

March 9, 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 will continue in our sermon series called and Rev. Manion will preach on the commandment against murder.

Next Sunday Evening Pastor Jonker will look at the important Biblical question "Who is Israel?" His text will be Ephesians 2:17-21.

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

Power Assisted Door: A power-assisted door is located near the parlor on one of the single stall restroom doors.

CREW (9th-12th grade): Does not meet tonight. We will resume next week Sunday, March 16!

MSYG (6th-8th grade): will not meet tonight. We will meet next week, March 16, in the MPR.

Congress Elementary is at LaGrave! Come join us during the 10:00 Hour **TODAY** to meet and greet with Congress teachers Allison Klinck and Madelyn Rodriguez, and Kids Hope directors Elizabeth Scholtens and Lisa Bauman and learn more about our valued partnership. There are new opportunities alongside our normal mentoring for you to join in supporting our Congress Community. Come hear about the new Blue Ticket Store sponsored and hosted by LaGrave as well as other various ways you can support us in prayer, volunteering and needed resources.

Jesus' Journey to the Cross: The artwork of Scott Erickson, is in the church sanctuary. Each of the twelve stylistic pieces is constructed using signs and symbols that represent a concept or event in Jesus' journey to the cross. Each piece encourages you to reflect on what Jesus endured to accomplish your redemption. Then, consider the peace that is yours because Jesus has paid for all your sin. The installation begins in the back of the sanctuary on the LaGrave side and continues around to the parking lot side. A meditation guide is available in the wall box by the piece numbered I (one). This art installation is open weekdays during church office hours, Sundays before and after each church

service, and Wednesdays during evening event hours. You are invited to use this installation as a means to deepen your spiritual journey in this Lenten season.



Here are the opportunities this week between services:

- Nursery will be offered for ages 0-3 in the 2/3s room
- Church School for grades 3-12: upstairs classrooms
- Littles Choir for ages 4-2nd grade, lower level Jr. Choir room
- Coffee, Fellowship & Bakery Cookies: MPR
- Henry Beets Mission Society Meeting: parlor
- Back Story Lenten discussion: lower level meeting room
- Book discussion on *The Great Divorce* by CS Lewis: lower level, Council Room
- Kids Hope Information Meeting: lower level classroom

UPCOMING

Beginning Monday, March 10, Cherry Street will be closed from LaGrave to Sheldon, including the intersection at Cherry and LaGrave. The LaGrave and Sheldon entrances to the parking lot will be open.

Wednesday Night Programming: Youth Outdoors and GEMS meet this week Wednesday, March 12, from 6:30pm - 8pm. There is a grab 'n go meal starting at 5:45pm. Pulled pork is on the menu.

Drs. Larry Visser and Rob Hobgood will present a duo-recital on the Music at Mid-Day concert series at Park Congregational Church on Tuesday, March 11 at 12:15 p.m. This free, half-hour concert includes music in a variety of styles for four-hand piano, four-hand organ, and organ and piano duet.

PRIMERS: Today is the last opportunity to sign up in the MPR after both services for our **March 13 Primers event.** The cost of the lunch and program is \$15/person and is payable at the time of sign-up. Our speaker, Chief Eric Winstrom, began his tenure as the Police Chief of Grand Rapids in March 2022. A graduate of Rutgers University and Brooklyn Law School, Chief Winstrom previously served over 21 years in the Chicago Police Department. During his presentation, he will talk about his journey into police work and the current state of policing in Grand Rapids. Hosts: Eileen & Sipp Hutton (908) 370-3477, Barbara & Riley Swinehart (616) 784-9043.

Moms' Fellowship: will meet next on Friday, March 21 in the Library from 9:30-11am. Childcare will be available in the Nursery. We will also meet on Friday, April 25 and May 16. Any questions, please contact Alisha Doezema: alishadoezema@gmail.com

Table Fellowship: The 2-session class will be offered Sunday, March 23 and Sunday, March 30 during the 11 o'clock service. Contact Rachel Thorne if your child is interested in joining the class by Sunday, March 16.

LaGrave's newly updated woodshop is open on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-8 pm for those wanting to make Derby Cars. Pick up your Derby kit at the Welcome Center and use the new tools downstairs.

A Christian Education Informational Meeting for new parents or others wishing to learn more about the Christian Education Society and its enrollment procedures and policies will be held on Sunday, March 16 at 10:00 AM in Room 220, on the second level.

The **All Church Derby Race** will take place on Saturday morning, March 22! Everyone is invited to enjoy an all-church breakfast from 8-9:45 am; then to watch, cheer and participate. Racing will begin at 10 (car weigh-in is at 9:45 am). Want to race a car? Pick up your Derby kit at the Welcome Center today or dust off one that has previously been raced.

Women's Book Club: You are invited to join us on Monday, March 24 at 7pm in the Parlor, to discuss *The MoonFlowers* by Abigail Rose-Marie. Due to the Live Stream with the author, the meeting will begin at **7:00pm** rather than 7:30pm, please note time change.

The next **LaGrave Night Out** will take place on **Thursday, March 27**, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Bobarino's located in the B.O.B. Come to order pizza, dinner, a beverage/apps, or simply drop by to say hello. This is a fun and casual time to meet new people while enjoying a dinner out! Questions? Contact Heidi, 616-437-6830 or Cindy, 616-481-7071.

LaGrave women of ALL ages! You are invited to the next Loek's event on Saturday, April 19. Back by popular demand is the **floral arranging workshop**; this year in the spring and right before Easter. There will be two sessions to pick from; either 9:30am or 12:30pm. Cost to participate is \$10. Watch for

online signups to open this week (slots in the past have filled quickly!) and be prepared to create a beautiful centerpiece.

The LaGrave Church Art Committee is pleased to announce, "*Beauty is Everywhere*": **an art show by Connie Beale Kuhnle**. The show runs **until Sunday, May 4** in the Parlor. Award winning, local artist, Connie Beale Kuhnle conveys visual stories as portraits, still-lives, and landscapes. Beale Kuhnle expresses the beauty, character and truth in the life she discovers all around her; in the faces and character of the people she meets, in rural architecture and landscape, and simple objects. Beale Kuhnle studied fine art at MSU, and illustration at Kendall College of Art and Design. She worked as an illustrator, graphic designer and animator before pursuing a career in fine art & portraiture.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 9

8:40 AM Morning Worship
Infant & Toddler Childcare
2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
10:00 AM 10 O'clock Hour- (See Box)
10:00 AM Henry Beets Mission Society, Parlor
11:00 AM Morning Worship
Infant & Toddler Childcare
2s & 3s Church Time, 3s Room
12:00 PM Council Nominee Info Meeting, Parlor
4:00 PM Bells Gloria
4:40 PM Youth Choir 7-12
6:00 PM Evening Worship

Monday, March 10

6:30 PM Council-Elders/Deacons

Tuesday, March 11

1:00 PM HR Meetings, Parlor
6:15 PM Bells Jubilate

Wednesday, March 12

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
1:15 PM Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
5:15 PM Children's Choir
5:30 PM Derby Car Workshop
5:30 PM Grab n' Go Meal, Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Faith Journey Bible Study, Parlor
6:30 PM GEMS
6:30 PM Youth Outdoors
6:30 PM Wednesday Night Bible Study, Library
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, March 13

9:30 AM Beth Moore and More Bible Study, Parlor
12:00 PM Primers, MPR
7:00 PM Arts Committee, Parlor

Friday, March 14

8:30 AM Men's Morning Bible Study, Parlor
11:00 AM Fritz Kolk Funeral

Assisting This Week: March 9

Security: 8:40: Jeff Konyndyk, Grant Konyndyk
9:30: Karel deWaal Malefyt
11:00: Leo Christner, Mark Christner
Greeters: 8:40: Bob & Marilyn Kortman,
Jack & Dottie VandeGuchte
Ushers: 8:40: Colton Alcumbrack, Sam Schat, Matt Alcumbrack,
Ben Nagel
11:00: Sally Jonker, Matt Scholten, Larry Bos,
Merv Kamper
6:00: Dave Tornnga

Assisting Next Week: March 16

Security: 8:40: Paul Ondersma, Karl Ondersma
9:30: Patrick Kinstle
11:00: Ryan Hekman, Matt Scholten
Greeters: 8:40: Mark & Tracy Brant
11:00:
Ushers: 8:40: Chris Weller, Ben DeGraaf, John Schat, Brad Schaap
11:00: Merv Kamper, Cal Thorne, Luther Ajim,
Jeff Scholtens
6:00: Brad Schaap