

January 30, 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 Windows on the Word series. Reverend Manion will be preaching on the story of Jesus clearing the temple. That story - from Mark 11:15-18 - appears in the windows on the east side of the church (about two thirds of the way towards the back). **Next Sunday evening** Reverend Jonker will preach on Numbers 19:1-10. That's the passage where the Lord teaches Israel the strange ritual of the red heifer.

TODAY

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

CHURCH SCHOOL - for 3rd-12th grades meet today at 10 am.

A Good-Bye for Jonah

On February 1, our communications coordinator **Jonah Gollihugh** will leave us to start a new job in Loveland, Colorado. **This morning after each of the services**, Jonah will be in the MPR and you will have the opportunity to thank him for his years of service to LaGrave. Jonah will continue to work for LaGrave in remote capacity on a part time basis in the near future. Cookies will be served, along with coffee and juice. There will be a basket for cards and your expressions of gratitude. Cards may also be sent to the church office and will be forwarded on to Jonah. Thank you, Jonah, for all the work you have done for LaGrave in the areas of audio, visual, livestream, and communications! We wish you God's blessings on your new adventure and career.

GROWING U - Join us **today** at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall for Jolene DeHeer presenting **Finding Joy on the Journey**. We will be considering how joy is different from happiness, and how we may remove roadblocks to joy so we can experience true joy, even in tough times. **Next week**, Dr. Amanda W.

Benckhuysen, Director of the CRC Safe Church Ministry, will be joining us to think about how we can make our church a safer place that resists abuse.

CREW (High School Students) Anxiety – Is it the same as worry? How can you deal with it? Does the Bible give us some guidelines? Join us **tonight** at 6 at the Vault for a discussion about this prevalent topic which affects us all. **Spring Break Mission Trip** – We plan to go to Plymouth, North Carolina for our trip where we will be doing reconstruction work. Cost for the trip will be \$200 and you need to turn in your registration form with a \$100 deposit to Pastor Bob by Feb. 1 if you plan to participate. **SERVE** – If you plan to participate in SERVE scheduled for June 25-July 2, remember to turn in your registration form to Bob by March 1. **Barnabas Team application forms** to help with SERVE are now available. Get more information regarding all of these opportunities tonight at CREW.

Middle School Ministry (6th -8th Grades) No Activities tonight. **Summer Service Week** – Hope you can join us as we spend a week serving the Holland Community. 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: First, a *special thank you* to Jeff and Ruth Konyndyk for their hospitality and the fun time we had ice skating at our last meeting! February will be a fun-filled month. **This Wednesday** we will be meeting in church at 6:30pm. It is also *Wacky Hearts* night. Wear them, carry them, share them - whatever you want to do to show your love and that you are LOVED! All girls in grades 1-8 are invited to attend any of our meetings. Please consider joining us.

Women's Book Club-Please join us on Monday, **February 28** at 7:30pm in the Parlor to discuss *The Four Winds* by Kristen Hannah. Books are available at Schuler Books and local libraries.

Save the Date: Saturday afternoon, **March 5**, the Fellowship Committee will host an **All-Church Bowling Outing** at Clique Lanes. This event is geared to singles, couples, and families of all ages. Look for more details in weeks to come through a flier in your mailbox, bulletin announcements and online sign-ups. We hope you can join the fun!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

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.

Coffee Time: Each week after the morning services you are invited to the MultiPurpose Room for coffee and fellowship. The cups with covered lids next to the coffee pots were purchased by the Disability Awareness Committee. These are for use by persons who find open containers to be a challenge due to hand tremors, motor limitations, or the need to balance coffee cups with walkers without spilling the coffee.

Two very important tasks for those who love LaGrave.

Over the next few weeks you will have 2 opportunities to help discern LaGrave's future. These were sent by email blast. Paper copies are in the office.

First, you can take 20 minutes to complete our Congregational survey. The Long Range Planning committee is working on a new 5 year plan, and we need your feedback. Due by Feb. 16.

Second, You can help us by submitting nominations for Council. Over the next two weeks you may nominate eligible LaGrave members to serve our council in the office of elder (administrative or visiting) or deacon (administrative or visiting). Council is the governing body of the church, so please prayerfully reflect on who God might be calling to serve. Due by Feb. 6.

Please pray for our congregation as we listen for the Spirit's leading.

Help Celebrate Our Birthday! LaGrave will be 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. Please put your photos, slides, CDs, VHS tapes or DVDs in an envelope with your name and a brief description of the images in Don Dekker's mailbox, or email digital images to him by February 1. All materials will be returned. Thank you for helping celebrate God's grace.

Note of Thanks:

Evan and Susan Roelofs, Dan and Katie VandenAkker (Avis and Owen) wish to thank the congregation for all of the sympathy cards that we received following the death of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, **Cynthia Roelofs**. Your prayers and phone calls sustain us during this difficult time. A celebration of life will be held in the Spring.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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Praise God for:

- **Wayne Dornbush**, who will celebrate his 96th birthday on Saturday, February 5.
- **Fran Pruis**, who will celebrate her 94th birthday on Monday, February 7.

Let us faithfully pray for:

- **Carolyn DeNeut**, whose shoulder surgery was more extensive than anticipated.
- **Chris Hoeksema**, who had a lumbar laminectomy on Monday, January 24.
- **Hattie Patterson**, who is experiencing severe pain due to a complication from a guidewire placed during a past cardiac procedure.
- **Tom Penning**, who is receiving in-home care to gain strength after his spinal fracture. He has discontinued treatments for lung cancer.
- **Tina Rooks**, who continues recovering following a stapedectomy, and **Dean Rooks**, who was evaluated this week for possible surgery after breaking his wrist.
- **Lois VanHeuvelen**, who has returned to her home.
- **Glenda Veltman**, who has returned to The Oaks after hospitalization due to covid-related complications.

We extend our Christian sympathy to:

- **Marcia Dekker, and Roger and Lisa Dekker (Amberle, Brianne, Erica & Tom Fencil)**, in the passing away of husband, father, and grandfather **Roger Dekker** on Thursday, January 20. The funeral was held on Friday, January 28 at LaGrave.

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, Sandra Destrempe, Katherine Doezema, Joan Elzinga, Bea Hoek, Ken Karsten, Jim Kipp, Matt Kooistra (Marsha's son) Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Jim Molenbeek, Myrna Mulder, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Rich Postma, Bob VanderLey, Jerry VanderWall, Sharon VanHouten, Paul Wright

Assisting This Week: January 30

Security: 8:40 – Dan Faasse and James VanHekken
 11:00 – Ryan Hekman and Terry Hoeksema

Assisting Next Week: February 6

Security: 8:40 – Nate Versluis and Jake Versluis
 11:00 – Jon Pastoor and Gary Palmer

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 30

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 Rm.
10:00 AM	Church School, upper level rooms K – 2 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm. Farewell for Jonah, MPR Growing U, Fellowship Hall
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, Handbell Room
5:00 PM	Grades 6–8 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.
6:00 PM	Evening Worship, Sanctuary CREW, Vault

Tuesday, February 1

1:15 PM	Knitting Group, Parlor
7:00 PM	Welcoming Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, February 2

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study, Rm. 200
9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study, MPR
9:30 AM	Spiritual Journey, Council Rm.
9:45 AM	Mid-morning Bible Study, Parlor
1:15 PM	Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
5:15 PM	Grades 3 – 5 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.
6:30 PM	Boys Outdoors Group, LaGrave
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
6:30 PM	GEMS, LaGrave
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 3

9:30 AM	Beth Moore and More Bible Study, Parlor
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Friday, February 4

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study, Parlor
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