

April 21, 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 Rev. Manion will preach from Esther 4:1-17, and the Gems will join in leading our worship service.
Next Sunday Evening LaGrave member and Resthaven chaplain, Rev. Tricia Bosma, will preach. Her message will be "Resurrection Freedom from Violence" and will be based on Mark 15:1 and 16:1-5. We will also welcome the South Christian Madrigals to sing, and we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

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

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

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting: TODAY at 10am in the MPR to choose new elders and deacons. We hope many of you will attend the congregational meeting. Following the evening service we will draw the names of the new elders and deacons from the candidates receiving the most votes.

CREW (9th - 12th grade): meets tonight in the Vault from 5:30pm -7:30pm. Next Sunday, April 28, is our last regular meeting and the architects will be visiting to get our input about future youth spaces.

MSYG (6th-8th grade) meets tonight in the MPR for board game night with the Primers! We meet from 5:30-7:15 for devotions, a variety of board games and pizza. Don't miss this special opportunity to get your game on! **Next Sunday**, April 28, MSYG will be going to Craig's Cruisers from 5:30-8:30. Cost is \$20. Text/email Jess Hollenbach Jessmedema@hotmail.com or (616) 821-3694 to rsvp.

UPCOMING

Pastor Jonker's sabbatical starts next week. He will begin his sabbatical by attending a preaching seminar at Calvin Seminary. He will return to the office on August 5.

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 the Sunday morning services. All orders are due TODAY with pick-up on May 1. We will contact you with more details about pick-up once you turn in your form.

Grab 'n Go: There is a meal this Wednesday, April 24, and it is the last one of the year. Chicken strips and french fries are on the menu.

GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Club meets this Wed at 6:30pm in the **sanctuary** for GEMS Sunday practice. Class parties and celebration will follow. Please make every attempt to be present, especially if you will be here for GEMS Sunday.

Missionary Presentation –Today, 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.

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.

Mom's Fellowship: We will meet on April 26th at 9am in the Library. Childcare will be offered in the Nursery. Join us for fellowship, coffee, and breakfast pastries. Contact Alisha Doezema alishadoezema@gmail.com with any questions.

It's Whitecaps week! Game time is 2:00pm on Sat, April 27. Doors open at 12:45 pm. You will not want to be late as a LaGrave member will be throwing out the first pitch! For those who have RSVP'd and have not picked up your tickets, please contact Cindy Busscher at 616-481-7071 to make arrangements for payment and ticket pickup.

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.

You are invited to one of our **National Day of Prayer Services.** These half hour identical services will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday, May 2, at 12:15p.m. Join us as we seek God's face for needs in our community, our nation, and our world.

Calling all bakers! LaGrave's graduating high school seniors have provided a list of their favorite desserts. Fellowship would love to serve those at the next Koinonia meal after the evening service on May 5. Please sign up online or near the welcome center to bake one of these and deliver it to the MPR kitchen on Sunday morning, May 5.

Women's Hobby and Hang Out: will be 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, and computer work (shopping!) for this very casual and relaxing evening of fellowship and fun. RSVP to Cindy Busscher at 616-481-7071.

Primers: Reserve Thursday, May 9, for the final Primers luncheon program of the season. Presenter will be Mr. Mark Miller. He is the Managing Director of Planning and Design at Downtown Grand Rapids, INC. Cost for lunch is \$15 due at sign up, or, if you like, you may attend just the 1:00pm program for free. Sign-ups begin next Sunday in the MPR after each morning service. Hosts: Riley & Barb Swinehart (616-784-9043), Ed & Ruth Zeilstra (616-690-0900)

Do you know that over the years many LaGrave members and several LaGrave pastors made visits to Cuba? Besides visits, the Henry Beets Cuba Committee raised funds to repair and build churches, improve parsonages for pastors and families, purchase equipment, and support the Education Committee in Cuba.

Our Church Assistance Program (CAP) provides free access to thousands of articles, assessments, webinars, and videos to help you with all facets of life, like professional and personal growth, legal issues, emotional well-being, relationships and more. New resources include locators for childcare, elder care, school, camps and more. Visit pinterest.personaladvantage.com. The sign in is LaGraveCAP (all one word).

Having trouble falling asleep or staying asleep because of anxiety or depression? A therapist can help you learn new

skills that can help you get a better night's sleep. Call 1.800.442.0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with LaGrave to receive free and confidential help.

Looking for housing or other elder care services for your loved one? Our (EAP/CAP/SAP) provides ElderCare Consultation to you free of charge. Professional help is available by calling 1.800.442.0809 (press 1) and say you are a CAP member with LaGrave.

Wondering if the attitude changes in your child are typical behavior for this age or a warning sign of something more serious? Talk to our CAP behavioral health experts to learn more. Call 1.800.442.0809 (press 1) and say you have a CAP (Church Assistance Program) membership with LaGrave for free, confidential parenting support.

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."

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
10:00 AM	Church School 3-12
10:00 AM	College Age/Careers Gathering, Parlor
10:00 AM	Congregational Meeting, MPR
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
5:30 PM	CREW, Vault
5:30 PM	MSYG, MPR
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
7:00 PM	Missionary Dinner, FH

Monday, April 22

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, April 23

9:30 AM	Historical Committee
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6:30 PM	Bells Jubilate
7:00 PM	Arts Committee, Parlor
<u>Wednesday, April 24</u>	
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
1:15 PM	Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
2:30 PM	Pastoral Care Assistants, 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 - Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Scouts, Vault
6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study, 200
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 25

9:30 AM	Beth Moore and More, Parlor, Library, 217
3:30 PM	Facilities Meeting, Parlor

Friday, April 26

8:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM	Mom's Fellowship, Library

Saturday, April 27

2:00 PM	Whitecaps Game
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Assisting This 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

Assisting Next Week: April 28

Security: 8:40: Nate Versluis & Jake Versluis
9:30-11:30: Ben DeGraff
11:00: Kevin Scholten & Judy Scholten
Greeters: 8:40: Tower Doors: Ruth, Jeff & Asher Konyndyk
Covered Doors: Tim & Cyndi Post
11:00: Tower Doors: Tom & Mary Duthler
Covered Doors: Don & Ruth Haan
Ushers: 8:40: Chris Weller, Conner Phillips, Brad Post
11:00: Matt Scholten, Marilyn Rottman,
 Jim Oppenhuizen
6:00: John Dekker