and this final gesture was an affirmation of your love and support. I have, and will continue to miss working with our children. I hope to have made a difference in their lives – SPIRITUALLY, as well as musically. I sincerely hope and pray that Renee Vande Wege will enjoy the director position as much as I have. Thank you so much! **Marcia B. Pylman**

Thank you for your prayers and expressions of love and concern as I recover from back surgery. It's good to be part of the family of LaGrave! **Judy Steigenga**

Thank you, LaGrave Congregation, for your meaning-filled cards and messages, your prayers for healing, and for your many expressions of caring. You have blessed and encouraged me as I recover from my recent heart attack. I continue to heal and am feeling stronger. Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated. **Yvonne Van Ee**

LaGrave family, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the love and support in the journey of illness and passing of my wife Rosie and my sister-in-law Jean. Your expressions of sympathies through prayers, cards and love brought comfort and peace during this difficult time. Pastor Peter and Pastor Ruth, thank you for your support, ministry and encouragement. Blessings to all. **Harve Westveld and Family**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Praise God for:

- **Howard Slenk**, who will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday, June 29.

### Congratulations to:

- **Jonathan Witte** and Amanda Burrell who were joined in marriage on Friday, June 18, with Rev. Ruth Boven officiating.

### Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Sandy Buter**, who after an evaluation at Mayo Clinic, was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Disorder. This disorder is progressive and manifests in having difficulty with functions controlled by that part of the brain (including walking).
- **Ken Gritter**, who is receiving the support of Hospice at home.
- **Jim Kipp**, whose diagnosis of Lewy body dementia has advanced and he has since been placed on Hospice care.
- **Jim Molenbeek**, who will be in Butterworth Hospital again this week for more chemotherapy. His medical team is working on a plan to treat his recently diagnosed liver cancer as well. Pray for sustaining grace and remission down the road from both threats.
- **Tom Penning**, who was confirmed to have a cancerous tumor in his lung. Surgery for removal is being scheduled at the Cleveland Clinic.
- **Betty Teitsma**, who after a recent hospitalization has returned home to assisted living at Edison. She is weak but working with out-patient physical therapy to gain strength.
- **HBMS Prayer Request: Hope Okeny**, who is the director of the Karin Clinic in Uganda and one of the missionaries supported by Henry Beets Mission Society (HBMS), needs our prayers! The Karin Medical Clinics and specifically the GULU District is currently being affected greatly by COVID, including Hope Okeny and her family.

### We extend our Christian sympathy to:

- **Marv Klyn** in the passing away of his sister, Sylvia Langstraat, in Pella, IA on Tuesday, June 15.

**As Members of God's Family remember Brothers and Sisters** who are facing medical decisions, including end-of-life issues.

### Please pray for those with continuing needs:

Jackie Crawford (Jim and Bea Hoek's daughter), Cloe Ann Danford, Roger Dekker, Sandra Destrempe, Lois Dykstra, Rob Entingh, Ken Karsten, Kathy Krager, Marv Klyn, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Hattie Patterson, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Sharon Snoeyink, Roger Stouwie, Riley Swinehart, Gerri Tiggelman, Bob VanderLey, Sharon VanHouten, Glenda Veltman, Paul Wright

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 20

8:40 AM

Morning Worship  
Infant & Toddler Childcare,  
Toddler Rm.

8:55 AM

2's & 3's Church Time, 3's Room  
Children's Worship, 4s – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

11:00 AM

Morning Worship  
Infant & Toddler Childcare,  
Toddler Rm.

11:15 AM

2's and 3's Church Time, 3's Room  
Children's Worship, 4s – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

6:00 PM

Evening Worship

### Monday, June 21

4:00 PM

Evangelistic Outreach Comm. (Zoom)

5:15 PM

Finance Committee (Parlor)

6:30 PM

Youth Ed Committee (Parlor)

7:30 PM

Fellowship Committee (LL Meeting Rm.)

### Tuesday, June 22

11:30 AM

Loeks Advisory Committee, Parlor

### Wednesday, June 23

8:00 AM

Men's Morning Bible Study, Rm. 200

6:30 PM

Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor