

March 19, 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 Rev. Manion continues our series on Failures and Faithfulness. Together we will consider the story of King Jeroboam found in 1 Kings 12:25-33.

Next Sunday Evening we will enjoy another Koinonia Service. We will have a **5pm worship service** (note the time!) focused on prayer and then we will enjoy a congregational meal in the MPR immediately following the service. These services and the meals following them are designed for young and old, so we hope to see many of you there. Reverend Jonker will lead the service

TODAY

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

CHURCH SCHOOL – Classes for 3rd–12th grades meet this morning and next week at 10am in the upstairs classrooms. There will be NO church school classes on April 2 & 9 as it is spring break and Easter.

Growing U: Book studies at 10:00am continue through Lent with *Sticky Faith* in the Fellowship Hall and *A Church Called Tov* in the Lower Level Meeting Room. There are still books available and we would love to have you join in!

College/Young Adult-Career: Bagel Sunday is **TODAY** in the Parlor between the services at 9:40. Bring your friends!

A Christian Education Informational Meeting for new parents or others wishing to learn more about the Christian Education Society and its enrollment procedures and policies will be held **TODAY at 10:00AM in the 3's Room.**

CREW (High School): Join us for Celebration tonight as Adam Sterenberg shares his story of how God caused him to change direction in his life. Several of your fellow students will help lead worship as we continue to “dig deeper.” **TONIGHT IS THE DEADLINE** to sign up for our **SPRING RETREAT** at Camp

Henry which is planned for this coming weekend, March 25-26. Cost is only \$25 per person and includes adventure activities, food, lodging, transportation and more. Hope you and your friends will join us. Contact Pastor Bob for more information.

MSM (middle school youth group) will meet tonight for Celebrations worship service at the Vault from 6-7:30. We will have a time of singing, prayer and a guest speaker, Adam Sterenberg. Dinner will be served afterwards. Friends and family welcome. Contact Jess Hollenbach with any questions. 616-821-3694.

EVERYONE is invited to come to the Vault tonight at 6 pm to join our youth for Celebration Worship. Adam Sterenberg shares his story of how God caused him to completely change direction in his life. Several of our Middle and High School students will help lead worship as we continue to “dig deeper.”

Join us for a Missionary Supper after the evening worship service today. Justin Van Zee will give a brief update on his work in Cambodia during the service and then will speak more about it and answer your questions during the supper.

UPCOMING

Wednesday Night Dinner – Grab & Eat Dinner this week from 6–6:30. Mac&Cheese is on the menu and donations are accepted to help defray the cost of the food. We need one more person to help plan, prepare, serve and clean up on April 26. If you are willing to sign up to help, here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094FADA92BA6FECE9-grab>

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) will meet in church this coming Wednesday at 6:30pm. Various theme and badge activities are planned by the classes with the oldest girls going offsite. Remember that for the next 2 weeks the girls will not meet because of a counselor meeting and then Spring break.

Profession of Faith Class – Are you thinking about making your public profession of faith or want to find out what profession of faith is all about? We will be offering a 3-session class that will meet during the education hour on Sunday mornings in May. More details coming soon.

Faith Journey Bible Study – Our Wednesday evening Bible study will start studying a new book on Heaven - *The Case for Heaven* by Lee Strobel. We welcome anyone to join us starting March 15 for this study. We meet in the church Parlor from 6:30-8:00pm. For

more information or to join this study please contact Dean Rooks 616-260-8807 rooksarchitect@gmail.com.

You are invited to join the Beth Moore and More Bible study as we begin a new six-week study of the book of Ruth called "The Way Home" by Tessa Afshar. Join Ruth and Naomi as they embark on a journey of healing and new life. Study books may be purchased at the first session. If you have any questions, contact Jolene DeHeer.

Women's Book Club - You are invited to join us on Monday, March 27 at 7:30pm in the Parlor to discuss *American Duchess* by Karen Harper. Books are available at local libraries and Schuler Books. Please wear name tags.

Join us for a **Lenten Prayer Service** on Wednesday, March 29, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. The service, which will weave together scripture, song, and prayer, will be held in the chapel.

Do you have a child age 4 through second grade? Are you wondering what their options are for the 10:00 hour? They're welcome to join the Littles Choir (working title) for a time of singing and games in the junior choir room, downstairs near the Chancel Choir room. New singers are welcome anytime!! No experience necessary. Contact Jess Hollenbach with questions. 616-821-3694.

SERVE week is June 24 – July 1. We are looking for 1 or 2 persons to be small group & workgroup leaders and someone to be part of our planning committee to help coordinate breakfasts. Please contact Pastor Bob for more information.

After a 3-year hiatus LaGrave Softball is returning to the field! Interested in playing men's slow-pitch softball? Contact Matt Scholten, scholten.matthew@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

There is a search for a Minister/Director of Fellowship. If you know someone who would be a good fit to serve our church in this way, please have them submit their resume and cover letter via email by April 1 to fellowshipsearch@lagrave.org or contact Becca VandeGriend, committee chair. This link will take you to the full job description: https://mcusercontent.com/d73c251dbb4df7801781078c0/files/16a318bd-f1a2-bc6b-7c20-dc773139068d/Minister_Director_of_Fellowship_job_description_approved.pdf

Do you want to send your kids to summer camp, but are struggling with the cost? The deacons are here to help. Reach out for more details at benevolence@lagrave.org or your district deacon.

Parents, if you have a son/daughter that will be graduating from college this spring, LaGrave wants to acknowledge their accomplishment! Please let Heidi Glover know as soon as possible. Please include their name, degree, and the name of the school that they are graduating from. We want to celebrate their success!

JESUS' JOURNEY TO THE CROSS, the artwork of Scott Erickson, is in the church sanctuary. This art installation is available for viewing weekdays during church office hours, Sundays before and after regular church service times, and Wednesdays during evening event hours.

How is your boxed card supply? GEMS Counselors' Cards are 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.

The Picardo Exhibit: The Pharaoh, The Plague, and The Passover: The Hagedorn Collection is in the Parlor.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the encouraging cards, calls and emails you sent us during Rich's recent radiation treatments. Those treatments are complete, and we are optimistic for a good result. **Rich and Laurie Bouma**

Thank you to the LaGrave family for the outpouring of love and support you lavished on our family in the homegoing of John. Although he had been in care for four years his death was quite unexpected and we are grateful for your sharing in our loss - which was his gain! Extra gratitude to Chad for his guidance and preaching, to Jess for her musical artistry and to the Pastoral Care teams for faithful visits with prayer and hymns! I rejoined LaGrave a couple years ago because I knew I needed support for the road ahead and you provided well beyond my needs! I am so blessed, family!

Barb Leegwater and family.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
10:00 AM	Christian Ed Information Meeting, 3s Room
10:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal K-2
10:00 AM	College Age/Young Adult Gathering, Parlor
10:00 AM	Growing U, Fellowship Hall & LLMR
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	Celebration - CREW & MSM, Vault
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
7:00 PM	Missionary Dinner, MPR

Monday, March 20

5:00 PM	Evangelistic Outreach, Library
5:15 PM	Finance Committee, Parlor
6:30 PM	Youth Ed, Parlor
7:30 PM	Fellowship Committee, Library

Tuesday, March 21

1:15 PM	Knitting Group
6:30 PM	Bell's Jubilate

Wednesday, March 22

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
5:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal; Grades 3-6
6:00 PM	Grab & Eat Dinner, MPR
6:30 PM	GEMS, (Off Campus)
6:30 PM	Youth Outdoors Group, (Off Campus)
6:30 PM	Scouts, Vault
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible study, Parlor
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 23

9:30 AM	Beth Moore and More, Parlor
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Fellowship, Vault

Friday, March 24

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
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Assisting This Week: March 19

Security: 8:40am— Mark Mensonides & Andy VandeGriend
11:00am— Ben DeGraff & Loren Koeman

Assisting Next Week: March 26

Security: 8:40am— Jon VanHekken & James VanHekken
9:30-11:30am— Harvey DeMaagd
11:00am— Kevin Scholten & Judy Scholten