

November 28, 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 is the second Sunday of Advent. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together in the morning, and Reverend Jonker will preach the second sermon in our 'Preparing the Way' series. We will look at Mark 1:1-8 together. **Next Sunday evening** we will host Calvin University's annual Lessons and Carols service. Services will be at 3pm and 6pm. Please note that masks will be required at both of these evening services.

TODAY

The flowers on the chancel today are given in gratitude from the **Planned Giving Committee** – to thank all who have remembered loved ones through contributions to the Planned Giving Committee or who have graciously thought to remember the Planned Giving Committee via estate gifts. *“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”* 2 Corinthians 9:11

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

CHURCH SCHOOL – NO CHURCH SCHOOL classes today. Classes resume next Sunday, Dec. 5.

Growing U: No Growing U this week. Next Sunday, **Rev. Chris Schoon**, Director of Faith Formation Ministries of the CRCNA will be with us for the first of two Advent sessions thinking about **Family Faith Formation** through the holidays.

CREW (High School Students) There are no regular crew activities tonight but you can come and simply “hang out” and help decorate the Vault for Christmas at 6 PM if you would like. Next week is our next small group. Contact Pastor Bob if you have any questions.

Middle School Ministry (6th -8th Grades) No MSM activities tonight. Next week we will have small groups at the Vault at 6.

UPCOMING

GEMS Girls, this TUESDAY night we will celebrate Christmas traditions at Meijer Gardens: *For those who gave a RSVP*, meet just inside the main/front doors at 6:30pm. Cost for the girl and one parent will be covered by our GEMS Club. We will be able to view displays both inside and outside. We look forward to a beautiful evening!

The Calvin University Music Department will present the annual service of **Lessons and Carols** on **Sunday, Dec. 5** at both 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at LaGrave church. The service, entitled **A Light to the Nations**, will feature the Women's Chorale, the Capella, organ, instruments, and readers from the faculty and student body. **Following Calvin's current COVID policy, face masks are required at both services.**

The LaGrave Children's Christmas Program is Sunday, December 12 at 4pm. This year's program is called, *Standing on the Promises*. It explores how the events surrounding Jesus' birth were promised in the Old Testament. There will be a full rehearsal on Saturday, December 11, at 10 am. **Parents** please get these dates on your calendar and please contact Peter Jonker at pjonker@lagrave.org if you have any questions.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Covid Policies: Welcome to LaGrave! If you are a visitor or guest, please note our congregation's covid protocols. Masks are required in the balcony. Masks are recommended.

Thank you to those who have turned in your stewardship commitment for the 2022 General Fund budget. We are on our way to our goal of having 75% of the budget committed, as 40% is committed to date. Use the commitment form that was in the Tuesday email blast to make your commitment confidentially. Or if you prefer, you may call (454-7204) or email to Ruth Ringnalda (rringnalda@lagrave.org) in the church office.

Christmas Card Bags for our homebound members: The bags decorated by our GEMS girls are on a table in the hall between the library and the MPR, waiting to be filled with cards from fellow LaGrave members. The list of 46 names is printed and by the table, as well as on the member part of the church website and this past week's News and Opportunities. The bags will be there until December 15. Let's see how many cards we can fill them with to bless our members who cannot regularly worship with us in person.

We could still use approximately twenty \$25 Starbucks gift cards to send to our **College Students**. If you can help please bring the gift cards to the church office by tomorrow, Nov. 29 as we plan to send them out later this week. Thank you! Contact Pastor Bob with questions.

Giving Statements for 2021 will be emailed out at the beginning of January. However, if you want to know where you are at with your pledge commitment or what you have given to LaGrave this year, you can check that out yourself on Elexio. When your profile opens up, you select the giving tab and your giving history will be there, you can even print your own statement. If you haven't accessed Elexio yet, call the office and they will be able to help you. You may also reach out to Ruth Ringnalda (rringnalda@lagrave.org).

Flowers: We are grateful to every one of you who brought praise to God in our worship services by donating beautiful flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Once again, there is a new sign-up poster on the kiosk in the foyer for the New Year. Sign up now for a special date or sign up any time during the year. You may use one of the forms near the poster.

Help create Welcome Baskets:

We have the opportunity to help Bethany Chr. Services welcome arriving refugee families by preparing essential cleaning and bathroom kits. You can contribute individual items listed below or fill a whole basket with the needed supplies (laundry basket or fabric/reusable tote). Have questions or want more information, please talk to Mike Hooeboom or Lisa Bauman (lbauman@sbcglobal.net). Sponsored by the Social Concerns committee.

A collection table will be in the MPR now through December 5. An Amazon Wish List of other needed items is also available on the table if you would like to contribute in additional ways.

Kitchen/cleaning basket: new dish & hand towels, sponges, dish soap, disinfectant wipes, all-purpose cleaners, paper towels, dustpan/small broom, floor cleaner, glass cleaner.
Bathroom essential kit: razors, shampoo/conditioner, shower gel, bar soap, bathroom cleaners, new washcloths, hand and body towels, toilet paper, lotion, deodorant (NO toothpaste/brushes needed).

Also collecting **NEW men's, women's and children's winter coats** with hoods and waterproof winter gloves for children.

We are pleased to welcome new members:

Gerry and Liz Rozeboom, 1823 S Norwalk SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508; Gerry cell: 616-292-6474; Email: grozeboom@hotmail.com; Liz cell: 616-437-2525; Email: erozeboom@hotmail.com. They are transferring their membership from Fuller Avenue CRC, Grand Rapids, MI.

PRAYER CONCERNS
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Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Avery Albers**, daughter of Scott and Stacy, who had a heart ablation on Tuesday, November 23.
- **Shirley Balk**, who is recovering from heart surgery.
- **Cloe Ann Danford**, whose back surgery was postponed due to cardiac complications.
- **Ron Day**, who continues rehab at Mary Free Bed.
- **Ken Gritter**, who is in Hospice care at Trillium Woods. No visitors please.
- **Ken Karsten**, who was admitted to Spectrum Butterworth this past week for aggressive chemotherapy and radiation to treat cancer in his femur. No visitors please.
- **Marsha Kooistra's** son Matthew, who continues his journey with lung cancer.
- **Jim Molenbeek**, who has returned home to recover from infection.
- **Tom Penning**, whose tests showed growing cancer in his lungs and ribs. Chemo will begin soon.
- **Bill Stroo**, who fell and cracked his ribs.
- **Lois VanHeuvelen**, who is receiving therapy at Brookcrest after ankle surgery.

We extend our Christian Sympathy to:

- **Tom Dykstra, Linda and Peter Jonker (Kat, Patrick, Abby)**, in the passing away of wife, mother and grandmother **Lois Dykstra** on Monday, November 22. Her funeral service will be held here at LaGrave on Monday, November 29 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Peter Jonker and Rev. Kristy Manion officiating.

Please pray for those with continuing needs:

Darcy Afman, Barb Bakker, Stan Blom, Sandy Buter, Marcia

Chrzanowski, Jackie Crawford (Jim and Bea Hoek's daughter), Roger Dekker, Sandra Destrepes, Katherine Doezema, Bea Hoek, Jim Kipp, Kathy Krager, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Myrna Mulder, Carl Oosterhouse, Hattie Patterson, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Rich Postma, Gerri Tiggelman, Bob VanderLey, Dori VanderMey, Jerry VanderWall, Sharon VanHouten, Glenda Veltman, Helen Wentzheimer, Paul Wright

Assisting This Week: November 28

Security: 8:40 – Justin Holford and Karel deWaal Malefyt
11:00 – Ben Nagel and Loren Koeman

Assisting Next Week: December 5

Security: 8:40 – Ben DeGraaf and Dave Versluis
11:00 – Patrick Kinstle and Dave Veldkamp

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 28

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
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
6:00 PM	CREW – Decorate the Vault NO Evening Worship Service

Monday, November 29

7:00 PM	Communications Committee, Parlor
7:00 PM	Spiritual Formation, LLMR
7:30 PM	Women's Book Club, Parlor

Tuesday, November 30

6:30 PM	GEMS- meet to go to Meijer Gardens
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Wednesday, December 1

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
1:15 PM	Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
5:15 PM	Grade 3 – 5 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Rm.

Thursday, December 2

9:15 AM	Beth Moore and More, Parlor
4:00 PM	Loeks Advisory Committee, Parlor
7:00 PM	Long Range Planning Committee, Parlor

Friday, December 3

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study, Parlor
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