

April 14, 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 fourth Sunday in Eastertide. Pastor Jonker will preach an Easter themed sermon on Leviticus 25, the passage which talks about the year of Jubilee.

Next Sunday Evening Reverend Jonker will preach a sermon on those difficult times when our prayers seem to go unanswered, His text will be Mark 14:32-42

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

Church School (3rd - 12th grade): meets today. We also meet next week, April 21. Our last meeting is Sunday, April 28.

CREW (9th - 12th grade): meets tonight in the Vault for Celebration from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

MSYG (6th-8th grade) meets tonight in the MPR from 5:30-7:15 for devotions, GROG, games and dinner. All are welcome to join in the fun! Contact Jess Hollenbach with questions. (616) 821-3694.

Architect meeting today: for those who signed up, the meeting with the architects begins at 12:30pm in the MPR. A light lunch will be served.

UPCOMING

Meat Sale is back! The annual meat sale to support Boy Scout troop 342 is here, and so is your opportunity to stock your freezer with fine hotel and restaurant quality meats. The Scouts will be taking your orders after Sunday morning services on April 14 and April 21. All orders are due by April 21 with pick-up from church on April 24th.

Grab 'n Go: There is a meal this Wednesday, April 17 5:45-6:30pm. Soup and sandwiches are on the menu.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Club meets at the Versluis farm this Wednesday, 4/17, at 6:30pm for fun outdoor activities. Dress for the weather. Pick up is at 8pm.

Parents may stay if they wish, but we will be in the field across from the house and no place to shelter except cars. 3455 O'Brien Rd SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534. In case of rain or inclement weather we will meet in church. Questions? Contact girls' counselors.

Attention graduates: If you or someone you know is graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade, or a degree program, **today** is the last day to submit a graduation form! They were in this week's News and Opportunities or contact Rachel Thorne rthorne@lagrave.org for a copy. Thanks!

Men's Coffee: You are welcome to join the men's coffee group on Thursday, April 18, **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.

Missionary Presentation -- On Sunday, April 21, LaGrave's Mission Committee will welcome representatives from Zuni Christian School in New Mexico. They will give a brief update during the evening worship service and then an extended time of sharing and questions will take place during a supper in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: Sunday, April 21, at 10am, we will have our semi-annual Congregational Meeting in the MPR to choose new elders and deacons. The nominees' profiles and pictures were emailed out and copies are available at the Welcome Center. We hope many of you will attend the congregational meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, an absentee ballot was included in Tuesday's email, as well as paper copies of the ballot are available at the Welcome Center. After the evening service on April 21, we will draw the names of the new elders and deacons from the candidates receiving the most votes.

Calling all women to sing: All women (7th grade and older) are invited to come sing a beautiful arrangement of "Arise, My Soul, Arise" on Sunday, April 28th, at the 8:40 Service. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday nights, April 17 & 24 from 6:30-6:55 in the choir room. We ask that you make it to at least one of these rehearsals. Contact Rob Hobgood, rhobgood@lagrave.org if interested.

Christian Education Enrollments are now underway with the Christian Education Committee. If you have enrolled in the past, please contact your CES representative to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year. Christian Education committee members will make themselves available virtually or in person at your request during the month of April to assist in the enrollment process and to answer any questions that you might have and to collect your enrollment

documents. Final collection of enrollment forms will occur the week of April 21. Contact Tim Mustert tmustert@intarch.com or Aaron Faber aaron.m.faber@gmail.com with questions.

Women's Book Club-Please join us on Monday, April 22 for our last meeting of the season, at 7:30pm in The Parlor for *Only the Beautiful* by Susan Meissner. Please wear name tags.

Whitecaps: Take Me Out to the Ballgame! There are a few tickets left for our all-church outing. RSVP today! Tickets are \$5.00 with a maximum family cost of \$20. Doors open at 12:45pm, game time is 2:00pm. A picnic lunch will be provided from 1:45pm to 3:15pm. Come early as a LaGrave member will be throwing out the first pitch! Pick up your tickets and make payment between the morning services on Sunday, April 14. Look for Fellowship Committee members at a table in the MPR. If unable to make this, contact Cindy Busscher at 616-481-7071.

Don't want to pay for parking? Join LaGrave members Laura and George Muresan and bike to the Whitecaps! Meet at Riverside Park baseball diamond parking lot, 2797 Monroe Ave NE, at 1:00pm. The route is 2.3 miles, almost flat, paved, and on a protected bikeway and White Pine Trail. It is suitable for people of all ages and casual riders. Don't forget a bike lock. Contact Laura Muresan, LMMuresan@yahoo.com

Women's Hobby and Hang Out will take place on Wednesday, May 8 from 4 -9 pm at church. Come when you can and stay as long as you want. Dinner will be provided. Bring your favorite activity such as knitting, painting, card making, scrapbooking, puzzles, reading, picture sorting, computer work (shopping!) for a very casual and relaxing evening of fellowship and fun. RSVP to Cindy Busscher at 616-481-7071.

The King's Choraliers invite you to join them for their Annual Spring Concert today, April 14, 2024, at 7pm. This West Michigan men's choir has been dedicated to the singing of sacred music for almost 75 years! A free will offering to support their ministry will be received at the concert location of Trinity United Reformed Church, 7350 Kalamazoo Ave. SE, Caledonia, MI.

Do you know that since the late 1990s, our Henry Beets Cuba Committee has focused on supporting the requests of the Cuban Christian Reformed Church in carrying out their work of evangelism? Conditions are difficult for the churches of

Cuba but, knowing that the Cuba Committee is working as a partner, gives the churches hope for improvement of their condition under communist oppression.

Selections from the Donna Spaan Collection of

Contemporary Art: LaGrave is displaying 12 works selected from The Donna Spaan Collection of Contemporary Art in the Parlor until **June 23**, courtesy of Calvin University. The theme of Spaan's collection is "Light: God's Eternal Presence."

Spaan said "In the deepest sense, God defines himself as light, all kinds of light. Ultimately, the light in these artworks leads us to say with the Psalmist, 'In thy light we see light.'" For the viewers, Spaan explains, "If we can first ask, 'Where is the light leading me in this work? What is the light trying to do?' then maybe we can be freed a bit from the strictly fact-based worldview that dominates our thinking, even in the church."

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14

8:40 AM Morning Worship
 Infant & Toddler Childcare
 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
 10:00 AM Church School 3-12
 10:00 AM Henry Beets Mission Society, LLMR
 10:00 AM 4 Year Old-2nd Grade Little Choir
 10:00 AM Small Group, Council Room
 11:00 AM Morning Worship
 Infant & Toddler Childcare
 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
 12:30 PM Meeting with Elevate, MPR
 4:00 PM Bells Gloria
 4:40 PM 7-12 Youth Choir
 5:30 PM CREW, Vault
 5:30 PM MSYG, MPR
 6:00 PM Evening Worship

Monday, April 15

5:00 PM Evangelistic Outreach, Library
 5:30 PM Finance Committee, Parlor
 6:15 PM Women's Young Adult Bible Study
 6:30 PM Youth Ed Committee, Parlor
 7:30 PM Fellowship Committee, Library

Tuesday, April 16

12:00 PM Foot Spa, MPR
 1:15 PM Knitting Group, Parlor
 6:30 PM Bells Jubilate
 7:00 PM Cuba Committee, Library
 7:00 PM Worship Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 AM Men's Morning Bible Study, LLMR
 9:00 AM Women's Morning Bible Study, Library
 10:00 AM Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study, Parlor
 12:30 PM His Collection, Vaults
 4:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor
 5:15 PM 3-6 Children's Choir
 5:45 PM Grab & Go Dinner, MPR
 6:30 PM Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
 6:30 PM GEMS - Off Campus
 6:30 PM Scouts, Vault
 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study, 200
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir
 7:00 PM Social Concerns, Library

Thursday, April 18

9:30 AM Beth Moore and More, Parlor, Library, 217
 10:00 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship, Council
 5:30 PM New Members Dinner, MPR

Friday, April 19

8:30 AM Men's Bible Study

Saturday, April 20

8:30 AM Meeting with Elevate, FH
 Youth Outdoors Camping Trip

Assisting This Week: April 14

Security: 8:40: Andrew Schimmel & Chris VerMeulen

9:30-11:30: Steve Hoekzema

11:00: Steve Schroder & Mitch Schroder

Greeters: 8:40: Tower Doors: Rhonda Whyte-Koster

Covered Doors: Scott & Judi Scholten

11:00: Tower Doors: Jim & Jane Elzinga

Covered Doors: Tom & Heidi Glover

Ushers: 8:40: Tim Walcott, Pete Ackerman, Jim Krol

11:00: Jim Oppenhuizen, Jeff Scholtens,
 Colton Alumbrack

6:00: Pete Clover

Assisting Next Week: April 21

Security: 8:40: Brad Schaap & Ike Schaap

9:30-11:30: Charles VanEerden

11:00: Brad Post & Conner Phillips

Greeters: 8:40: Tower Doors: Stephanie Goris

Covered Doors: Jim & Debbie Visser

11:00: Tower Doors: Ruth Vis

Covered Doors: Nate & Shari Versluis

Ushers: 8:40: Ben DeGraaf, Sam Schat

11:00: Cyndi Post, Merv Kamper, Larry Bos

6:00: Pete Clover