

September 25, 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. During the offering please take the time to sign the Welcome Register and pass it from the center aisle to the outside aisle and back to the center so that you will be able to greet your fellow worshippers by name following the service. We pray that your worship experience today will be a blessed one, and that together we will see Jesus.

Preparing for Worship: Next Sunday is World Communion Sunday. In the morning, Rev. Manion will preach from Luke 24 and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together
Next Sunday evening, Reverend Jonker is preaching. His text is 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11.

TODAY

2 & 3s, Children's Worship and nursery will be provided this morning.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES for 3rd – 12th grades begin TODAY at 10am. All classes meet in rooms on the upper level. Signs will point you to the right rooms.

Growing U returns today at 10 am in the multipurpose room with **What makes a Seminary and a Seminary Student?** Please join us to hear from Calvin Seminary President Jul Medenblik as he shares what seminaries are learning about teaching and forming students for healthy ministry and why he has deep hope for the future of the Church! Also, make plans to join us next week when we will hear from our staff about **Synod 2022: What it decided and why it matters.**

Middle school youth group starts tonight at the Vault at 6 pm. We will be playing games and having a cookout. Anyone in grades 6-8 are welcome to attend. Friends are also welcome. Any questions, call or text Jess Hollenbach.

CREW (High School) Kickoff is TONIGHT in the MPR! We begin at 6 and end at 7:30ish. Would love to have you come with your friends for The Name Game, Blind Volleyball, Lots of food and more. Next Sunday, Oct. 2 will be Art Prize night! Time will be 5:30 – 7:30. Meet at the Vault and be prepared to walk around outside.

UPCOMING

Women's Book Club - You are invited to the first meeting of the season to discuss The Beekeeper of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri on Monday, September 26 at 7:30pm in the Parlor. Books are available at local libraries and Schuler Books.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Girls Club grades 3-8 will be going out to explore ArtPrize promptly at 6:30pm. Girls in grades 1-2 will be doing an art project in church. Looking forward to seeing you for a fun time on Wednesday! Parents, please be sure the permission forms are completed online so the girls can go with us.

The Henry Beets Mission Society is excited to have missionaries Juska and Jona Lazarre of God's Vision for Haiti visit LaGrave on Sunday evening, October 2. Please join them after the service in the Fellowship Hall for a light supper and an update on how their ministry is showing God's love to the children and people of Haiti.

PRIMERS: Reserve Thursday, October 13 on your calendar for our next event. Cost of the event which includes lunch is \$15 and due at the time of sign-up. Sign-ups begin next Sunday after the morning services in the MPR. Hosts: Ken & Mary Afman (616) 443-2631 & Ed & Ruth Zeilstra (616) 690-1501.

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.

The Disability Awareness Committee has added four new low profile pew cushions for those with back issues. They are gray and are located in the coat closet by the black ones.

STILL NEEDED! We need 1 person to be our regular substitute teacher (5 or 6 times) for 11th & 12th grades. To have your questions answered or to volunteer stop by the Wed. Evening Table this morning or contact Pastor Bob.

The Youth Education Committee and the Disabilities Awareness Committee are teaming up to host some listening sessions for parents of neurologically diverse kids age 18 years and younger. We want to hear from you on what we are doing well, what we can improve on and how we can best support you

and your family. If you would like to be a part of these sessions, please contact Anna DeBoer at adeboer@lagrave.org.

Youth Enrollment Forms. With our programs beginning, we need to have a completed youth enrollment form for all youth who participate in our Youth Ministry programs. If you have not yet filled in your form, please do so ASAP <https://www.lagrave.org/youthenroll/> Thank you.

The Loeks Advisory Committee (LAC) is accepting proposals for the care of women on or before November 1. A proposal must be approved by the appropriate standing committee before it reaches LAC and the LaGrave Council has final approval prior to any release of funds. Proposals for funding from the Ruth Loeks Women's Care Fund must intentionally focus on the care of women. If a proposal does not have significant impact on women from LaGrave, then it must have significant involvement of women from LaGrave in the planning and/or execution of the project. Further guidelines can be found on the application, which is on the church website, www.lagrave.org. Questions? Reach out to an LAC member: Sam Schat, Sarah Weller, Julie Wisse, Kristen VandenBosch or contact Kara VerMeulen at 616-581-6293 or karavermeulen@hotmail.com.

LENTEN BOOKLET: Didn't have time last summer to write a meditation for the 2023 Lenten Booklet? All are invited to participate: young people, new and longtime members, and those who may not be members but attend LaGrave from time to time. We need your work by mid-October. 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) as an attachment. We prefer that you send an electronic copy, however, if you do not have access to a computer, you may send a hard copy via the post office 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.

Thank you! Our dear LaGrave family, we thank you all for your cards and notes, for your generous gifts, and for the wonderful celebration on the 18th. It all highlighted the reasons I have to be grateful. I'm grateful for the ministry

partnerships both local and global that provide opportunity to participate in God's mission, for colleagues and beloved members who serve together in this mission, and for food shared in homes and at church, including the sacrament which has nourished my faith and is a foretaste of the new creation. It has been a privilege to partner with you all. Grace and peace, Mike and Lisa

Assisting This Week September 25

Security: 8:40 – Andrew Schimmel & Doug VanBeek
11:00 – Brad Post & Tim Post

Assisting Next Week: October 2

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11:00 – John Schat & Matt Scholten

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25

8:40 AM Morning Worship
Infant & Toddler Childcare
2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
8:55 AM Children's Worship, 4s-2nd Grade
10:00 AM Growing Young Committee, EC
10:00 AM Church School Begins, 3rd-12th grade
10:00 AM Growing U, MPR
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal, K-2nd, Jr. Choir Room
11:00 AM Morning Worship
Infant & Toddler Childcare
2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
11:15 AM Children's Worship, 4s-2nd Grade
4:15 PM Bells Gloria Rehearsal, Handbell Room
5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Grades 7-12, Jr. Choir Rm
6:00 PM CREW Kickoff Event, MPR
6:00 PM Evening Worship
6:00 PM Middle School Ministries, Vault

Monday, September 26

6:00 PM Mission Committee, EC
7:00 PM Communications Committee, Library
7:00 PM Spiritual Formation, LLMR
7:30 PM Women's Book Club, Parlor

Wednesday, September 28

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study, LLMR
9:00 AM Women's AM Bible Study, MPR
9:30 AM Spiritual Journey Bible Study, Council Rm
10:00 AM Mid-morning Women's Bible Study, Parlor
5:15 PM Choir Rehearsal, Grades 3-6, Jr. Choir Rm
6:30 PM Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
6:30 PM GEMS Art Prize, Off Campus
6:30 PM Youth Outdoor Group, Off Campus
7:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, September 29

9:15 AM Beth Moore & More, Parlor
6:30 PM Bells Jubilate, Handbell Room

Friday, September 30

8:00 AM Men's Bible Study