

**February 2, 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, *Image of the Invisible God*. This sermon series looks at the way Jesus' actions and words reveal attributes and character traits of God the Father. Reverend Manion will preach on John 15:9-17  
**Next Sunday Night** Pastor Jonker will preach on some of the stories behind the names of the people Paul greets at the end of his letter to the Romans in chapter 16.

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

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

**Chairs are available** for worshippers who need sturdy arms for sitting and standing in the sanctuary. Just let your usher know and they can seat you appropriately.

**CREW (9th-12th grade):** There is no CREW tonight due to the retreat and no CREW next week due to the Super Bowl. We will meet again on Sunday, February 16.

**MSYG (6th-8th grade):** Meets tonight from 5:30-7:15 in the MPR for worship, devotions, games and dinner. Meatballs are on the menu. Contact Jess Hollenbach with questions

**Giving Cards:** There is a new giving card in your pew. This card has two purposes. First, it allows you to give to various causes within our ministry by using the QR code. Second, if you give online or by sending funds directly to the office, we encourage you to put this card in the offering plate as liturgical act. The presence of these cards in our offering plate will help teach the next generation that giving is part of our response to God's saving grace.

**College/Career:**

- Join us for our next book talk on *Atlas of the Heart*. We will be discussing chapters 4-7. We will meet in room 200 during the 10:00 Hour today.

- Trivia Night at Nate and Annika Bosma's, Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6:30 PM. Pizza provided. Watch for more details to be sent via text and email. Questions? Contact Heidi.



The  
**Ten O'Clock Hour**  
Growing in Fellowship and Faith Formation

**Here are the opportunities this week between services:**

- Nursery will be offered for ages 0-3 in the 2/3s room
- Church School classes for grades 3-12: upstairs classrooms
- Littles Choir for ages 4-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: junior choir room
- Coffee, fellowship, coloring, puzzles & games: MPR
- College/Career group book study chapters 4-7: upstairs, room 200
- Witness Study on sharing your faith: lower level meeting room
- Global Concerns Prayer Time for missionaries, persecuted Christians, and other world concerns/calamities: Chapel
- Book discussion on *The Only Necessary Thing* by Henri Nouwen: lower level Council Room

### UPCOMING

**Nominations for Elders and Deacons:** Our annual selection of new Elders and Deacons has begun. The congregation is invited to nominate eligible LaGrave members to serve our council in the office of elder (administrative or visiting) or deacon (administrative or visiting). Council is the governing body of the church, so please prayerfully reflect on who God might be calling to serve. The nomination form and an explanation of the process was in Tuesday's News and Opportunities email. Paper copies of the form are available at the Welcome Center. **Nominations due TODAY.**

**Wednesday Night Programming:** GEMS and Youth Outdoors meet this week Wednesday, February 5. There is a grab 'n go meal and walking tacos are on the menu!

**GEMS Girls Ice Skating Event** rescheduled for this Wednesday: Girls and parents, if you did RSVP before the very cold week we had, you only need to let your counselor know if your plans have changed or if you did not RSVP then but plan to come now. If you have not already done so, let us know if you need to borrow skates and your size, and if you are in Youth choir if you need a ride. Many thanks to Jeff and Ruth Konyndyk for hosting our club!

During the **10 O'clock hour next Sunday**, come to the **Parlor** to hear about the leadership training work of LaGrave member **Matt Bonzo in Africa**. Matt serves with Jabulani African Ministries in

Southern Africa. Christian leaders there are eager to receive more training, especially for their schools, orphanages and other young organizations.

**PRIMERS:** Signup today in the Multipurpose Room to attend the event at noon on Thursday, February 13, 2025. Dr. Fred L. Johnson III, professor of history at Hope College, will present "Vietnam: A Retrospective" which will examine the origins, impact and legacy of the Vietnamese American conflict and its continued relevance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as a cautionary primer regarding the possibilities, limitations, and excellence of American power. The cost of the lunch and program is \$15 a person, payable at the time of sign-up. You are welcome to just attend the presentation at 1:00pm. Hosts: Jim & Barb Boelkins (616)403-4031, Jack & Dottie VandeGuchte (616)209-2469.

**Calling all women to sing:** All women (7th grade and older) are invited to come sing with the women of the Chancel Choir on Sunday, February 16th at the 8:40 service. Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday nights, February 5 & 12 from 6:30 to 6:55 in the Junior Choir room. We would ask that you make it to at least one of these rehearsals. Please contact Rob Hobgood at [rhobgood@lagrave.org](mailto:rhobgood@lagrave.org) if interested.

**Boxed Cards:** A very large assortment of Christian all-occasion boxed cards is 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.

**Kids Food Basket:** All are welcome! Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6-7:30 PM is our next Kids Food Basket! This is open for anyone in the congregation ages 5 and up.

**Moms' Fellowship:** We will meet next on Friday, February 21 in the Library at 9:30am. Childcare will be available in the Nursery. Any questions, please contact Alisha Doezeema: [alishadoezema@gmail.com](mailto:alishadoezema@gmail.com)

**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. Tickets will be available for pick up next Sunday, February 9. Questions? Contact Cindy at [cbusscher@lagrave.org](mailto:cbusscher@lagrave.org).

**Women's Book Club:** You are invited to join us on Monday, February 24 at 7:30pm in the Parlor to discuss the book *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Books are available at local libraries and Schuler Books.

**Save the date! LaGrave's all church Derby Race** will take place 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. Youth Outdoors will be receiving their kits during programming. All others can pick up Derby kits at the Welcome Center. Open woodshop times will start mid-February. Questions? Contact Rachel or Cindy.

### **THANK YOU**

We would like to thank you, our church family, for the many expressions of love and concern you showed for us during the passing of three family members recently. Your cards, calls, and above all your prayers were deeply appreciated. We are so thankful for all of you. *Ed & Lois Hoeksema*

### **CALENDAR**

#### Sunday, February 2

8:40 AM	Morning Worship Infant & Toddler Childcare 2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
10:00 AM	Coffee, coloring, games, fellowship, MPR
10:00 AM	College/Career Book Study, Room 200
10:00 AM	Church School 3-12
10:00 AM	Little's Choir
10:00 AM	Witness Study, LL
10:00 AM	Henri Nouwen book study, Council Room
10:00 AM	Global Prayer Group, Chapel
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, February 3

4:00 PM	Executive Committee, Parlor
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#### Tuesday, February 4

1:15 PM	Knitting Group, Parlor
4:30 PM	Welcoming Committee, Parlor
6:15 PM	Bells Jubilate

#### Wednesday, February 5

8:00 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study, LL
9:00 AM	Women's Morning Bible Study, Library
9:30 AM	Spiritual Journey Bible Study, LL
10:00 AM	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study, Parlor
2:30 PM	Pastoral Care Committee, Parlor
5:15 PM	Children's Choir
5:45 PM	Grab 'n Go Meal
6:30 PM	GEMS, Off Campus
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	Chancel Choir

#### Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM	Beth Moore and More Bible Study, Parlor
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#### Friday, February 7

8:30 AM	Men's Morning Bible Study, Parlor
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#### Assisting This Week: February 2

**Security: 8:40:** Andrew Schimmel, Chris Vermeulen,  
**9:30:** Steve Hoeksema  
**11:00:** Brad Post, Karel deWaal Malefyt  
**Greeters: 8:40:** John & Shelly Schat,  
**11:00:** Bob & Linda Berkhof, Andy & Becca VandeGriend  
**Ushers: 8:40:** Tim Walcott, Sally Jonker, James VanHekken,  
 Brad Schaap  
**11:00:** Jeff Scholtens, Larry Bos, Jim Oppenhuizen,  
 Luther Ajim  
**6:00:** John Dekker

#### Assisting Next Week: February 9

**Security: 8:40:** Nate Versluis, Jake Versluis  
**9:30:** Harvey DeMaagd  
**11:00:** Steve Schroder & Mitchell Schroder  
**Greeters: 8:40:** Laurie Termaat, Julie Hoekstra  
**11:00:** Jon & Sue Pastoor, Scott & Sarah Lingenfelter  
**Ushers: 8:40:** Tim Walcott, John Schat, Mike Schuitema,  
 Colton Alcumbrack  
**11:00:** Dave Torga, Matt Scholten, Larry Bos  
**6:00:** Dave Torga