

September 17, 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 Reverend Jonker will continue our *I was just wondering...* sermon series. The youth question for next week is "How do I share my faith without alienating my friends?" His text will be Colossians 4:2-6.

Next Sunday Evening, Reverend Jonker will preach on Luke 10:38-42.

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

Church School (3rd - 12th grade): Classes begin Sunday, September 24 between the morning services in rooms 214-221. There will be signs indicating which grade is in which classroom. Contact Rachel Thorne rthorne@lagrave.org with questions.

Join us in the MPR today after either morning service for the Ministry Fair. Refreshments will be served.

CREW (9th-12th grade): Today is our kickoff and we are doing a cookout in the courtyard! Meet in the courtyard from 5:30-7:15pm. Our next gathering is Sept. 24 at the Vault from 5:30-7:15pm.

MSM (middle school youth group 6th-8th grade) will meet **tonight** in the MPR from 5:30-7:15. We will have worship and devotions, as well as play some games. All students in grades 6-8 are welcome. Dinner is provided. Please contact Jess Hollenbach with any questions. (616) 821-3694.

UPCOMING

Wednesday Night Youth Activities - GEMS, Youth Outdoors & Boy Scouts begin on Wednesday, September 20, from 6:30pm-8pm. Everyone will start the evening in the MPR to meet Rachel and start the year in prayer. Then, groups will split off for their own specific group meetings. Parents please plan to join us!

Grab and Go Meal: These meals are hosted in the MPR on Wednesday nights from 5:45pm - 6:30pm. The first meal is this

Wednesday, September 20 and soup is on the menu! Bring your family and enjoy a time of fellowship before evening programs.

Spiritual Journey: Beginning September 20, our study this year will be of both Esther and Ruth and the way they dealt with their spiritual journey. Join us on every other Wednesday morning but come to the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 17 to sign up so we have a book for you. If you are not able to come to the Fair or if you have any questions about our group, feel free to contact Linda LeMahieu (616-669-5764) or Ellie Vanderwell (616-443-5025).

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior): Girls in grades 1-8: Our new year is going to be lessons we learn from Queen Esther. Stop by our GEMS table after the morning services today to meet the counselors and to pick up a "royal" gift we have for you. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting this Wednesday, 9/20, at 6:30pm. We start in the MPR and then will be going downstairs to Fellowship Hall. Girls will spend time with their counselors, and parents will be with Club Coordinator Tina Rooks. Refreshments will be served. Remember: your friends are also welcome to join our club.

The Women's Wednesday Mid-Morning Bible Study will begin to meet again on Sept. 20 at 10:00 in the parlor. We will be studying 1&2 Peter-Courage in Times of Trouble by John MacArthur. Please join us. If you're interested, you will be able to purchase the book during the Ministry Fair today. Books are \$10. If you have questions contact Shelly Schat at schathome@gmail.com or (616) 443-7105, or Jamie VanHekken at jjhekk2@gmail.com or (616) 285-8186.

Faith Journey Bible Study: Our Wednesday evening Bible study will begin again on September 20 at 6:30-8pm in the Library. We will be studying "The Jesus Way" by Eugene Peterson and welcome anyone to join for this 10-week study. Contact Dean Rooks at 616-260-8807 or at rooksarchitecture@gmail.com with questions.

If you are weary, worn out, exhausted or if you are tired of being in bondage to busyness, you will want to join women of all ages on **Thursday mornings for the Beth Moore and More Bible study.** We will be using Priscilla Shirer's new study called, "Breath," which will help us find ways to rest and renew as we set healthy margins in our lives. The study **begins Sept 21 at 9:30am in the Parlor.** You may pick up a study book that morning or at the Ministry Fair. Contact Jolene DeHeer with any questions.

Men's Coffee: You are welcome to join the men's coffee group on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Vault from 10am-11:30am. All men of any

age can enjoy this time of socializing and eating donuts. If you need a ride call 616-245-3803.

Choir is available for ages 4 through Grade 2 on Sundays from 10:00-10:45. We start on Sept 24 in the junior choir room on the lower level of the church. We will learn songs to sing in church, but also play music games and have lots of fun. Please contact Jess Hollenbach (616) 821-3694 with questions.

Women's Book Club-Please join us on Monday, September 25 for our first meeting of the season, at 7:30pm in the Parlor to discuss *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.

Mom's Fellowship: Join us on Friday, Sept. 29th at 9:00am in the Parlor. Moms' Fellowship is a place where you can come and feel supported by other moms experiencing the same joys and struggles of motherhood as you. We provide snacks, coffee, and childcare. It is a great way to get connected with other moms in the congregation. Contact Jill Rosenboom jrenae310@gmail.com with questions.

Women of LaGrave! Drop your kids off at youth programming on Wednesday evenings and join us in room 200 for fun, fellowship and digging into God's Word. We will be doing a 9 session Jen Wilkin study on the Sermon on the Mount. Join us Wednesday 9/20 for an introductory meeting and goodies. We will kick off the study on 9/27. Hope to see you there! For questions text Amber Schaap at 616-304-8705

The Friday Morning Men's' Bible Study Group has resumed meetings after a summer hiatus. We would welcome any new members to our group. We are currently finishing up study of 2 Peter and are deciding what book of the Bible to choose for our next study. We meet at 8:30am in the parlor.

CREW Retreat: We will be going to Camp Scottie from Sat, Sept 30 - Sun, October 1. We will meet at church at 10am on Saturday and be back at 3:45pm on Sun. Cost is \$25. RSVP to Rachel Thorne at rthorne@lagrave.org by Sunday, Sept 24.

Please join us for a light brunch between the morning services on Oct.1 to celebrate Henry Beets Mission Society's 75th anniversary! Get acquainted with the missionaries we support and the impactful work they do!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Do you have an interesting faith story or personal testimony to share? The middle school youth group starts our Sunday night

meetings with worship and devotions. This year, we would like to hear stories of faith from people like you! Your story only needs to be about 10 minutes long (give or take a few minutes). Nothing fancy is required. Contact Jess Hollenbach if you're interested or have questions. (616) 821-3694.

Today is the second official collection for missionaries supported by LaGrave's Henry Beets Mission Society. Gifts can be given at any time to HBMS with a marked envelope, with a note on the check memo line, or by giving online through Elexio. Thank you for supporting those who help spread the Gospel in this country and around the world.

Sensory Tools at the Welcome Center: LaGrave has some new resources available for children and families who come for worship. If you or your child would like to borrow something, please see what's available at the Youth Welcome Center near the computer check-in stations.

LaGrave will lead the **Evening Chapel Service at Raybrook Manor on Sunday, September 24, at 6:15 p.m.** Rev. John Steigenga will preach, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. All Raybrook residents are invited to attend.

The Cardboard Chronicles: The Biblical Art of Rudolph Bostic exhibit is open now through Dec. 31. This collection of 23 paintings begins in the Parlor and continues in the Lower Level hallway leading to the Fellowship Room. We are privileged to have this exhibit from the private collection of the Sandra Bowden family.

Per his request, **Grant Mensonides** has transferred his membership to Bethel CRC, Lansing, IL. May God bless him in his new church home.

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17

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| 8:40 AM | Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room |
| 10:00 AM | College/Young Adult Gathering, Parlor |
| 10:00 AM | Ministry Faith, MPR |
| 11:00 AM | Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room |
| 12:00 PM | Ministry Fair, MPR |
| 4:00 PM | Bells Gloria |
| 4:40 PM | 7-12 Youth Choir, Chancel Choir Room |

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| 5:30 PM | CREW Kickoff, Courtyard |
| 5:30 PM | MSM Kickoff, MPR |
| 6:00 PM | Evening Worship |
| <u>Monday, September 18</u> | |
| 5:00 PM | Evangelistic Outreach, Library |
| 5:30 PM | Finance Committee, Parlor |
| 6:30 PM | Youth Ed Committee, Library |
| 7:30 PM | Fellowship Committee, Parlor |
| <u>Tuesday, September 19</u> | |
| 12:00 PM | Heartside Spa Day, MPR |
| 6:30 PM | Bells Jubilate |
| 7:00 PM | Worship Committee, Parlor |
| <u>Wednesday, September 20</u> | |
| 8:00 AM | Men's Morning Bible Study, LL |
| 9:00 AM | Women's Morning Bible Study, Library |
| 9:30 AM | Spiritual Journey Bible Study, LLMR |
| 10:00 AM | Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study, Parlor |
| 12:30 PM | His Collection, Vault |
| 4:00 PM | Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor |
| 5:15 PM | 3-6 Children's Choir |
| 6:30 PM | Faith Journey Bible Study, Library |
| 6:30 PM | GEMS, Fellowship Hall |
| 6:30 PM | Scouts, Vault |
| 6:30 PM | Youth Outdoor Group |
| 7:00 PM | Chancel Choir |
| 7:00 PM | Social Concerns, Executive Conference Room |
| <u>Thursday, September 21</u> | |
| 9:30 AM | Beth Moore and More Bible Study, Parlor |
| 10:00 AM | Men's Coffee Fellowship |
| <u>Friday, September 22</u> | |
| 8:30 AM | Men's Morning Bible Study, Parlor |

Assisting This Week: September 17

Security: 8:40- Nate Versluis & Jake Versluis

11:00- Patrick Kinstle & Ron Nol

GREETERS:

8:40- Portico Entrance: Alex & Megan Bauman

Tower Entrance: Ann VanEerden

11:00-Portico Entrance: Kate & Aaron Faber

Tower Entrance: Fritz & Muriel Kolk

Assisting Next Week: September 24

Security: 8:40- Chris Weller & David Versluis

11:00- Dave Veldkamp & Terry Hoeksema

GREETERS:

8:40- Portico Entrance: Aaron & Katie Elzinga

Tower Entrance: Aaron & Jamie Klop

11:00-Portico Entrance: Allen & Mary Gelderloos

Tower Entrance: Alisha Landheer