

October 10, 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, Reverend Jonker continues our “One Another” series. We will reflect on the virtue of forbearance and his text will be Ephesians 4:2. **Next Sunday evening,** Reverend Jonker will reflect on another Psalm. This time we will dig into the difficult words of Psalm 137.

TODAY

Nurseries, 2s & 3s and Children’s Worship will meet during our morning services.

CHURCH SCHOOL classes for grades 3 - 12 meets today from 10-10:45 AM in rooms on the upper level. Questions – Contact Pastor Bob.

Today is the last day of the *Return of the Family* photo exhibit. Come by the Parlor and take one last look at this interesting exhibit from our members. Photographers, you can pick up your photos today after the second or evening service. You can also pick up your photos during office hours on Monday.

Growing U continues the conversation at **10 am in the Fellowship Hall** for the second of two sessions titled *Loving God and Neighbors: Integrating Worship, Formation, and Mission.* Rev. Chris Schoon, Rev. Joyce Borger, and Rev. Mike Hogaboom will all return to continue their discussion of how our worship practices are spiritually formative. Next week Jolene DeHeer will lead us in exploring how we can develop a more vibrant prayer life.

CREW (High School Students) **No activities tonight** as we are returning from our retreat. Next Sunday, October 17 is Game Night and we will meet at 6 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Questions – contact Pastor Bob.

UPCOMING

Middle School Ministry (6th – 8th grades): Our next activity is Celebration on October 24 at the Vault at 6 PM. Questions – Contact Pastor Bob (616-745-0045 or bgrussing@lagrave.org)

GEMS Girls' Club girls will be going on a hayride this **Wednesday, October 13.** Drop girls off in Versluis Orchards across the street from the home (3455 O'Brien Rd SW, GR, 49534.) Tina's phone if questions: 616-723-3041. Dress for outdoors weather. Pick up girls at same location at 8pm. Parents, be sure the online permission form for your daughters is signed.

The Spiritual Journey group meets this **Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 9:30AM** to follow a journey into the minor prophets. We will meet in person in the Council Room or a Zoom visit is available to those who don't want to join us in person. To get the Zoom link, contact Ellie Vanderwell at handevan@sbcglobal.net

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Reminder: Masks are required in the balcony. Please honor this important rule. Some of our brothers and sisters have conditions which compromise their immunity. Wearing masks in the balcony allows these brothers and sisters to worship in person.

Nametag Reminder! As we return to worship, please consider wearing your nametags. Many of us haven't seen each other in some time and, believe it or not, we may have forgotten each other's names. If you do not have a nametag, or if you've lost your nametag, please email Marie Jansen at mjansen@lagrave.org. She will get you a new one.

PLEASE HELP our Middle School Ministry! We really need 2 or 3 persons to help with this important ministry which meets 3 times per month, usually on Sunday evenings. If you would like to volunteer or have questions as to what is involved, please talk to Pastor Bob (616-745-0045 or bgrussing@lagrave.org)

Parents – Please remember to complete a **Youth Ministry Enrollment form** for each of your children. You can fill out the form online at: <https://www.lagrave.org/youthenroll/>

Loeks Advisory Committee: Several years ago, Ruth Loeks left a bequest to LaGrave for the care of women. The Loeks Advisory Committee encourages individuals and groups to apply for those funds. Instructions and application forms are on our church website. Applications must be submitted through a LaGrave standing committee which will maintain responsibility for the project. New requests or requests for renewal of existing programs for 2022 must be completed by the standing committee and in the hands of the Loeks Committee by **November 1.** Questions? Contact Kara VerMeulen, chair (616-475-4173 or karavermeulen@hotmail.com)

The Lenten Booklet committee is seeking a few more meditations for the 2022 booklet. If you are planning to submit a meditation, please let Della know at land5933@comcast.net

As the Council and church leadership begin a new ministry year, they will be faced with many important decisions that will affect LaGrave now and in the future. **The Spiritual Formation Committee is starting a new prayer initiative** to provide a prayer partner for each pastoral staff member and Council member who is presently serving. If you are interested in being a prayer partner or have any questions, please contact Jolene DeHeer, Prayer Mobilizer jolene@jolenedeheer.com

Thank you from the Henry Beets Mission Society to everyone who contributed to the two special collections for emergency relief for our missionaries, Jona and Juska Lazarre/God's Vision for Haiti, totaling \$23,301.40. We praise God for the generosity of our LaGrave family.

Notes of thanks:

Thank you for the thoughtful cards upon the death of my dad, Tom Draisma. We are grateful for our caring church community. **Dan and Deb Goris**

We wish to thank the many members of LaGrave who remembered us with prayers, meals, cards and visits following Sandy's recent surgery as well as the recent death of her sister Cyndee. LaGrave is truly a caring congregation, and we appreciate all you have done for us.

Sandy and Carl Gronsmann

Thank you to the LaGrave congregation for their expressions of love extended to me and my family through thoughts, prayers, and cards after my dad's passing on Sept. 3.

Joel Sterenberg

ENCOURAGEMENT! People of LaGrave Church, you have definitely encouraged and supported us in Bill's weeks of recovery. Your prayers gave him hope and strength. Your many cards brought us peace and deep joy. Our thanks to all of you! **Bill and Yvonne Van Ee**

Assisting This Week: October 10

Security: 8:40 – Mark Stuit and Karel deWaal Malefyt
11:00 – Brad and Tim Post

Assisting Next Week: October 17

Security: 8:40 – Karl Ondersma and Paul Ondersma
11:00 – John Schat and Eric Bauman

PRAYER CONCERNS

Congratulations to:

- **Steve and Allison Bossenbroek**, in the birth of their daughter, Maxima Laine on Sunday, September 26.
- **Dave Engbers and Sharon Snoeyink**, who were united in marriage yesterday, October 9. Rev. Peter Jonker officiated.

Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Barb Bakker**, who is slowly recovering at home from an abdominal procedure. Cards, calls, and visits are appreciated.
- **Stan Blom**, who has begun cancer treatments.
- **Ron Day**, who is recovering from a slight stroke and is eager for therapy to start.
- **Ken Gritter**, who is in Hospice care at Trillium Woods. No visitors please.
- **Marsha Kooistra's** son Matthew, who has begun chemo and starts radiation this week.
- **Tom Penning**, as he manages side effects from immunotherapy treatments for lung cancer.
- **Dori VanderMey**, who is healing from a fall in rehab at Porter Hills.
- **Lois VanHeuvelen**, who had surgery on a broken ankle and is now at Brookcrest to wait for the swelling to go down before a second surgery.
- **Chris Walkley**, who is recovering well at home.
- **Helen Wentzheimer**, who gains strength at home.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to:

- **John A. Stroo**, in the death of his mother, Elaine Stroo on Saturday, October 2. Visitation and service were held on October 8 & 9.
- **Robert VanderWal**, in the death of his brother, Doug on Saturday, October 2.

Please pray for those with continuing needs:

Darcy Afman, Sandy Buter, Marcia Chrzanowski, Jackie Crawford (Jim and Bea Hoek's daughter), Cloe Ann Danford, Roger Dekker, Sandra Destrempe, Lois Dykstra, Rob Entingh, Bea Hoek, Ken Karsten, Jim Kipp, Marv Klyn, Kathy Krager, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Jim Molenbeek, Myrna Mulder, Carl Oosterhouse, Hattie Patterson, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Rich Postma, Roger Stouwie, Gerri Tiggelman, Bob VanderLey, Jerry VanderWall, Marilyn VanDyken, Sharon VanHouten, Glenda Veltman, Paul Wright

A memorial service for **John Postmus'** son in law Gerry MacDonald will be at Cottonwood Church in Jenison at 4:00 PM on Sunday, October 10. Visitation will be prior to the memorial from 2:00 - 4:00 PM at the church.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 10

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2's and 3's Church Time, 3's Room
8:55 AM	Children's Worship, 4's – 2 nd Grade
9:00 AM	Grades 9 – 12 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Room
10:00 AM	Church School, upper level rooms K – 2 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm. Growing U, Fellowship Hall HBMS meeting, Parlor
11:00 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2's and 3's Church Time, 3's Room
11:15 AM	Children's Worship, 4s – 2 nd Grade
4:15 PM	Bells Gloria Rehearsal, Bells Room
5:00 PM	Grades 6 – 8 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Room
6:00 PM	Evening Worship

Monday, October 11

6:30 PM Council, Elders, Deacons, Council Rm.

Tuesday, October 12

10:00 AM	Navigating Life after the Death of a Spouse Seminar, Parlor
6:30 PM	Christian Ed Comm., Exe. Conf. Rm.
7:00 PM	Art Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, October 13

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study, Rm. 200
9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study, LLMR
9:30 AM	Spiritual Journey, Council Rm.
10:00 AM	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study, Parlor
5:15 PM	Grade 3 – 5 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
6:45 PM	GEMS, offsite
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 14

9:15 AM Beth Moore and More, Parlor

Friday, October 15

7:30 AM Men's Bible Study, Parlor