

**January 16, 2022**

**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 Window on the Word series. Reverend Jonker will preach on the story of Jesus calming the sea as found in Luke 8:22-25.  
**Next Sunday evening** Reverend Jonker will preach on Genesis 13:1-18.

### **TODAY**

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL** - for 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades meets today at 10 am.

**Growing U:** This week at **10 am in the Fellowship Hall** we continue the conversation James K.A. Smith started about re"habit"ing our hearts. Pastor Mike Hoogeboom and Emily Redder lead us in thinking about our heart habits as we enter a new year - How do the elements of your daily liturgy form you spiritually? We are trying something new this week, so be sure to bring your mobile device to join in the conversation!

**CREW** (High School Students) **We plan to meet at Johnson Park from 4:30 – 6pm today for an afternoon of sledding.** Bring your own sled or toboggan and we will provide hot chocolate & sweet snacks. Friends are welcome, feel free to come for all or part of the activity. Next Sunday is celebration worship.

**Spring Break Mission Trip** – Thank you for your feedback last week. We are now trying to work out details for a trip that can include all who want to come. If you are interested in participating, please let Bob know if you have not already done so. We will make our final decision by February 1. SERVE – If you plan to participate in SERVE scheduled for June 26-July 2, remember to turn in your registration forms to Bob by March 1. Barnabas Team application forms will be available by Feb. 1

**Middle School Ministry** (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades) **We will go sledding at Johnson Park this afternoon from 4:30 – 6 PM.** Bring your sled and meet at the park and get picked up from the park. Celebration Worship is next Sunday at 6 at the Vault. Summer Service Week information was distributed at our meeting last Sunday. Talk to Noah Albers or Pastor Bob to get more information or to sign up. Dates are July 17-22.

### **UPCOMING**

**GEMS Girls Club for this week:** We will be ice skating this Wed., January 19. All girls in grades 1-8 are invited to Jeff and Ruth Konyndyk's home in Forest Hills to ice skate. The address is 257 Cypress Trail Dr SE off Forest Hill Ave SE, 49546. Meet there 6:30-8pm. Bring your own skates if you have them, or they have some that girls may use. *Girls who do not have their own skates please let your counselors know what size you will need by Tuesday morning.* Parents may drop girls off and pick up again, or may stay to watch the girls skate. Dress warmly.

**Spiritual Journey:** our Bible Study will start on **Wednesday, January 19** at 9:30AM in the Council room in the basement of church. Our study of "Hidden Prophets of the Bible" written by Michael Williams will lead us in a study of the book of Micah. If you have questions about joining us, feel free to call Linda LeMahieu (616-403-6008) or Ellie Vanderwell (616-443-5025). If you are interested, this is a good time to join us.

**CHILDREN AT THE LORD'S SUPPER** class. We invite children 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above – and their parents – to attend a 1 session class to talk about what Holy Communion is all about and prepare children to participate when communion is served. The class is part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Children's Worship but is open to other children who may have missed the class or are new to LaGrave. The class take place **next Sunday, Jan. 23** in Room 205, will be led by Pastor Bob and offered during both morning worship services, beginning when the children are dismissed for the children's moment and ending when the service concludes. If you would like more information or are interested in attending but are not in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade let Pastor Bob or Anna DeBoer know in order to have enough materials.

**Women's Book Club**-Please join us in the Parlor to discuss the book *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn, on **Monday, January 24** at 7:30pm. Books are available at local libraries and Schuler Books.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

**With gratitude to God and to the LaGrave congregation,** the Finance Committee and Council are pleased to report that we have ended the 2021 year in a very good and positive financial position. Your faithful giving throughout the year and additional year-end gifts resulted in meeting all our expenses and maintaining our General Fund reserve. Thanks be to God!

**Next Sunday, January 23, at 10 AM in the MPR** will be our **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting** to consider the 2022 budget. **The annual financial booklet** will be available on a table in the MPR this Sunday and next Sunday. It will also be on the Announcement

page of the website (member's side) starting next week. Also at the meeting there will be an update from the Long Range Planning Committee and information regarding the Sheldon property.

**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.

**Valet Parking** - Would you be willing to assist a fellow LaGrave member on Sundays by parking a vehicle for them, especially on days when the lot may be slippery? If you are willing to partner with another member in this way, please contact Rev. Kristy Manion ([kmanion@lagrave.org](mailto:kmanion@lagrave.org)) or Chad Boorsma ([cboorsma@lagrave.org](mailto:cboorsma@lagrave.org)).

We are looking to form a **prayer team to support our Growing Young assessment and implementation team.** If you have a desire to support our youth through prayer and help LaGrave "Grow Young" please contact Pastor Bob to sign up.

**Help Celebrate Our Birthday!** LaGrave turns 135 years old on February 24. Let's share memories of the life of this congregation through your photos of picnics, Gems, Scouts, Christmas programs, SERVE, Choirs, Primers or other groups or events. The Historical Committee will assemble a slide show of the people and vibrant life of our church. Please put your photos or slides in an envelope with your name and a brief description of the images in Don Dekker's mailbox, or email images to him by February 1. All materials will be returned. Thank you for helping us remember and celebrate the many facets of our heritage.

**We are pleased to welcome new members:**  
**Arie and Boukje Leegwater**, 2248 Elliott SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506. Home: 616-942-2179, Arie cell: 616-430-6586, Boukje cell: 616-286-8392 Emails: [arieleegwater1@gmail.com](mailto:arieleegwater1@gmail.com) and [bleegwat@yahoo.com](mailto:bleegwat@yahoo.com). They transferred their membership from Eastern Avenue CRC, Grand Rapids.

**Karen Henry Stokes**, 16 Campau Circle NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503. Home: 616-774-2863, Cell: 616-822-3619, Email: [stokeskh3@gmail.com](mailto:stokeskh3@gmail.com). She is transferring from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids.

**Per their request, David and Shari Duthler** have resigned their membership to affiliate with Calvary Church, Grand Rapids. May God bless them in their new church home.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

January 16, 2022

### Praise God for:

- **Verna Zeilstra**, who will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on Sunday, January 23.
- **Maxima Laine Bossenbroek**, who received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, January 9.

### Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Claude Bos**, who is home recovering from surgery to repair his right elbow.
- **Joan Elzinga**, who has a rare autoimmune disease that has attacked her kidneys and is causing ongoing complications.
- **Ken Karsten**, who anticipates two more rounds of chemotherapy and is doing well.
- **Marsha Kooistra's** son Matt, who is responding well to cancer treatment and will continue with only immunotherapy at this time.
- **Tom Penning**, who learned last week that no treatment options remain for his lung cancer.
- **Evonne Plantinga**, who is recovering at home after a heart ablation.
- **Tina Rooks**, who is having a stapedectomy to improve her hearing on Wednesday, January 19.
- **Tim Vollink**, who underwent a multi-level cervical laminectomy fusion to alleviate spinal cord compression last Tuesday, January 4 and is recovering at home.
- **Henry Beets Missionary Priscila Cummings**, who has had her third chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer and expects three more treatments before surgery, likely in April. Prayer is also welcome for the Cummings' three children as they adjust to a new school.

### We extend our Christian sympathy to:

- **Thelma & Galen Meyer and Howard & Marilyn Slenk**, in the death of their brother, Edward Slenk Jr. on Monday, January 10.

### Please pray for those with continuing needs:

Darcy Afman, Sandy Buter, Marcia Chrzanowski, Jackie Crawford (Jim and Bea Hoek's daughter), Cloe Ann Danford, Ron Day, Roger Dekker, Sandra Destrempes, Katherine Doezema, Bea Hoek, Jim Kipp, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Jim Molenbeek, Myrna Mulder, Hattie Patterson, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Rich Postma, Bob VanderLey, Jerry VanderWall, Lois VanHeuvelen, Sharon VanHouten, Glenda Veltman, Paul Wright

### Assisting This Week: January 16

**Security:** 8:40 – Mark Stuit and Jon VanHekken

11:00 – Ryan Boyk and Mark Mensonides

### Assisting Next Week: January 23

**Security:** 8:40 – Chris Weller and Allen Gelderloos

11:00 – Matt Scholten and Ron Nol

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday, January 16

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<sup>nd</sup> Grade

9:00 AM

Grades 9 – 12 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.

10:00 AM

Church School, upper level rooms

K – 2 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.

Growing U, FH

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<sup>nd</sup> Grade

4:00 PM

Disability Awareness mtg (Zoom)

4:15 PM

Bells Gloria, Handbell Room

4:30 PM

CREW and MSM, Johnson Park

5:00 PM

Grades 6 – 8 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.

6:00 PM

Evening Worship, Sanctuary

#### Monday, January 17

12:30 PM

Comfort and Care Ministry, LLMR

5:15 PM

Finance Committee, Parlor

6:30 PM

Youth Ed Committee, Parlor

7:30 PM

Fellowship Committee, LLMR

#### Tuesday, January 18

1:15 PM

Knitting Group, Parlor

6:30 PM

Christian Ed Committee, Exec. Conf. Rm.

7:00 PM

Worship Committee, Parlor

#### Wednesday, January 19

8:00 AM

Men's Bible Study, Rm. 200

9:00 AM

Women's Bible Study, Parlor

9:30 AM

Spiritual Journey, Council Rm.

9:45 AM

Mid-morning Bible Study, Parlor

1:15 PM

Intercessory Prayer, Chapel

4:00 PM

Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor

5:15 PM

Grades 3 – 5 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.

6:30 PM

Boys Outdoors Group, Church

6:30 PM

Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor

6:30 PM

GEMS, offsite

7:00 PM

Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Rm.

#### Friday, January 21

8:00 AM

Men's Bible Study, Parlor