

**August 14, 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,** Reverend Jonker will continue our sermon series on Romans 12:9-21. He will meditate on verse 19 where Paul says, "Do not take revenge, my dear friends."  
**Next Sunday evening,** Seminarian Grant Mensonides will lead us in worship. Grant is a son of this congregation and he is in his second year at Calvin Seminary.

### **TODAY**

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

**Men's Coffee:** You are welcome to join the men's coffee group on August 18 at the Vault across from the church parking lot from 10am-11:30am. They meet every 3rd 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Wednesday, August 31. Choir Kick-Off Open House for all current Chancel Choir members *and* prospective new members who may be joining the choir this fall. The time is 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the residence of Drs. James and Joan Borst, 2648 Boston Street, East Grand Rapids. If you are a *new* choir member, please join us for

this event! RSVP to Jim at [jborst@lagrave.org](mailto:jborst@lagrave.org) by August 26 if you are attending.

**PRIMERS EVENTS:** A new season of monthly Primers luncheons and presentations will begin this September. Primers is aimed for 55 and older members of LaGrave. A complete list of dates and programs will be in your church mailbox later this month. Plan to join us for our first event on Thursday, September 8 at noon where we will enjoy wonderful fellowship, an entertaining program and a delicious luncheon.

**Middle School Ministries Coordinator Position** – We continue our search for someone to fill this part time (10-20 hr. per week) paid position. Responsibilities include providing vision and direction for our Middle School ministry, planning and facilitating events for this age group and developing a relational ministry with our middle school students. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, or know of someone who might be, please contact Pastor Bob, [bgrussing@lagrave.org](mailto:bgrussing@lagrave.org) or 616-745-0045.

**VOLUNTEERS needed:** Planning for fall programming is in progress. We are looking for individuals who love the Lord and have a desire to use their gifts and talents to help challenge our youth to become disciples of Jesus Christ. We are looking for volunteers to help in the following ministries: Middle School leaders, College Ministry Leaders, Church School Teachers for 5th & 6th and 11th & 12th grades. There are potential openings in other youth ministry areas as well. If you are interested or would like more information regarding any of these opportunities, please contact Pastor Bob, [bgrussing@lagrave.org](mailto:bgrussing@lagrave.org) or 616-745-0045.

**Help Wanted:** The Media Center needs one or two more volunteers to serve before and after each morning worship service. Training for the computer system will be provided. About once a month you can offer an important service to our church and meet members at the same time. Please contact Bob Otte at 616-534-9396 or [Robert.otte@att.net](mailto:Robert.otte@att.net) to sign up or get more information.

The **Lenten Booklet** committee is seeking meditations for 2023. Your entry may be a personal story, an insightful spiritual observation, or poetry—a meditation pertaining to Lent that will draw us closer to our Savior. **Meditations should be 350-375 words in length;** this word count includes a title, a brief Scripture reading (**with the version of the Bible you used**), and a closing prayer. Please send your meditation via email to Della Landheer ([land5933@comcast.net](mailto:land5933@comcast.net)) as an attachment. If you do not have access to a computer, you may send a hard copy to: Della Landheer, 2500 Breton Woods Dr. Unit 2005, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. Any questions may be sent to the same email address or call Della at (616) 656-5998. We'd like to receive your work by **Sept. 30**.

**Anniversary Recognitions:** Three program staff members in the Evangelism/Outreach area at LaGrave reached anniversary milestones: Elizabeth Scholtens (10 years) and Lisa Bauman (5 years) as Co-Directors of the Kids Hope USA and Erin Alley (5 years) as Doorstep Coordinator. Congratulations Elizabeth, Lisa, and Erin! Thank you for your years of service and work at LaGrave; may God continue to bless you in the coming years.

**Note of Thanks:** Thank you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, and other expressions of concern during Ron's cancer illness. We appreciate the kind words and prayers of encouragement of the church pastors. The journey is long, but the Lord himself is with us. **Ron and Fran Redder**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Congratulations to:**

- **Dick VanOverbeek**, who will celebrate his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday, August 15.
- **E. Joyce Versluis**, who will celebrate her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on Tuesday, August 23.

**Let us faithfully pray for:**

- **Bill VanDyke**, who had hip replacement surgery this past Friday, August 12.

- **Dorothy Hofman**, who was briefly hospitalized after a fall. She has returned to Riley's Grove.
- **Sharon Karsten**, who has returned home following open heart surgery and is doing well. Days consist of walking, breathing and resting.
- **Nick Obuhanich**, who anticipates beginning chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer.
- **Julie Piers**, who is undergoing treatment for cancer this week.

**We extend our Christian sympathy to:**

- **Julie Rietberg**, in the death of her husband, **Al Rietberg**, who passed away on Wednesday, August 10. Service arrangements are pending.

**Please pray for those continuing in hospice care:**

Katherine Doezema, Ron Jacobs, John Ubels, Sr.

**Please pray for those with continuing needs:**

Sandy Buter, Jackie Crawford (Jim and Bea Hoek's daughter), Cloe Ann Danford, Wes DeJong, Sr. (son of Marilyn DeJong), Wayne Dornbush, Joan Elzinga, Marv Klyn, Anita MacDonald (John Postmus' daughter), Myrna Mulder, Hattie Patterson, Ginger Penning, Addie Post (granddaughter of Roger & Phyllis Post), Rich Postma, Marianne Stehouwer, Andy Tiggelman, Bob VanderLey, Dori VanderMey, Sharon VanHouten, Harve Westveld, Arv Wierda

***CALENDAR***

Sunday, August 14

- 10:00 AM Morning Worship  
Infant & Toddler Childcare  
2's and 3's Church Time, 3's Room
- 10:15 AM Children's Worship, 4s – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship

Monday, August 15

- 8:00 AM GEMS Counselors Retreat
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee, Parlor
- 6:30 PM Youth Ed Committee, Parlor
- 7:30 PM Fellowship Committee, LLMR

Tuesday, August 16

- 7:00 PM Worship Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, August 17

- 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study, LLMR
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study, Parlor
- 10:00 AM Primer's Planning Meeting, 200
- 12:30 PM His Collection, Vault
- 1:15 PM Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
- 4:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor
- 6:30 PM Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
- 7:00 PM Long Range Plan Meeting, EC

Thursday, August 18

- 10:00 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship, Vault

**Assisting This Week: August 14**

**Security:** 10:00 – John Pastoor and Gary Palmer

**Assisting Next Week: August 21**

**Security:** 10:00 – Jon and James VanHekken