

**July 18, 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** we continue our sermon series on the book of Acts. Reverend Jonker will preach on Acts 9:1-9. That is the story of Paul's conversion, an important turning point in Luke's book.  
**Next Sunday night,** Reverend Jonker will preach on 2 Corinthians 5:11-17. He will reflect on Paul's use of the phrase 'according to the flesh.'

### *TODAY & UPCOMING*

**Nurseries, 2s & 3s and Children's Worship** will meet during our morning service.

**RUTH BOVEN RETIREMENT EVENT: TODAY** will be our reception (outside on the east side of church) after the 10:00 a.m. worship service to recognize Rev. Ruth Boven's seven years of ministry to our congregation. We will celebrate with a short program and ice cream treats for all. Besides regular ice cream bars, there will also be lactose free, gluten free or no sugar added choices as well as kid friendly popsicles. We hope many of you will join us to express our thanks and appreciation to Ruth.

**CREW (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) TODAY** is the deadline to sign up for MINI-GOLF & ICE CREAM. This week Tuesday, July 20 we plan to meet at Craig's Cruisers on Clyde Park at 6:30 for golf, then go for ice and return to Craig's Cruisers for pick up at about 8:30. Cost is \$8 per person. Invite your friends. Please let Bob know - 616-745-0045 or [bgrussing@lagrave.org](mailto:bgrussing@lagrave.org) – no later than today, July 18 if you are planning to attend so that we have adequate transportation to the ice cream.

**Party In The Park:** The All Church Picnic is this **Wednesday, July 21** at Johnson Park Pavilion from 5pm to 9pm.

**GEMS Leadership Conference:** This year again GEMS counselors will be joining the online conference with our LaGrave counselors meeting in The Vault on **Friday and**

**Saturday, July 23 and 24.** The conference is called *Celebrate the Sisterhood. Belong. Be Loved.* Please pray for the speakers and that the time shared with our GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) sisters from many parts of North America and other locations around the world will be a blessing for each of us as we prepare for the upcoming GEMS year. Thank you, LaGrave family, for your support of our club.

### *CONGREGATIONAL NEWS*

**We continue with one 10 AM morning worship service through August 8.** Masks are optional on the main floor of the sanctuary, masks are required in the balcony and the chapel will be used for overflow seating from the sanctuary.

**As we begin to gather again** and reunite in the pews (especially with only one morning service), the Pastoral Care Committee asks everyone to be mindful of those for whom a long walk from a parked car may be difficult. Please leave the parking spaces in the West lot (Sheldon side) open for our members with mobility issues. Thank you so much!

**Announcements for the Bulletin** should be sent to [bulletin@lagrave.org](mailto:bulletin@lagrave.org) Thank you.

**Looking for Church School Teachers** – It is only 2 months until our fall church school classes will begin for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. We are excited to begin these classes mid-September and will need teachers for many of these classes. You may teach alone or team teach with another person. Classes will meet between the two morning worship services. Please contact Pastor Bob (616-745-0045 or [bgrussing@lagrave.org](mailto:bgrussing@lagrave.org)) to volunteer or to have your questions answered.

The **Pastoral Care Assistants** (formerly Deaconesses) are looking for men and women with the gift of presence -- a willingness to spend time with our homebound members to visit, pray, and read scripture with them. Do you feel God calling you to join this ministry, or perhaps you just want to know more? Call or email Carol Erichsen (454-2834, [erichsenc@gmail.com](mailto:erichsenc@gmail.com)) or Chad Boorsma (667-8586, [cboorsma@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cboorsma@sbcglobal.net)). We would love to hear from you.

The **Lenten Booklet** committee is seeking meditations for 2022. All are invited to participate: young people, new and longtime members, and those who may not be members but attend LaGrave from time to time. To give us ample time to edit and prepare the booklet, we need your work within the next three months (July—September). Your entry may be a personal story, an insightful spiritual observation, or poetry—a meditation that will draw us closer to our Savior. **Meditations should be 350-375 words in length;** this word count includes a title, a brief Scripture reading (**with the version of the Bible you used**), and a closing prayer. Please send your meditation via email to Della Landheer ([land5933@comcast.net](mailto:land5933@comcast.net)) as an attachment. We prefer that you send an electronic copy, however, *If you do not have access to a computer,* you may send a hard copy via the post office to: Della Landheer, 2500 Breton Woods Dr. Unit 2005, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. Any questions may be sent to the same email address or call Della at (616) 656-5998. We'd like to receive your work by **September 30.**

**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.

### *PRAYER CONCERNS*

**We praise God for:**

- **Thomas Edward Huizenga**, who received the sacrament of baptism last Sunday, July 11.

**Let us faithfully pray for:**

- **Marcia Chrzanowski**, who had corrective surgery on Thursday, July 15. No visitors please.
- **Lois Dykstra**, who is recovering at home after surgery.
- **Kathryn Hiemstra**, who is at HealthBridge for rehabilitation and healing.
- **Marsha Kooistra**, who will have a total knee replacement on Monday, July 19.
- **Myrna Mulder**, who is receiving treatments after a recent cancer diagnosis.

- **Tom Penning**, who is awaiting the scheduling of surgery involving multiple medical specialties to remove the portion of his lung containing a cancerous tumor.
- **Kristin Ponstein**, who has begun radiation treatments.
- **Henry Beets missionaries Juska and Jona Lazarre** and the political situation in Haiti. Juska returned to Haiti from Florida a day before President Moise was assassinated. Jona and their two children, Neshia and Carter are still in Florida waiting for passports before they can return to Les Cayes, Haiti. Pray that their passports will be ready as soon as possible and that peace will be restored in Haiti.
- **The Henry Beets Cuba Committee requests prayers for our Cuban Christian friends** who are presently experiencing financial hardship, hunger, Covid and political unrest in their centrally controlled country. We especially request prayers for pastors who are under threat and closed churches and congregations which are unable to worship. Those of you who wish to support in practical ways please contact members of the Cuba Committee.

**As Members of God's Family remember Brothers and Sisters** who are struggling with addictions of any kind.

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

Darcy Afman, Sandy Buter, Jackie Crawford (Jim and Bea Hoek's daughter), Cloe Ann Danford, Roger Dekker, Sandra Destrempe, Rob Entingh, Ken Gritter, Ken Karsten, Jim Kipp, Kathy Krager, Marv Klyn, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Jim Molenbeek, Carl Oosterhouse, Hattie Patterson, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Rich Postma, Sharon Snoeyink, Roger Stouwie, Riley Swinehart, Gerri Tiggelman, Bob VanderLey, Sharon VanHouten, Glenda Veltman, Grant Walters, Paul Wright

A **Meal Train website** has been set up for **Dave and Sandy Buter** following Sandy's diagnosis of Frontotemporal Brain Disorder. Supporting them with meals is helpful and appreciated. For information and to sign up, please go to <https://mealtrain.com/4q85m8>.

**Assisting This Week:**

**Security:** 10:00 – Brad and Tim Post

**Assisting Next Week: July 25**

**Security:** 10:00 – Karl Ondersma and Paul Ondersma

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 18

10:00 AM

Morning Worship  
 Infant & Toddler Childcare,  
 Toddler Rm.  
 2's and 3's Church Time, 3's Room  
 Children's Worship, 4s – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
 Ruth Boven's Retirement Celebration  
 Evening Worship

10:15 AM

11:00 AM

6:00 PM

Monday, July 19

4:00 PM

7:30 PM

Benefactor's Trust Fund mtg., Parlor  
 Fellowship Committee, LLMR

Tuesday, July 20

1:00 PM

6:30 PM

Knitting Group, LLMR  
 CREW @ Craig's Cruisers

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 AM

1:15 PM

5:00 PM

Men's Bible Study, Rm. 200  
 Intercessory Prayer, Rm 217  
 All Church Picnic, Johnson Park

Friday, July 23

GEMS Conference, Vault

Saturday, July 24

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