

February 11, 2024

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 is the first Sunday of Lent. We will celebrate communion and Reverend Jonker will begin a new sermon series called, *Man of Sorrows*. All the sermons in this series will address the reality of human suffering and God's relationship to our suffering and sorrow. Reverend Jonker will preach the first sermon and his text will be Isaiah 53:1-7.

Next Sunday night evening we welcome Reverend Reggie Smith back to our pulpit.

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

Church School (3rd - 12th grade Church School (3rd - 12th grade): Will meet today.

MSYG (grades 6-8) will not meet tonight. We will meet next Sunday, February 18, at the Hollenbachs' for a junk food potluck. 3842 W Norwalk Ct SE, Grand Rapids. Contact Jess Hollenbach with questions.

CREW (9th - 12th grade): does not meet tonight. We will meet again on Sunday, February 18, from 5:30pm - 7:30pm in the Vault.

Table Fellowship (2nd - 5th grade): Session 2 of Table Fellowship meets today from 10am - 10:30am in the classroom next to the 2s/3s room in the basement. After today's session, if your child is ready to make Table Fellowship publicly on Sunday, February 18, please let Rachel Thorne know by **Wednesday, February 14.**

UPCOMING

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Stan Kruis has accepted our invitation to become our Minister of Missions. Stan served for 30 years as a missionary in both the Philippines and China and was most recently the Missionary-in-Residence at

Calvin Theological Seminary. He will begin his work in this half-time role in April.

Ash Wednesday Service: Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 14. In addition to our regular service, we will have a special congregational meal at 5:15pm followed by the service at 6:00pm.

You've Got Mail: The season of Lent will begin on February 14, and this year's Lenten Devotional Book can be found in your church mailbox. If you are a visitor, you are welcome to grab one from the Welcome Center in the narthex.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Girls' Club will be doing activities in church starting at 6:30pm on Wed. Before that girls and their families are encouraged to join the congregational dinner at 5:15pm and the Ash Wednesday service at 6pm.

Men's Coffee: You are welcome to join the men's coffee group on Thursday, February 15 **in the council room** 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.

Lenten Book Study: This Lent, Feb 25-March 24, we will again be dedicating the Growing U time at 10 am on Sundays for two book studies. Jolene DeHeer will be leading a study of *Draw the Circle* by Mark Batterson, a 40-day exploration of prayer, and Pastor Kristy Manion will be leading *The Tech-Wise Family* by Andy Crouch, which explores wise use of technology in our homes. Books will be provided. Email Growing U Coordinator Emily Redder eredder@lagrave.org to let us know you intend to join us!

Mom's Fellowship: On Friday, February 23rd we will meet from 9-11 am for an exciting morning of meal prepping. We will work on making 2 freezer meals together, and everyone will have the opportunity to take some meals home for a quick and easy dinner option. Look for the invite or email Jill Rosenboom to sign up or ask questions. Jrenae310@gmail.com

Women's Book Club: Please join us on Monday, February 27 at 7:30pm in The Parlor, for A Man called Ove by Fredrick Backman. Books are available at local libraries and Schuler Books. Please wear name tags.

The LaGrave Congregation has recently approved support for a new Hispanic outreach ministry with Lee Street CRC. A survey is requested to identify adult members and youth of our congregation who have Spanish language capability. If you do possess Spanish

language skills please confirm with a message by E-mail to DRBTM@aol.com. Gracias por su respuesta.

Attention former Elders: If you previously served as an Elder (at LaGrave or a prior church), are not currently contacted to help serve Communion, and are willing to assist, please contact Jon VanHekken. This is not a commitment to serve each month, you can pick your service (8:40 or 11:00) and is a great way to help serve a few times a year. Contact Jon VanHekken to learn more at jpvanhek@gmail.com or 616-780-3086.

The Grand Rapids Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Larry Visser in a program on Monday, Feb. 19 at 7:00pm consisting of several of his hymn-based organ compositions. Other guests include cellist Calin Muresan and the LaGrave Chancel Choir. The program will be held at LaGrave and is free, open to the public, and will also be livestreamed.

Do you know the Cuban CRC owns just three vehicles? The three vans they own are currently inoperable. They all need major repairs including rebuilt/new engines.

Calling LaGrave Artists: The LaGrave Worship Arts Committee, Gallery Group, is planning a congregational art show for September 2024 called Imaginations: A Festival of the Arts. The exhibit is open to all LaGrave members-artists of any age. You are encouraged to prepare and enter your best piece. All styles and mediums are welcome. Look for more announcements and details in the future. Contact David M. Versluis if you have any questions.

Bound for Glory: Celebrating the Gift of African American Spirituals Through the Expressive Calligraphy of Timothy R. Botts. Bound for Glory is a powerful and colorful collection of 24 original calligraphic paintings by world-renowned calligrapher Timothy R. Botts. They are on display at LaGrave through March 31, 2024. The Paintings are visual interpretations of African American songs in words and pictures. These amazing songs are an important part of our American heritage. They continue to give us hope in the face of life's many challenges.

THANK YOU

Thank you, La Grave members, for your generosity and caring shown through the many items you purchased for Congress Elementary teachers and their students. Items for STEM learning,

group projects, organization, letter learning, writing, and drying out wet winter gear are just some of the items you helped supply. Teachers received these gifts with huge smiles and sincere thanks and they, too, want you to know how much they appreciate your generosity. Thank you so very much! From the Congress teachers, students and Kids Hope.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 11

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
9:50 AM	Henry Beets Mission Society, LLMR
10:00 AM	Church School 3-12
10:00 AM	4-Year-Old-2 nd Grade (Littles) Choir
10:00 AM	Small Group, Council Room
11:00 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
4:00 PM	Bells Gloria
4:40 PM	7-12 Youth Choir, Chancel Choir
6:00 PM	Evening Worship

Monday, February 12

6:30 PM Council-Elders/Deacons

Tuesday, February 13

12:00 PM	Heartside Spa Day, MPR
1:30 PM	Spiritual Aid Meeting, Parlor
6:30 PM	Bells Jubilate
7:00 PM	Cuba Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, February 14

8:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study, LLMR
9:00 AM	Women's Morning Bible Study, Library
9:30 AM	Spiritual Journey, LLMR
10:00 AM	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study, Parlor
1:15 PM	Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
5:15 PM	3-6 Children's Choir
5:15 PM	Koinonia Meal, MPR
6:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Service
6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study, 200
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
6:30 PM	GEMS
6:30 PM	Scouts, Vault
6:30 PM	Youth Outdoor Group
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 15

9:30 AM Beth Moore and More, Parlor, Library, 217

10:00 AM Men's Coffee & Fellowship, Council Room

Friday, February 16

8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Assisting This Week: February 11

Security: 8:40: Dave Versluis & Tim Walcott

9:30-11:30: Allen Gelderloos

11:00: Jeff Scholtens & Chase Scholtens

Greeters: 8:40: Tower Doors:

Covered Doors: Mark & Pam Mensonides

11:00: Tower Doors: Tim & Linda Herron

Covered Doors: Bob & Marilyn Kortman

Ushers: 8:40: Brad Schaap, Brent Busscher, Jim Krol

11:00: Ben DeGraaf, Larry Bos, Cyndi Post, Dave Tornga

Assisting Next Week: February 18

Security: 8:40:

9:30-11:30: John Schat

11:00: Kevin Scholten & Judy Scholten

Greeters: 8:40: Tower Doors: Laura Palsrok

Covered Doors: Thomas & Esther Christian

11:00: Tower Doors: Jordan & Deanne Luth

Covered Doors: Bert & Julie Bowden

Ushers: 8:40: John Schat, James VanHekken, Tim Walcott

11:00: Connor Phillips, Brad Schaap, Matt Scholten