

The Leighton News
Week of July 3, 2016

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, July 3:

Sunday's Message: *We Got an Upgrade!* – Hebrews 8:1-13

Non-perishable food items, paper products and cleaning items are collected during the offering time by kids and the ushers. Your donations of these items stock our food pantry. See below for a list of items being collected throughout the month.

Refreshments are available in the Lobby immediately after the worship service.

Sunday School classes for all ages are held each Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-Noon. Starting Sunday, all adults are invited to meet together during the Sunday School hour throughout the month of July. Pastor Dave is leading this study.

No G.L.U.E. Youth Group Sunday night.

Monday, July 4—Independence Day:

No Adult Basketball

Tuesday, July 5:

Church Office is Closed

Wednesday, July 6:

11:30 a.m. 50+ Potluck Lunch (Family Center)

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)

6:30 p.m. *“Be the Person God Called You to Be”* Bible Study (Library)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR ADULTS

ADULTS....

Throughout the month of July, Pastor Dave will be leading a Sunday School class for all adults in Rooms 15/16.

All adults, whether you currently attend a Sunday School class or not, are invited

to come! This class begins on Sunday, July 3rd from 11:00 a.m.-Noon.

ADULT BASKETBALL MONDAY NIGHTS!

There will not be basketball on Monday, July 4th. Adult basketball resumes on Monday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m. Contact [Doug Thaler](#) for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, July 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Become the person God called you to be!

An adult Bible Study is meeting on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library.

Discover who God called you to be through this video study with Neil Anderson, author of *Victory Over the Darkness* and *The Bondage Breaker*. Books are not necessary, but reading the book *Victory Over the Darkness* will be helpful.

Contact [Mike Olger](#) for more information.

JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July is upon us and the next big ministry event of the summer is coming...the Barry County Fair. Help out at the birthing tent or the food court. There are also fellowship opportunities throughout the month including Family Softball Night and Backyard Picnic Fellowship. Check out the attached July calendar of events and get connected!

JULY 50+ POTLUCK LUNCH

Everyone age 50 on up is invited to come to the July 50+ Potluck Luncheon Wednesday, July 6th at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Center

Bring a dish to pass and your table service.
Lemonade, water, and coffee are provided.
Invite friends and neighbors to come!

After lunch, the Leighton Church G.L.U.E. Youth Group will put on a variety show!

For more information, please contact [Jean McCaul](#)

50+ Outing to Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park

Everyone age 50 on up is invited to an outing to *Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park* located at 8313 Pratt Lake Avenue, Alto

Tuesday, July 12th

Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to carpool or meet the group at Boulder Ridge Wild Animal Park at 10:00 a.m.

In case of rain, the make-up day will be Thursday, July 14th.

Bring your lunch, beverage, and something to share if you'd like.

Admission is \$12.00/adult; \$9.00/adult age 62 on up

Contact [Jean McCaul](#) if you have any questions

FAMILY SOFTBALL NIGHT

MONDAY, JULY 11TH

6:30 P.M.

Kids, teens, and adults are invited to an open night of softball. Bring your bat and glove.

Not a ball player? Bring your lawn chair to watch the game and cheer on the players. Ice cream will be available at the Ice Cream Shack.

DATE CHANGE FOR LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Due to the great number of people out of town for the Independence Day holiday, the

Leadership Team meeting has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge. This meeting is open to the Church Family.

BARRY COUNTY FAIR MINISTRY

Be part of Leighton Church's ministry at the Barry County Fair located at the Barry County Expo Center on M-37 between Middleville and Hastings July 17-23

There are still many open time slots. Give just 2 to 4 hours of your time during this week.

- Time slots available to staff the Birthing Tent. Visit with people walking through the tent and keep an eye on the animals. A fun time for people of all ages!
- Time slots available to cook and/or serve in the Food Court.

Sign up in the Lobby

Need a red Missions T-shirt? See Bob or Connie Blain to order one. Cost is \$10.00 each (additional \$1.00 per X-tra large size needed)

Contact [Bob Blain](#) for more information.

BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to come to the Backyard Picnic Fellowship at Art & Connie Hooker's home

Sunday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m.
All food and beverages provided.

Bring your lawn chair to sit by the fire, take a wagon ride behind the tractor through the field, sit and visit with friends.

This is a great opportunity to invite unchurched family or friends to an event!

Contact Art & Connie for their address and directions to their home.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) COMING THIS FALL!
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A new ministry coming to Thursdays, starting, October 6th, meeting every other week, for mothers of preschoolers (infants thru Kindergarten). This is not only a ministry for Leighton Church moms, but also an outreach to moms in our community.

MOPS is a world-wide Christian organization that encourages women raising young children to be the mom God designed them to be.

There are many ways you can be involved even if you no longer have preschool age children. Women are needed for:
Mentor Moms, Moppets Leader and Workers

See the display table in the Lobby to find out how to get involved.

Contact [Sarah Geers](#) or [Amanda Athearn](#) for info.

www.mops.org

LETTER FROM THE BYARS'

Dear Leighton Church Family,

As by now you probably know Lois and I were called by God to go to Elmdale Nazarene Church in Alto. It was very hard to leave because I was very comfortable at Leighton. I love each and every one of you. Yet God knows my heart that I would leave if it's His will. I would like to thank each and every one who has taught us the things we needed to learn. So when God called we were prepared to do the work He has for us. Bob and Connie Blain will be happy to know we are part of the Youth Mission and we are using what we learned from them to bring the youth into this church. Thank you. I pray God will bless each and every one of you. I pray for your money needs for the gym. Thank you with all our love.

~Dale & Lois Byars

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST FOR JULY

Did you know that Leighton Church operates a small food pantry with non-perishable

food items that services between 12 and 15 families? Throughout the month of July, the following items will be collected to stock the pantry:

Cereal
Macaroni & Cheese
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Carrots, Potatoes)
Boxed Potatoes
Rice (bags and boxed rice mixes)
Soup
Spaghetti & Sauce

Items will be collected by the children each Sunday during the offering time. Questions can be directed to [Stacey Aman](#).

DIAPERS & GENTLY USED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR THE NURSERY

The Nursery is collecting diapers and a few extra clothing items to have on hand for kids who may need them while utilizing the church nursery.

Needed are:

Pants size 2T-7 for boys and girls
(knit pants or leggings preferred; no jeans)

Underwear size 2T-7 for boys and girls

Diapers size 2-5

Pull-ups learning diapers size 2T-5T

Donations can be given to [Sarah Geers](#), Nursery Coordinator

NEED A BULLETIN FROM A PREVIOUS SUNDAY?

Did you miss a Sunday or two or misplaced your bulletin from the previous Sunday? Extra copies of bulletins from the previous two Sundays are available in the literature rack on the table right outside the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

You can also receive an e-bulletin each week. Contact [Stacey](#) in the church office if you'd like to receive e-bulletins.

CHURCH COOKBOOKS

Church Cookbooks are available for just \$5.00!

Cookbooks make great gifts!

Contact [Stacey Aman](#) or [Jean Bender](#) if interested in purchasing one.

NEED PRAYER? PRAYER ROOM OPEN SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP.

The Prayer Room is staffed on Sunday mornings following the worship service. If you would like to be prayed for or have a need you would like prayer for, feel free to stop in the Prayer Room which is located across from the Coffee Bar. Questions can be directed to Nancy Geertman.

FAMILY CENTER FLOORING PROJECT UPDATE

The Family Center is the most widely used part of our church building. It is used for church potlucks, athletic activities; youth group meetings, family reunions, baby/bridal showers, Pioneer Clubs, and much more. The current floor is nearly 20 years old. The floor is buckling causing a safety concern. Twenty years of dirt, grime, and food has created unsanitary conditions. The tiles are breaking causing them to move out of place.

Funds are being raised to replace the current flooring with new flooring—Taraflex Sport M Plus. It's easy to maintain, has welded seams which won't allow food and dirt through, and takes the wear and tear needed for our many activities in the Family Center. (A sample of the proposed new flooring is in the Lobby for your viewing.) The amount needed to purchase the flooring have it installed is \$43,300.

Previous Balance	\$ 27,123.05
Received June 26th	\$ 1,130.00
Current Balance	\$ 28,253.05

Needed to Reach the Goal \$ 15,046.95

Together we can reach the goal!

Use the special offering envelopes in the Lobby or in the pew holder to contribute to the Family Center Flooring Project.

You can also donate online at www.leightonchurch.org/give and select the Special Offering Family Center Flooring.

Watch the progress on the Family Center Flooring Display in the Lobby.

SERVICE IN ACTION:

COFFEE SERVERS:

July 3—Wayne Ingersoll & Art Hooker

July 10—Mike & Linda Horton

July 17—Mike & Christine Syswerda

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

July 3—Jo Tolan & Ora Lou Smith

July 10—Lori Taylor & Mary Phillips

July 17—Christine Syswerda & Bonnie McBride

GREETERS:

July 3—Don & Jean Bender

July 10—Terri & Samantha Farmer

July 17—Gary & Jean McCaul

NURSERY:

July 3—Noreen Ingersoll & Stephanie Aman

July 10—Jake & Allison Draaisma

July 17—Crystal Mulero & Rebecca Getter

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

July 3—Matt & Stephanie Haan

July 10—Jerry & Crystal Mulero

July 17—Jake & Allison Draaisma

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CLEANING CREW

Men, women, couples, families needed to join the custodial crew. Leighton Church is cleaned by several faithful volunteers. A few members of our cleaning crew are stepping down. Cleaning generally takes place Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays. Opening spot for volunteers to vacuum, empty trash, and clean tables down the Children's Wing. If interested contact [Jackie Corwin](#)

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE COLLECTION

Did you know that many pastors, Christians, missionaries around the world do not have access to materials to prepare sermons, Bible studies, or for their own personal devotions?

An organization called Christian Resources International collects Bibles, devotional books, curriculum, and more to send to pastors, evangelists, Bible colleges, and missionaries around the world. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, bring them and drop them in the box in the Lounge. Dave & Sharon Kaechele will deliver them to CRI.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM'S PRAYER TOUR OF AMERICA

Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, is traveling to all 50 states in 2016 to hold prayer rallies, to preach the Gospel, and to challenge believers to take a stand and take action. He'll be urging Christians to vote, to live out their faith in every part of their lives, and to pray for our nation just as Nehemiah cried out to God to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem and restore hope to His people.

Follow Franklin Graham's journey or even join Michigan's prayer team. Go to www.decisionamericatour.com for complete information and locations.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR 3 DAYS IN JULY

Would you like to host students from Luebeck, Germany for 3 days in July? The Johanneum zu Luebeck High School Choir will be in the Grand Rapids area from July 21-24th. The 55 member choir is on a 2 week performance tour in the U.S. sponsored by Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. What a wonderful opportunity to show some "West Michigan hospitality" while including these young people in a typical American family

experience. You just need to give them a place to sleep, get them to their concerts or bus pick-up, and have fun including them in your family. They speak English enough that communication should not be a problem. Music is an international language and you will discover that kids in Germany like many of the same things that American kids like! Many of the former host families have had incredible experiences and have formed long lasting friendships.

For more information, contact Nancy Crumback (616) 443-9060 or marimbalady@yahoo.com

DETAILS:

Thursday, July 21st

6:00 p.m. – host families meet at St. Mary’s Church downtown Grand Rapids

7:00 p.m. – Concert at St. Mary’s Church

Friday, July 22nd

Free time with host family until:

3:00 p.m. – load buses for trip to Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp (tour camp, dinner, rehearsal)

7:30 p.m. – Concert at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp (families are welcome to attend).

Students may ride home with host family or get picked up at meeting spot

Saturday, July 23rd

Free day with host family. Include them in your typical family activities

Sunday, July 24th

Free morning

Noon – load buses, say “Auf Wiedersehen” and depart

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date for these upcoming events to support Pregnancy Resource Center.

GOLF FOR LIFE – Friday, September 16th.

15th Annual Golf for Life is sponsored by Dan Vos Construction Company. Enjoy a round of golf at Boulder Creek Golf Club while supporting life.

GALA – Thursday, November 10th

Gala is their premier fundraising event held at the JW Marriott, with guest speaker Abby Johnson.

For more information on these events, call 616-259-1522 or visit prcforlife.org/how-you-can-help/events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PROJECT HOPE

Project Hope located in Dorr, operates a food pantry for those in need in the Northeast section of Allegan County. They also have a thrift store that helps fund the ministries of Project Hope. Volunteers are needed in several areas:

- Person(s) to keep up Annetta's Garden and landscape around the building
- Baggers needed in emergency food pantry
- Pantry Greeter. Records information and prays with clients.
- Cashiers

Call Barb Fles, Compassionate Care Director, at (616) 681-HOPE ext. 13.

PART TIME POSITION AVAILABLE AT PROJECT HOPE

Looking for a person to handle donations in receiving department. Must have customer service skills with a friendly smile and be able to lift 40-50 pounds. Come in during open hours (10 am-5 pm) to fill out an application. This is a paid position.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREATS

Grace Adventures, a non-profit Christian Training Center located near Silver Lake, is hosting women's retreats 4 different weekends this fall.

September 23-25 features guest speaker, Lina Abujamra, author of *Thrive: The Single Life as God Intended*, and *Stripped: When God's Call Turns from Yes to Why Me?* In 2012 she started a ministry called Living with Power. Lina is single and was born in Lebanon, but now calls Chicago home.

September 30-October 2 features guest speaker Karen Ehman, who is a Proverbs 31 Ministries speaker and New York Times Best-selling author. Karen writes for Encouragement for Today online devotions. She has been a guest on national television radio programs including The 700 Club, At Home Live, FamilyLife, and more.

October 7-9 features guest speaker Cindy Bultema. Cindy has been in ministry over 15 years and has trained leaders and created programs within a variety of settings. Cindy is now a popular women's speaker, author, blogger, and Bible teacher. She is a member of Carol Kent's national speaking team and Proverbs 31 Speaker Coach.

October 14-16 features guest speaker Jennifer Shaw, a Telly Award winning speaker, author, singer, songwriter, and five-time Top 40 Billboard artist. Her ministry has been featured on Focus on the Family, Insight for Living, FamilyLife Today, and many more. Her new book *Life Not Typical: How Special Needs Parenting Changed My Faith* has brought national attention to the issue of Sensory Processing Disorder.

Cost for the retreats is \$89 (if commuting-no lodging needed), \$149 if staying at a local hotel, or \$124 if staying on-site at Grace Adventures Retreat Center.

There are a variety of activities to do.

Register online at graceadventures.org/adult-retreats/womens-retreat

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT FOR RIGHT TO LIFE

Join the fun at the 4th annual Benefit for Life Pickleball Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, August 6th & 7th at Belknap Park (30 Coldbrook Street NE, Grand Rapids). Players will be matched by skill level and may register as men's, women's, or mixed doubles. The registration fee is \$40 (early bird) or \$45 (after June 16). To participate in this event, sponsored by Grand Rapids Right to Life, register, pay, and sign a waiver online at PickleballTournaments.com. For more information, contact Grand Rapids Right to Life at (616) 532-2300, info@grrtl.org or visit grrtl.org/pickleball. Registrations are due by August 1.

FOCUS ON LIFE BENEFIT DINNER

The 29th annual Focus on Life Benefit Dinner at the DeVos Place ballrooms in downtown Grand Rapids will take place on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Judge Andrew P. Napolitano, senior judicial analyst for FOX News Channel, will be the keynote speaker. Napolitano is an outspoken analyst of the legal system, a fervent critic of government intervention into personal lives, and a passionate defender of the Constitution, including the right to life. Tickets are \$100 per seat or \$1,000 per table of 10. For more information, contact Grand Rapids Right to Life at (616) 532-2300, info@grrtl.org or visit grrtl.org/dinner.

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR

Genesis United Methodist Church is hosting a summer craft fair on Saturday, July 23rd from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Come rain or shine! The Fair will be held indoors. Crafters welcome. If interested in participating, contact Daniel Dobbs at (616) 485-1146 or djdobbs@comcast.net.

Genesis UMC is located at 1601 Galbraith Avenue SE, Grand Rapids (Cascade area)
(616) 974-0400

GUN LAKE CHARITY CHASE 5K RUN, 5K WALK, KIDS FUN RUN

Gun Lake Community Church is hosting its 2nd Annual Gun Lake Charity Chase to support local food banks in Dorr, Orangeville, Wayland, Martin, Caledonia, Hastings, & Middleville

Come and run or walk...your choice of 5K Run, 5K Walk, or Kids Fun Run
Saturday, August 13th

Cost for the 5K Run/Walk is \$20 (pre-registered) or \$25 (late registration)
Cost for the Kids' Fun Run is \$10 (pre-registration) or \$15 (late registration)
To get complete details or to register go to

www.gunlakecommunitychurch.org

Registration forms are also located at Leighton Church on the bulletin board by Rooms 15/16.

SANDI PATTI FOREVER GRATEFUL FAREWELL TOUR

See Sandi Patti in concert on her farewell tour

With special guests Veritas

Sunday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Memorial Church in Holland

Ticket prices range from \$18.50 to \$100.00

Tickets available online at premierproductions.com or the Christ Memorial Church Office

E-mail ticketing questions to support@premierproductions.com or call (616) 396-2305

SENIORS' RETREAT AT MARANATHA IN NORTON SHORES

Marantha Retreat Center is hosting a weekend retreat for seniors

October 3-6

Featuring Bible teacher, Jay Kesler, and worship leader, Burt Kettinger

For pricing and information, call (231) 798-2161 or visit vacationwithapurpose.com

Group discounts are available.

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