

January 12, 2025

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 we continue our sermon series called, *The Image of the Invisible God*. These sermons look at words and actions of Jesus that reveal the heart and character of God. Next week Pastor Jonker will preach on Matthew 18:1-5. **Next Sunday Night**, Reverend Bob Arbogast, the head of the Celebration Fellowship prison ministry, will lead us in worship.

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

Church School (3rd-12th grade): meets today in the upstairs classrooms.

CREW (9th-12th grade): CREW meets tonight in the Vault from 5:30pm -7:15pm. Pulled pork is on the menu! RSVPs for the MercyMe concert on Sunday, April 13 are due **TODAY**. Save the date for our winter retreat to Camp Scottie from February 1-2.

MSYG (6th-8th grade): meets tonight in the MPR from 5:30-7:15 for worship, devotions and Trivia Night! Chili is for dinner. Contact Jess Hollenbach with questions.

SERVE registration (8th grade - 12th grade): SERVE is June 21-28, 2025. 8th graders - 12th graders can sign up to go to SERVE. If you would like to attend SERVE, RSVP to Rachel by **Sunday, January 26**. For those who have been to SERVE before, if you are interested in being on the Barnabas team, please let Rachel know **by TODAY**.

Boxed cards: Christmas cards are put away and a very large assortment of Christian all-occasion boxed cards are on the self-serve table by the back door to the church office. The price is on the sign, and you use the honor system to place an IOU or payment into the box on the table. Thank you for supporting the GEMS (Girls Everywhere Meeting the Savior) counselors.

Extra apple pies for sale! Contact Rachel Thorne if interested.

College/Career:

- Join us for our book study of Brene' Brown's book, *Atlas of the Heart*. We will meet in Room 200 during the 10:00 Hour starting **today**. Grab a coffee and join us! Our first reading will include the Intro and Chapter 1.
- Next Sunday January 19 is Bagel Sunday from 9:40-10:45am.
- Next Sunday January, 19 is Fellowship night at the Glovers' from 5:30-7:30pm. All are welcome to come for an evening of horse races and food.



Here are the opportunities this week between services:

- Nursery will be offered for ages 0-3 in the 2/3s room
- Littles Choir for ages 4-2nd grade: junior choir room
- Church School classes for grades 3-12: upstairs rooms
- Coffee & treats for parents of children in grades 4-8: parlor
- College/Career Book Study using *Atlas of the Heart* by Brené Brown (intro and ch. 1): room 200
- Coffee, fellowship, games & coloring: MPR

UPCOMING

Next Sunday, January 19, during the Ten O'Clock Hour in the MPR, will be our **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting to consider the 2025 budget.** Look for the annual financial booklet in this week's News and Opportunities email. Hard copies will be available in the MPR next Sunday. This year, in addition to the budget, you will hear an update on the SDA building.

Wednesday Night Programming: GEMS and Youth Outdoors meet this Wednesday, January 15, from 6:30pm - 8pm. There is a grab 'n go meal in the MPR from 5:45pm - 6:30pm. Pulled pork and mac and cheese is on the menu.

Flowers: We are grateful to every one of you who brought praise to God in our worship services by donating beautiful flowers in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Once again, there is a new sign-up poster on the kiosk in the foyer for the New Year. Sign up now for a special date or sign up any time during the year.

Kids Food Basket: Volunteers needed to help at Kids Food Basket on Wednesday, January 15 from 6-7:30 PM. All are welcome (must be at least 5). We will be doing food prep. Use the link to sign up. <https://vhub.at/1VOABD9>

The Beth More and More Bible study will meet on Thursday, January 16, at 9:30 to continue our study of Ephesians using the "For His Glory" study by Marian Jordan Ellis. If you have any questions, please contact Jolene DeHeer.

Men's Coffee: All men are welcome to join the men's coffee group on Thursday, January 16 in the Council Room from 10-11:30am. Men of any age can enjoy this time of socializing and eating donuts. If you need a ride, call 616-245-3803.

Join other LaGravers at the **LaGrave Night Out** on Thursday, January 16, at Five Lakes Brew Pub (350 84th St SW, Byron Center) from 6:30-8:30 pm. Anyone over 21 is invited to drop by and say hello, enjoy dinner or a beverage. Contact Heidi at 616-437-6830 or Cindy at 616-481-7071 with questions. See you there!

Women's Book Club: On Monday, January 27, there is no book discussion. Instead you are invited to see a movie, *Woman in Gold* at 7pm in the Parlor. Please note the time change.

New Job Opening: With the growth of the 10 O'Clock Hour, we realize the need for 1 or more people to fill the position of 10 O'Clock Hour Assistant. This person (or persons) would not plan the events, but would assist the 10 O'Clock Hour Team with putting the details in place to help them run smoothly. If you feel God leading you to such a 5-7 hour/week position or would simply like to know more, contact Chad Boorsma (cboorsma@lagrave.org).

LaGrave is looking for a volunteer transportation coordinator who connects a small number of LaGrave congregants who need rides to worship with willing drivers. Please let Pastor Kristy know if you are interested or have questions!

Calling all LaGrave women! You are invited to the first Loeks event of 2025. Jessica Moss from "The Cultured Bake" will be teaching a Sourdough Bread Making Class on Saturday morning, **February 1**, from 9:30 - 11:30am in the MPR. Learn the art of mixing dough, caring for the sourdough starter, and baking bread. Cost to attend is \$10 which includes a starter and guide to take home. Women of all ages are invited to attend! Sign-ups are available online.

Coming to the Ten O'Clock Hour: John Curphey will lead a book discussion on *The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life* by Henri Nouwen. Drawn from many decades of Nouwen's life, this book reveals his belief that a life of faith is a life of prayer. Class will meet February 2-March 2. Sign up online or contact Chad Boorsma.

LaGrave is heading to the Griffins on Friday, February 21, at 7:00 pm for Faith Night. A block of tickets is reserved and everyone of all ages is invited! Sign-ups are available online. Cost to attend is \$10 per person. Questions? Contact Cindy at cbusscher@lagrave.org.

Save the date! LaGrave's all church Derby Race is coming on Saturday morning, March 22! Winter is a great time to build that new car or brush off an old one in anticipation of some fierce competition. Everyone, whether you are 4 or 104, is invited to come, enjoy breakfast, participate, watch and cheer. Derby kits will be available for pick up at the Welcome Center by early February and open woodshop times will start mid Feb. Questions? Contact Rachel or Cindy.

The Bowden Collection: “Alfred Manessier: Composer in Colors”. It will be on display in the Parlor until **January 30, 2025**.

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
9:50 AM	Henry Beets Mission Society, LL
10:00 AM	Church School 3-12
10:00 AM	Little's Choir
10:00 AM	Care Partners, LL Classroom
10:00 AM	Coffee & Treats grade 4-8 th Parents, Parlor
11:00 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
4:00 PM	Bells Gloria
4:40 PM	Youth Choir (7-12)
5:30 PM	CREW, Vault
5:30 PM	Middle School Youth Group, MPR
6:00 PM	Evening Worship

Monday, January 13

6:30 PM	Council-Elders/Deacons
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Tuesday, January 14

6:15 PM	Bells Jubilate
6:30 PM	Christian Ed Committee, Parlor

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study, LL
9:00 AM	Women's Morning Bible Study, Library
10:00 AM	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study, Parlor
12:30 PM	His Collection, Council Room
5:15 PM	Children's Choir
5:45 PM	Grab 'n Go Meal
6:30 PM	GEMS
6:30 PM	Scouts
6:30 PM	Youth Outdoors Group
6:30 PM	Women's Evening Bible Study, Library
6:30 PM	Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
7:00 PM	Social Concerns, Library
7:00 PM	Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 16

9:30 AM	Beth Moore and More Bible Study, Parlor
10:00 AM	Comfort and Care Team, 200
10:00 AM	Men's Coffee Fellowship, Council
4:00 PM	Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor
6:30 PM	LaGrave Night Out
7:00 PM	Ministry Planning Meeting, Council Room

Friday, January 17

8:30 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study, Parlor
9:30 AM	Mom's Fellowship, Library/Nursery

Assisting This Week: January 12

Greeters: 8:40: Bob & Marilyn Kortman, Ben DeGraaf
11:00: Jeff & Kara Plantinga, Curt & Jennifer Day
Ushers: 8:40: John Schat, Tim Walcott, Mike Schuitema, Chris Weller
11:00: Matt Scholten, Brad Post, Matt Alcumbrack, Jeff Scholtens
6:00: Dave Tornga

Assisting Next Week: January 19

Greeters: 8:40: Garry & Yvonne Ferwerda, Laurie Termaat
11:00: Lynn Setsma, Dan & Ann Van Eerden
Ushers: 8:40: Sam Schat, Brad Post, Ben DeGraaf, Conner Phillips
11:00: Luther Ajim, Merv Kamper, Marilyn Rottman, Cal Thorne
6:00: Pete Clover