

April 28, 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 Reverend Scott Hoezee will preach. His message entitled "An Unknown God" will be based on Acts 17:22-34.

Next Sunday Evening our service will be at **5:30pm** and it is a Graduate Recognition service honoring our high school seniors. The service will be followed by a meal in the Multipurpose Room with a slideshow presentation of our seniors. We hope you will join us for this special evening!

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

Church School (3rd - 12th grade): meets today. This is our last meeting of the school year.

Thank you for joining us in worship today as the GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) Club helps lead the services this morning. The GEMS theme this year was "Rise Up! Lessons from Queen Esther." After each service please join the girls in the MPR for cookies and video highlights of the year. Thank you, congregation, for your support of our Club.

Growing U: Come join us **today** in the Fellowship Hall for the last Growing U session of the season. Our very own Erin Alley and Rachel Thorne will be sharing insights about the SERVE week hosted at LaGrave every summer. Following the presentation, you'll have the opportunity to engage with members of the SERVE committee, ask questions, and sign up for food donations or other assistance required during SERVE week.

CREW (9th - 12th grade): meets tonight in the Vault from 5:30pm-7:30pm. This is our last regular meeting and the architects will be visiting and getting our input about future youth spaces. Next week, May 5, is the Graduate Recognition church service at 5:30pm followed by a meal. We hope you will join us then!

MSYG (6th-8th grade): 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

New elders and deacons were chosen for service last week. The new administrative elders are **Susan Pastoor, Bob DeJong, and Jolene DeHeer; the new visiting elders are Paul TenBrink, Tom Glover and Mark Mensonides; the new administrative deacons are Paul Speulstra, Jeff Plantinga, Chad Medema and Brad Schaap; and the new visiting deacons are Aaron Klop and Sam Schat.** We thank all the nominees who allowed their names to stand for office.

The retiring administrative elders are Paul LaGrand, Perrin Rynders, and Steve Schroder; the retiring visiting elders are Norma deWaal Malefyt, Elaine DeStigter, and Judy Scholten; the retiring administrative deacons are Peter Ackerman, Jana Eding, Aaron Elzinga and Jeff Scholtens; and the retiring visiting deacons are Eric Bauman and Kara Plantinga. We thank them all for their service to LaGrave.

Grab 'n Go: There are no more Grab 'n Go meals this year. We will resume again in the fall.

Meat Sale pickup: Thank you to those who ordered meat from Boy Scout Troop 342. Pickup will be at LaGrave from 5pm-7pm on Wednesday, May 1. If you have not paid, payment will be due at time of pickup.

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.

LaGrave's graduating high school seniors have provided a list of their favorite desserts. The Fellowship Committee 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 Multi-Purpose Room kitchen on **Sunday morning, May 5.**

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 for this very casual and relaxing evening of fellowship and fun. RSVP to Cindy Busscher at 616-481-7071.

Primers: Sign-ups begin today in the MPR for the May 9 luncheon program. Cost is \$15 due at sign-up. Presenter will be Mr. Mark Miller, Managing Director of Planning and Design for Downtown Grand Rapids, Inc. Mark will speak about various projects that seek to continue and improve the story and history of Downtown Grand Rapids. Hosts: Riley & Barb Swinehart (616) 784-9043, Ed & Ruth Zeilstra (616) 690-0900.

Fellowship invites all to participate in the first-ever **LaGrave Clay Shooting event on Saturday, June 1, at 10:00 am** (please arrive at 9:30 to sign in) at the Kent County Conservation Club. Cost to participate is \$50. Equipment rental is an option for a small fee for those who do not have their own. Afterward, Fellowship will provide a light lunch. Questions? Call/text Cindy Busscher at 616-481-7071. Please sign up on-line by May 18.

LaGrave Women: Save the weekend of October 11-13, 2024! Planning continues for a Women's Fellowship Weekend in Petoskey. LaGrave women post high and above will have the opportunity to stay two nights at Stafford's Perry Hotel for a time of devotions, fellowship and fun. Details on signups and cost coming soon.

Do you know our Cuba Committee partner church, Hillside CRC, recently went on a trip to Cuba? They reported back that for the first time in 10 years there were long lineups at the gas pumps. Currently, Cubans are required to schedule an appointment for gas, and then wait in line. As a result, transportation is very limited. Food is scarce and expensive.

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).

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.”

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.”

Requested Announcement

The Calvin Alumni Choir invites you to immerse yourself in music on Saturday, May 11 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary of First (Park) Congregational Church (10 Park Place NE). Entitled Mass: A Timeless Celebration, the choir will explore the elements of the mass liturgy interpreted by various composers. The first half features Arvo Part's Berliner Messe with a small orchestra. The second half includes compositions by Bach, Argento, and Gjello, among others. Please join us! The concert is free to attend.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
10:00 AM	Church School 3-12
10:00 AM	4-Year-Old-2 nd Grade Choir
10:00 AM	Growing U, Fellowship
10:00 AM	First Aid Training, 2s Room
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, Off Campus
6:00 PM	Evening Worship

Monday, April 29

6:00 PM Women Young Adult Bible Study, Council

Tuesday, April 30

6:30 PM Bells Jubilate

Wednesday, May 1

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
 5:15 PM 3-6 Children’s Choir
 6:30 PM Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
 6:30 PM GEMS Counselors, Council
 6:30 PM Prayer Service, Chapel
 6:30 PM Scouts, MPR
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 2

9:30 AM Beth Moore and More, Parlor, Library, 217
 12:15 PM Prayer Service, Chapel
 7:00 PM Long Range Planning Committee, Parlor

Friday, May 3

8:30 AM Men’s Bible Study

Assisting This Week: April 28

Security: 8:40: Nate Versluis & Jake Versluis

9:30-11:30: Ben DeGraaf

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

Assisting Next Week: May 5

Security: 8:40: Dave Versluis & Tim Walcott

9:30-11:30: Allen Gelderloos

11:00: Jeff Scholten & Chase Scholtens

Greeters: 8:40: Tower Doors: Jacob & Erin Hartman-Tanis

Covered Doors: Doug & Linda VanBeek

11:00: Tower Doors: Tim & Delia Roberts

Covered Doors: Ben & Elaina Chase

Ushers: 8:40: Pete Ackerman, Mike Schuitema, Jim Krol

11:00: Larry Bos, Merv Kamper, Matt Alcumbrack

5:30: Pete Clover