

January 22, 2023

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.

Next Sunday morning we continue our sermon series on Encounters with Jesus in Matthew. Reverend Jonker will preach on Jesus' encounter with a centurion as recorded in Matthew 8:5-13. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper together. Please prepare your heart as we approach the table.
Next Sunday Evening Reverend Jonker will preach on Job 38.

TODAY

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

CHURCH SCHOOL – Classes for 3rd – 12th gr meet today at 10am.

TODAY at 10 AM in the MPR will be our **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting** to consider the 2023 budget. **The annual financial booklet** will be available on a table in the MPR and was also emailed to members in last Tuesday's News and Opportunities email. During the meeting we will also receive updates on LaGrave's staffing plans, vote on extending a call to Tricia Bosma for her work as a chaplain at Resthaven, and hear about Council's process in complying with Synod's 2022 Human Sexuality Report and its provisions.

CREW (High School) - Join us for Celebration Worship tonight at 6 at the Vault. Our theme is "Digging Deeper – What do you REALLY want from me. Jolene DeHeer is our speaker and several students will be involved in leading worship. Your friends and family are welcome to join us. **SERVE** – Hope you are considering coming to **SERVE** on June 24 - July 1. We would love to have you involved as a participant or on the Barnabas Team. Remember to turn in your registration forms by Feb. 15.

MSM (Middle School) will meet at the Vault tonight for a Celebration worship service with CREW from 6-7:30. Jolene DeHeer is our speaker. All middle schoolers and their families are welcome to attend! Dinner is provided.

YOU are invited to join our youth for Celebration Worship tonight at 6 at the Vault. Our theme is "Digging Deeper – What do you REALLY want from me." **Jolene DeHeer** is our speaker and several students will also be involved in leading worship. This is also a wonderful opportunity to see and meet some of our wonderful young people.

UPCOMING

GROWING U - There is no Growing U today, but join us next week when Lindsay Wieland Capel, LMSW from Disability Concerns of the CRCNA will be presenting **Disability Basics: The Words and Concepts You Should Know**. We will be considering how we can help LaGrave be a place where everybody belongs and everybody serves.

Women's Book Club - Please join us on Monday, January 23, at 7:30 pm in the Parlor to discuss "Hannah's War" by Jan Eliasberg. Books are available at local libraries and Schuler's.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER – There is NO Grab & Eat dinner this week because GEMS, Youth Outdoors and Boy Scouts all have NO meetings this week.

PRIMERS: Reserve Thursday, February 9 at 12 noon on your calendar for the next event. Dr. Ryan Colburn, veterinarian at the John Ball Park Zoo, will share with us stories from his work there. The cost of the lunch is \$15 and due at the time of sign-ups which will begin next Sunday in the MPR. Hosts: Sipp & Eileen Hutton (908)370-4577.

The College/Career Ministry is looking for volunteer cinnamon roll bakers! If you would be willing to provide homemade cinnamon rolls for Cinnamon Roll Sunday, on January 29, we would love to hear from you! Email Heidi Glover at hglover@lagrave.org or call 616-437-6830.

College/Career - you won't want to miss our next Kids Food Basket Volunteer opportunity on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 6-7:30 pm. Look for the sign up link in an upcoming text. If you have any questions, please reach out to Heidi@616-437-6830. You don't want to miss out on a fun evening!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

The Spiritual Formation Committee is seeking to hire a part-time (seven hours per week) Media Center Coordinator. The position requires computer and organizational skills, the ability to lead a team of volunteers, and be available to maintain Media Center hours on Sunday. Prior library experience is preferred. For more information and a job description, contact Jolene DeHeer at jolene@jolenedeheer.com.

Youth Choirs - January is a great time for your child to join the youth choirs at LaGrave! Children aged 4-2nd grade meet on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:45. Grades 3-6 meet on Wed. evenings from 5:15-6, with dinner following. Students in grades 7-12 meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00-5:45. Junior Handbells meet from 4:15-5:00 on Sunday evenings. New students welcome in all groups!! Contact Jess Hollenbach, Trish Brummel or Larry Visser with any questions.

Youth "Buddies"- We are looking for a couple of people who would be willing to be "buddies" for students in our youth programs. Intrigued - contact Pastor Bob to find out what is involved or to volunteer.

LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED - We need volunteers to help us produce the livestream. We need volunteers for all services, particularly evening services. Volunteers will be trained to run the livestream soundboard, and also to place words (liturgy, scripture and hymns) on the livestream screen. If you are interested in helping, please contact Deb Bakker (616-977-1574).

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Counselors' Cards for sale again - There are various types of boxed cards for sale on the small table by the back office door. It is an honor system where you take your card choice and leave your payment or an IOU in the locked wooden box. Cards are \$5 per box. Thank you for supporting our GEMS Club while blessing friends, family, and fellow church members.

Pine Rest CAP now has a Consultation and Triage Team - The Consultation and Triage team is composed of therapists who connect with individuals when they call for services using the CAP phone number or hotline number and determine what type of assistance is needed, ensure individuals calling get

linked to a therapist who can address their concerns, and is covered by their insurance if they wish to extend treatment beyond their CAP benefits. The Consultation and Triage team also manage the CAP 24-hour Hotline and will speak with individuals with issues which need to be addressed within 2-3 hours rather than waiting for an appointment. It is important that individuals call **800-442-0809 (press 1, then press 1 again)** to access the benefits as this will connect them to the Consultation and Triage Team.

Our sympathy to Jim Bonthuis and family in the passing away of his wife, Elinor Bonthuis on November 25, 2022. Her memorial service will be held here at LaGrave on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 2:00 pm with visitation at 1:00 pm before the service. There will be a cake reception to follow.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
8:55 AM	Children's Worship, 4s-2 nd Grade
10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal K-2
10:00 AM	Congregational Meeting, MPR
11:00 AM	Morning worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
4:15 PM	Bells Gloria Rehearsal
5:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal, Grades 7-12
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
6:00 PM	CREW Celebration, Vault
6:00 PM	MSM Celebration, Vault

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

4:00 PM	Facilities Meeting, Parlor
6:30 PM	Bells Jubilate
7:00 PM	SERVE Committee Meeting, Vault

Wednesday, January 25

8:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study, LL
9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study, Library
10:00 AM	Mid-Morning Woman's Bible Study

2:30 PM	Pastoral Care Assistants, Parlor
5:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal; Grades 3-6
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible study, Parlor
6:30 PM	GEMS Counselor Meeting, Council Room
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
<u>Thursday, January 26</u>	
9:30 AM	Beth Moore and More, Parlor
7:00 PM	Long Range Planning Committee, Parlor
<u>Friday, January 27</u>	
8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
2:00 PM	Elinor Bonthuis Memorial Service

Assisting This Week: January 22

Security: 8:40am—Bryan & Brevin Ganzevoort
9:30-11:30am—Karel deWaal Malefyt
11:00am—Ryan Heckman & Gary Palmer

Assisting Next Week: January 29

Security: 8:40am—Andrew Schimmel & Christ VerMeulen
9:30-11:30am—John Schat
11:00am—Brad Post & Tim Post