

**April 7, 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. **If you are visiting today or have questions about LaGrave, you are invited to join members of the Welcoming Committee for a time of refreshments and fellowship following the morning services in the Parlor. The Parlor is on the left, midway down the corridor across the Narthex.** 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** will be the second Sunday of Eastertide. Rev. Jonker will preach a sermon on Genesis 44 and 45 which is the end of the Joseph story.

**Next Sunday Evening** Rev. Jonker will preach on a problem that many of us wrestle with: why does it seem like our prayers sometimes 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 next Sunday, April 14.

**CREW (9th - 12th grade):** Meets next Sunday, April 14 in the Vault from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

**The Littles Choir** will not meet today at 10. We return to our regular schedule next Sunday.

**MSYG (6th -8th)** will not meet tonight. We meet next week in the MPR.

**This evening, the Henry Beets Mission Society welcomes Telsaint Morriset** to LaGrave. Telsaint established the Community Transformation Center (Figi Jezi) in Haiti. Telsaint will give a brief update during the evening service and tell more about his work during a light supper after the service in the Multipurpose Room. All are invited!

### **UPCOMING**

**GEMS Club:** We will meet at church this coming Wednesday. Parents and girls, be sure you get the April newsletter this week for details of the April meetings. It will also be posted on the GEMS part of the member side of the church website. Please note that next week, 4/17, family game night is cancelled. Instead

we will try once again, weather permitting, to have an evening with the girls at the Versluis farm. Details in the newsletter, next week's bulletin, or from girls' counselors.

**Attention graduates:** If you or someone you know is graduating from 8th grade, 12th grade, or a degree program, please fill out a graduation form which can be found in News & Opportunities or email Rachel Thorne at [rthorne@lagrave.org](mailto:rthorne@lagrave.org) for a copy. Thanks!

**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](mailto:rhobgood@lagrave.org) if interested.

Mark your calendar now for an opportunity to help at Kids Food Basket! Join the College/Career Adults on **Thursday, April 11, from 6-7:30 pm to help out at Kids Food Basket.** This is for anyone interested in helping pack supper lunches for area students. Families are welcome to bring their children (must be at least 5) and make it an evening event! All within the church are welcome to join! Register @ <http://lagravecareergroup.kfb.volunteerhub.com/>

**PRIMERS:** Today is your last opportunity to sign up in the MPR for our Thursday, April 11 event at 12 noon. Cost of the lunch and program is \$15 payable at sign-up. Dr. Deborah Van Duinen, a professor of education at Hope College, will explore the benefits of regular reading habits, the decline in the reading habits of all ages, and ways we can encourage the reading lives of those around us. If you are unable to sign up for the luncheon, you are welcome to join us for the presentation at 1:00 p.m. Hosts: Jim & Barb Boelkins (616)403-4031 and Jack & Dottie VandeGuchte (616)209-2469.

**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. If you have any questions, please contact Tim Mustert [tmustert@intarch.com](mailto:tmustert@intarch.com) or Aaron Faber [aaron.m.faver@gmail.com](mailto:aaron.m.faver@gmail.com)

**Women of all ages are invited to join the Beth Moore and More Bible study** as we begin a new study on April 11 by Max Lucado called "You are Never Alone." This study examines the miracles of

Jesus as recorded in the gospel of John. The study begins at 9:30am in the Parlor. You may purchase a study book for \$15 on the 11th, Contact Jolene DeHeer if you have any questions.

**Are you new to LaGrave? Are you curious about the workings of our church?** If you've recently joined our congregation, or if you are considering becoming a member, you might be interested in our Newcomers Meeting. On Thursday, April 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in our church's parlor, LaGrave staff will spend some time introducing you to the history of LaGrave, explaining the basics of how our congregation operates, and answering any questions you might have. The meeting will be over before 9:00 p.m. and children are welcome. If you would like to know more, you may email Pastor Jonker at [pjonker@lagrave.org](mailto:pjonker@lagrave.org).

**Opportunity to meet with architects about LaGrave campus renovations:** Council has hired an architectural firm to help get us started as we think about ways to use the building next door, and ways to renovate our current building as we prepare for future ministry. Congregation members have a chance to be part of the conversation. You can choose from two different meeting dates: Sun, April 14 from 12:30-4:00pm, or Saturday, April 20 from 8:30am-noon. Further details and sign-up forms are available in the Tuesday e-mail blasts.

**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.

**Take me out to the ballgame!** Join the Fellowship Committee at this all-church outing on a deck at the West Michigan Whitecaps on Saturday, April 27. Game time is 2:00pm; doors open at 1:45pm. A picnic lunch will be provided. Cost to attend is \$5.00 per person or \$20 per family. Additional cost of \$8.00 for parking. Please reserve your spot by signing up at [www.lagrave.org/whitecaps/](http://www.lagrave.org/whitecaps/) Questions? Call/text 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](mailto:LMMuresan@yahoo.com)

**Women of LaGrave:** save the date! Hobby and Hang Out will happen at church on Wednesday, May 8, from 4-9 pm. Dinner will be provided. Come casual and bring your favorite activities such as knitting, painting, scrapbooking, puzzling, card making, reading and more. Enjoy a relaxing time of fellowship with women of all ages. RSVP to Cindy Busscher.

**The King's Choraliers** invite you to join them for their Annual Spring Concert on Sunday, 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.

**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 7

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
10:00 AM	Visitors Coffee, Parlor
10:00 AM	Small Group, Council Room
11:00 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
12:00 PM	Visitors Coffee, Parlor
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
7:00 PM	Missionary Dinner, MPR

### Monday, April 8

6:30 PM	Council-Elders/Deacons
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### Tuesday, April 9

6:30 PM	Bells Jubilate
6:30 PM	Christian Ed Committee, Parlor

### Wednesday, April 10

8:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study, LLMR
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
1:15 PM	Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
2:30 PM	Pastoral Care Assistants, Parlor
5:15 PM	3-6 Children's Choir
5:30 PM	Grab & Go Dinner, MPR
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
6:30 PM	GEMS
6:30 PM	Scouts, Vault
6:30 PM	Youth Outdoors, Workshop
6:30 PM	Women's Bible Study, 200
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir

### Thursday, April 11

9:30 AM	Beth Moore and More, Parlor, Library, 217
12:00 PM	Primers, MPR
12:00 PM	Loeks Committee, LLMR
1:30 PM	Comfort and Care Committee, Parlor
7:00 PM	New Members Class, Parlor

### Friday, April 12

8:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
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### Assisting This Week: April 7

**Security: 8:40:** Jeff Dekker & Ian Smith

**9:30-11:30:** Harvey DeMaagd

**11:00:** Doug VanEerden & Eric Bauman

**Greeters: 8:40: Tower Doors:** Connie Bos

**Covered Doors:** Elaine Koop

**11:00: Tower Doors:** Kirt & Kristi Elliott

**Covered Doors:** Tyler & Jenna Spiering

**Ushers: 8:40:** Sam Schat, Chris Weller, Mike Schuitema

**11:00:** Dave Tornga, Larry Bos, Luther Ajim  
Mitchell Schroder

**6:00:** Dave Tornga

### Assisting Next Week: March 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 Alcumbrack

**6:00:** Pete Clover