

**May 15, 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 chapel are equipped with T-coil loop systems. We pray that your experience today will be a blessed one, and that together we will see Jesus.

**Preparing for Worship: Next Sunday morning** is the last sermon in our exile series. Reverend Jonker will preach on Isaiah 40 and we will look at some of the prophecies that Isaiah made to the exiles.

**Next Sunday evening** Seminarian Chad Boorsma will preach from 1 Samuel 23:1-14, with the sermon "In Need of Directions?" The service will include an update from missionary Joel Huyser, as well as a time of prayer for our denomination and the upcoming synod.

### **TODAY**

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

**CHURCH SCHOOL SCHOOL (3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> gr)** TODAY is our final Sunday of classes for this church season. A special THANK YOU to our teachers for your service and dedication in helping our children and youth grow in their faith!

**CREW** (High School Students) Our final regular activity of the season is tonight and includes a cookout with burgers & dogs, 9 square, corn hole and much more. Meet in the church courtyard at 6 and we will end at 7:30. **SERVE** – If you are signed up to come to **SERVE** we plan to have a meeting for participants and parents the beginning of June to go over details, expectations, etc. Watch your email & texts for exact date & time.

**Henry Beets Mission Society (HBMS)** was established by LaGrave over 70 years ago as a unique means of financial support for global missions. The sole source of income for HBMS is through 3 annual special collections, as well as estate and memorial gifts. HBMS currently provides financial support to 29 missionaries all over the world. It is through LaGrave's faithful and generous monetary support that HBMS can continue to support its missionaries. Thank you in advance for your financial contribution to HBMS today.

**Join us today for Ruth Ringnald's celebration between services!** Greet Ruth and her family over coffee, punch and sweets to share "Thank You!" in person. All are welcome this morning in the multipurpose room. May God bless you, Ruth, as you stay the course of His mission for years ahead. We are so grateful for the compassion, devotion, humor, and integrity shaping your ministry with LaGrave as Administrative Manager extraordinaire for the past 13 years.

**The American Guild of Organists** presents world-renowned organist Scott Dettra performing the entire organ works of César Franck (1822-1890) in two recitals at LaGrave: **Today at 3:00pm and Monday, May 16 at 7:00pm.** These recitals are free and open to the public. Come to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of this major 19<sup>th</sup>-century organ composer!

**Profession of Faith** – We meet TODAY at 10am in room 217. If you are thinking about making your public profession of faith or simply want to know what profession of faith is about, we encourage you to join us as we talk about what Profession of Faith is and is not and to help prepare you to take this important step on your faith journey.

### **UPCOMING**

**Men's Coffee** – You are welcome to join the men's coffee group on Thursday, May 19 at the Vault across from the church parking lot from 10am – 11:30am on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. All men of any age can enjoy this time of socializing and eating donuts! If you need a ride call 616-245-3803

**If you are getting to know LaGrave, consider coming to our newcomer's class.** On Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm, come to the parlor here at church for a chance to meet the staff and hear a little more about our community. Call or email Reverend Jonker if you'd like to learn more. [pjonker@lagrave.org](mailto:pjonker@lagrave.org)

**Next week Sunday morning, May 22,** we are welcoming one of our missionary couples who serve in a persecuted country with Resonate. There will be a reception following both services in the parlor where you can hear more about their experiences and work. Please join us!

**Supper with a Missionary:** Next week Sunday evening, May 22 there will be a supper with Joel Huyser. We look forward to hearing from Joel as he transitions from serving as the Director of the Transformational Network Strategy to serve as the Interim

Director of Resonate Global Missions. The Mission Committee will serve a light supper in the MPR after the 6pm service.

### **CONGREGATIONAL NEWS**

**Welcome to LaGrave!** If you are a visitor or guest, please note our congregation's covid protocols. Masks continue to be required in the balcony. Masks are optional everywhere else on LaGrave's campus.

**Graduate Celebration Breakfast:** Come join us between the services on Sunday, May 22 in the MPR for a graduate celebration breakfast. Please share your graduate's information and digital picture with us by May 15 so that we can share this accomplishment with the congregation. For all middle school, high school, college and post college graduates please contact the church office (call 616-454-7204 or email [mjansen@lagrave.org](mailto:mjansen@lagrave.org)) with the graduate's name, school name and degree earned (if applicable).

**GEMS counselors' card sale:** We have boxes of various types of cards available on a table near the church office. Cards are \$5 per box or pkg. This is an honor system sale. You place your money or an IOU into the box on the table. Thank you for your support of our club.

**SERVE** - After two years of absence because of COVID, **SERVE** is returning to LaGrave. **SERVE** week is June 25 – July 2 when over 75 students and their leaders will come and stay at LaGrave as they **SERVE** in our neighborhood. Watch for signup sheets as we will be needing many, many volunteers to make the week a success.

**SERVE HELP** – Are you in need of some "help" around your home but don't have the resources to get it accomplished? **SERVE** can help. Our team is able to help with yardwork, landscaping, painting, deck repair, etc. If you have a need please contact Pastor Bob or Chad Medema to see if it is something that **SERVE** might be able to help with.

**Needed:** We would like to have both Cross and Bible bearers again but we need more volunteers. Are you willing to serve your church in this simple way? We do a short training and you sign up for the dates that work for you. It is a blessing to serve God this way! For questions or to volunteer, call Judy Otte (616-534-9396) or email ([robert.otte@att.net](mailto:robert.otte@att.net)).

**Light housework needed:** A neighbor at Weston Apartments is in need of some help to wash dishes and laundry. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Mike: [mhoogeboom@lagrave.org](mailto:mhoogeboom@lagrave.org)

**You are invited to join** with other CRC people in 40 days of prayer before Synod starting May 1 through June 9. This forty-day prayer initiative begins Sunday, May 1, and continues through Thursday, June 9. More information and sign-ups can be found on this blog post <https://network.crcna.org/prayer/seeking-gods-face-forty-days-prayer>

**The Evening Worship Service on May 22** will include an extended time of prayer. Join us at 6:00 p.m. as we sing, spend time in God's Word, and pray for our denomination and the upcoming Synod.

#### Notes of Thanks:

Thank you congregation for all the cards, prayers, and well wishes during my recovery. It was greatly appreciated.

#### Barb Burman

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and cards! Recovery from back surgery is a long journey, but the LaGrave family has shortened the road and eased the steps. Thank you for your display of love to us.

#### John & Lynn Gezon

**A Celebration of Life for Cynthia Roelofs** will be held on Friday, May 20 at 11:00am here at LaGrave. There will be lunch in the Multi-Purpose Room following the celebration.

#### Assisting This Week: May 15

**Security:** 8:40 – Andrew Schimmel and Doug VanBeek  
11:00 – Jeff and Chase Scholtens

#### Assisting Next Week: May 22

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

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 15

8:40 AM

Morning Worship  
Infant & Toddler Childcare  
2's and 3's Church Time, 3's Room  
Children's Worship, 4s – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Grades 9 – 12 Choir Rehearsal Jr. Choir Rm.  
Church School, upper level rooms  
K – 2 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.

8:55 AM

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

10:00AM

11:00 AM

Reception, MPR  
Morning Worship  
Infant & Toddler Childcare  
2's and 3's Church Time, 3's Room  
Children's Worship, 4s – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
American Guild of Organists Concert  
Bells Gloria Rehearsal  
CREW, Courtyard  
Evening Worship, Sanctuary

11:15 AM

3:00 PM

4:15 PM

6:00 PM

6:00 PM

### Monday, May 16

5:00 PM

5:30 PM

7:00 PM

6:30 PM

7:30 PM

Evangelistic Outreach Committee, Room 200  
Finance Committee, Parlor  
American Guild of Organists Recital  
Youth Ed Committee, Parlor  
Fellowship Committee, LL

### Tuesday, May 17

7:00 PM

Worship Committee, Parlor

### Wednesday, May 18

8:00 AM

9:00 AM

1:15 PM

4:00 PM

4:00 PM

5:15 PM

6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Men's Bible Study, Rm. 200  
Women's Bible Study, MPR  
Intercessory Prayer, Chapel  
Facilities Committee, EC  
Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor  
Grades 3-5 Choir Rehearsal, Jr. Choir Rm.  
Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor  
Chancel Choir, Chancel Choir Rm.

### Thursday, May 19

10:00 AM

7:00 PM

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Men's Coffee Fellowship, Vault  
Arts and Chancel Committee, Parlor  
Newcomer's Class, Parlor

### Friday, May 20

8:00 AM

11:00 AM

Men's Bible Study, Parlor  
Cynthia Roelofs Memorial Service