October 24, 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 will continue our “One Another” series. We will reflect on “Forgive One Another” and his text will be Colossians 3:12-14. Next Sunday night, Reverend Jonker will preach on the “I” in TULIP, the classic acronym for the 5 points of Calvinism, found in the Canons of Dort. His text will be Philippians 2:12-18.

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.
The Comfort and Care team joins us for Growing U today at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall to discuss their team’s work in our midst as well as their future hopes for their ministry. Come and be equipped to lovingly care for those among us who grieve through service and prayer. Next week we will begin a four-week series learning about the Human Sexuality Report that will be discussed at Synod 2022.

CREW (High School Students) Celebration Worship tonight at 6 the Vault. Your friends and family are also welcome to join us. Come for our first worship time of this year. Bob will be the speaker and several of our students will help lead the worship. We finish by 7:30. There are NO CREW activities next Sunday, Oct. 31. Contact Pastor Bob if you have any questions.

Middle School Ministry (6th - 8th Grades) Meet at the Vault tonight for Celebration Worship. Your friends and family are also welcome to join us. Bob will be the speaker and several of our students will help lead the worship. We finish by 7:30. There are NO MSM activities next Sunday, Oct. 31.

Congregation: You are invited to join our youth tonight at 6 PM at the Vault for Celebration Worship. Pastor Bob will be our speaker and several students will help lead our worship time.

UPCOMING

Wednesday morning men’s Bible study is open for new participants. We meet at 8 am in Room 200 weekly. ZOOMing is available for remote participation. We begin a new 12-week study of the book of Daniel on October 27. If anyone is interested contact Paul TenBrink at 616-443-4140.

Many of us have experienced the death of a friend or loved one, so we invite you to our Service of Remembrance which will be held Sunday, November 7, at 6:00 p.m. In word and song we will remember the lives of those who have died, while also celebrating the hope we have through Jesus’ power over death. Refreshments will be served after the service.

Women’s Book Club - Please note that our October 25 meeting has been postponed until Monday, November 22 at 7:30pm in the Parlor. We will discuss Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys. Books are available at local libraries and Schuler Books.

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.

The Disability Awareness Committee needs your help regarding how we can best serve our LaGrave members with special challenges and or concerns. Please stop by the Welcome Center and complete our brief questionnaire to offer your suggestions. If you would like to receive the questionnaire electronically contact Marge Penning. Thanks.

Are you interested in the work of missionaries? The Henry Beets Mission Society Board is recruiting! Two new board members are needed, with the primary responsibility of staying in touch with 2 HBMS missionaries by e-mail throughout the year. If you would like to serve the Lord in this way, contact Pete and Betty Clover (bpclover@gmail.com). You will be blessed!

Order your APPLE PIES!! Our CREW youth group is planning to make their now famous “Apple Pies with Crumbles” for the Holidays. We will be making 225 pies max. Cost is $15 per pie. Pies will be made and can be picked up Saturday morning, Nov. 20 To reserve your pie(s) please contact Pastor Bob – berussing@lagrave.org or the church office – 454-7204. Thank you for your continuing support.

ATTENTION ALL LAGRAGE MEMBERS: The Chancel Choir at LaGrave is alive and well and singing strong. This is an open invitation to all church members to join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Questions or concerns? Please contact Minister of Music Dr. Larry Visser (lvisser@lagrave.org), or interim choir director Dr. James Borst (jborst@lagrave.org) at any time. There IS a place for you in the LaGrave Chancel Choir!

The girls in our GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) program need you: We still need at least 14 people (men, women, couples) for our inter-generational “Special Friends” program from November through March. Many of you have participated in former Secret Pals programs. This time it will not be secret, so the GEMS girl and senior LaGrave member can become better acquainted over 5 months by writing short notes and messages to each other every 2 weeks. Contact Pat Trathen (616-214-9998) or Judy Eppinga (616-450-7982) with questions or to sign up. We hope to begin this program in just 10 days, but do need more partners to do that. Thank you for considering being a part of this special ministry to our girls.

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 renewal requests 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)

Assisting This Week: October 24
Security: 8:40 – Ian Smith and Jeff Dekker 11:00 – Ben Nagel and Ron Nol

Assisting Next Week: October 31
Security: 8:40 – Jeff Uekert and Tim Walcott 11:00 – Ryan Boyk and Mark Menseonides

Per their request, the membership of Tim and Karen Schipper has been transferred to Woodlawn Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids. Per their request, Ken and Karen VanDyke have resigned their membership to affiliate with Ada Bible Church, Grand Rapids. May God bless them in their new church home.
Note of Thanks:
I wish to thank all of you who have blessed me with your cards, notes, assurances of prayer and hugs since my recent leukemia diagnosis. Your thoughtfulness & concern has been overwhelming, and I am so thankful to be part of such a caring family of God. Stan Blom

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Congratulations to:
- **Lindsey Miles** (LaGrave’s receptionist) and Drew VanDyk who were united in marriage on Saturday, October 16.
- **Faith Hondorp**, who celebrated her 93rd birthday on Thursday, October 21.
- **Ruth Witte**, who celebrates her 94th birthday today, October 24.
- **Edna Venlet**, who celebrates her 90th birthday today, October 24.

Let us faithfully pray for:
- **Barb Bakker**, who is making progress in her recovery at home and appreciates our prayers.
- **Ron Day**, who is at Blodgett Hospital for observation and tests on his stomach.
- **Ken Gritter**, who is in Hospice care at Trillium Woods. No visitors please.
- **Don Haan**, who is being evaluated for coronary artery disease.
- **Marsha Kooistra’s** son Matthew, who is having chemo and radiation treatments.
- **Jim Molenbeek**, who starts a week of inpatient chemotherapy at Butterworth Hospital tomorrow to prevent recurrence of leukemia. So far chemo has provided good results.
- **Tom Penning**, as he manages side effects from immunotherapy treatments for lung cancer.
- **Ruth Stacey**, who had unexpected surgery following her small stroke last week. The Staceys thank God for his care for them this past week.
- **Dori VanderMey**, who is doing better and has returned to her apartment at Porter Hills.
- **Lois VanHeuvelen**, who is now scheduled for a 2nd surgery on her broken ankle on Monday, Oct. 25.

**We extend our Christian Sympathy to:**
- **Jantina Droski** and **Rena Holst**, in the death of their brother, Bert Bakhuizen on Saturday, October 16.

**Ken and Becky Zwiers and family**, in the death of Ken’s dad, Bob Zwiers on Thursday, October 14.

Please pray for those with continuing needs:
- Darcy Afman, Stan Blom, Sandy Buter, Marcia Chrzanoswki, Jackie Crawford (Jim & Bea Hoek’s daughter), Cloe Ann Danford, Roger Dekker, Sandra Destrempe, Lois Dykstra, Rob Entingh, Bea Hoek, Ken Karsten, Jim Kipp, Mark Klyn, Kathy Krager, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus’ daughter), Myrna Mulder, Carl Oosterhouse, Hattie Patterson, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phylis Post), Rich Postma, Gerri Tiggelman, Bob VanderLey, Jerry VanderWaal, Sharon VanHouten, Glenda Veltman, Helen Wentzheimer, Paul Wright

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 24**
- 8:40 AM Morning Worship
- 8:55 AM Children’s Worship, 4’s – 2nd Grade
- 9:00 AM Grades 9 – 12 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Room
- 10:00 AM Church School, upper level rooms
  - 11:00 AM Morning Worship
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

**Monday, October 25**
- 4:00 PM Facilities Committee, Parlor
- 6:30 PM Mission Committee (Zoom)
- 7:00 PM Spiritual Formation Committee, LLMR Communications Committee, Parlor

**Tuesday, October 26**
- 10:00 AM Navigating Life after the Death of a Spouse Seminar, Parlor

**Wednesday, October 27**
- 8:00 AM Men’s Bible Study, Rm. 200
- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study, MPR
- 9:30 AM Spiritual Journey, Council Rm.
- 10:00 AM Women’s Mid-Morning Bible Study, Parlor
- 2:30 PM PCA meeting, Parlor
- 5:15 PM Grade 3 – 5 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm
- 6:30 PM Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
- 6:30 PM GEMS Counselor Meeting, Council Rm.
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Social Concerns Committee, Rm. 200

**Thursday, October 21**
- 9:15 AM Beth Moore and More, Parlor
- 7:00 PM Long Range Plan Mtg., Rm. 217/Zoom

**Friday, October 22**
- 7:30 AM Men’s Bible Study, Parlor