

The Leighton News
Week of July 31, 2016

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, July 31 – Friendship Sunday:

Sunday's Message: *Whoops! I forgot Jesus!* – Matthew 16:13-23

Sunday is Friendship Sunday. Everyone is asked to wear a name tag in an effort to get to know one another. Name tags will be available in the Lobby.

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. All adults are invited to meet together during the Sunday School hour through August 14th. Pastor Dave is leading this study

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

Backyard Picnic Fellowship at Art & Connie Hooker's at 6:00 p.m. See below for more details.

Monday, August 1:

7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball

Tuesday, August 2:

7:00 a.m. Leighton Township elections in the Family Center until 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3:

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 Final Night

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Rooms 12/13)

Thursday, August 4—Saturday, August 6:

8:00 a.m. Families Helping Families Work Project at Reeds's until 9:00 p.m. each night. See announcement below for more details.

Saturday, August 6:

10:00 a.m. Family Center & Kitchen in Use until 4:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

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This is also a great Sunday to invite someone to come with you to church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR ADULTS

ADULTS....

Through August 14th, Pastor Dave is leading a Sunday School class for all adults in Rooms 15/16 from 11:00 a.m. – Noon.

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

BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP

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

This Sunday, July 31st 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.

ADULT BASKETBALL MONDAY NIGHTS!

All adults, men and women, are invited to come play basketball on Monday nights in the Family Center at 7:00 p.m. Games are pick-up games; not a league. Contact [Doug Thaler](#) for more information.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Become the person God called you to be!

Final night of this adult Bible Study is meeting on Wednesday, August 3rd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library.

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

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August is nearly upon us. Stay connected with ministries happening at Leighton. Print out the attached August calendar and tack it on your fridge or check the church website calendar when you are on the go.

www.leightonchurch.org/calendar

50+ POTLUCK LUNCH

Everyone age 50 on up is invited to attend the August 50+ Potluck Lunch on Wednesday, August 3rd at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Center.

Bring a dish to pass and your table service.
Water, lemonade, and coffee will be provided.

After lunch, Art & Alma Bouwkamp will sing a variety of hymns while they play electric guitar and electric accordion respectively.

Marissa Freyling, who was scheduled to come, is recovering from extensive surgery and radiation for cancer.

Friends and family welcome. Contact [Jean McCaul](#) with questions.

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES PROJECT

We need your help!

The Mission Team has a Families Helping Families project scheduled for August 4-6.

The project involves taking off a porch/deck, rebuilding it and adding a ramp at Leroy & Mary Reed's located on 11710 Garbow Road, Middleville

(next to Bob & Connie Blain's home).

The crew will work from 8a-9p. Any time you can spare is appreciated. Bring a crow bar and/or cordless drill. Contact [Connie Blain](#) for more info.

PUERTO RICO MISSION TEAM PRESENTATION

On Sunday, August 7th, the Youth Mission Team will be sharing about their trip to Puerto Rico. Plan to attend worship service on the 7th to hear about their experience.

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to celebrate the graduation of Elisa Taylor from Thornapple-Kellogg High School by attending her open house on Sunday, August 7th in the Leighton Church Family Center
Noon-4:00 p.m.

Share your memories of Elisa for a special memory book such as; memories you have of her, a prayer for her, or words of encouragement as she enters her new phase of life.

FAMILY SOFTBALL NIGHT PICNIC

MONDAY, AUGUST 8TH

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 and there will be hot dogs, chips & pop!

FREE POOL NOODLES left over from VBS. Take as many as you'd like. They are available in the Lobby.

Those who loaned **BEACH TOWELS FOR VBS** may pick them up in the Lobby. Thank you for the use of them.

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

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST FOR AUGUST

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 August, the following items will be collected to stock the pantry:

Cereal

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Fruit – WE ARE NEARLY OUT OF THIS

Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Carrots, Potatoes) – WE ARE NEARLY OUT OF THIS

Boxed Potatoes

Rice (bags and boxed rice mixes)

Soup – WE ARE NEARLY OUT OF THIS

Spaghetti & Sauce – WE HAVE NONE OF THIS

Peanut Butter & Jelly – WE HAVE NO JELLY

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

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 and have it installed is \$43,300.

Previous Balance	\$ 31,738.05
Received July 24th	\$ 2,725.95

Current Balance \$ 34,464.00
Needed to Reach the Goal \$ 8,836.00

Together we can reach the goal!

The goal is to have the funds raised by August and have the flooring installed in September before fall ministries being.

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

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

SAVE YOUR GALLON MILK JUGS!

Plans are already underway for VBS 2017 – Operation Arctic.

Needed are 430 plastic gallon milk jugs to create an igloo.

Thoroughly wash the milk jugs with water and bleach to remove any remaining milk residue which will sour and smell. Bring them to church and put them in Cindy Herring's classroom (Room 9 down the north hall). If you plan to save up jugs at home before bringing them in, remove the caps and keep them in a baggie, then bring the jugs and baggie with caps when you are ready.

Questions? Contact [Cindy Herring](#).

SERVERS NEEDED FOR FAMILY DINNERS

Sarah Geers has graciously offered to cook Wednesday night Family Dinners for the upcoming season (October-March), but needs help serving food. If you are available

Wednesday evenings from 5:00-6:30 and are willing to help serve food for Family Dinners, please contact [Sarah](#). A specific start date has not yet been set.

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.

SERVICE IN ACTION:

COFFEE SERVERS:

July 31—Randy & Bonnie Adams

August 7—Brad & Lori Cramer

August 14—Open

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

July 31—Kate Webb & Alverna Truax

August 7—Leone Biesbrock & Nona Steeby

August 14—Judy Terpstra & Lori Haselden

GREETERS:

July 31—Jim & Bonnie Ciluffo

August 7—Gary & Jean McCaul

August 14—Dan & Judy Terpstra

NURSERY:

July 31—Amanda Brandt & Emily Mulero

August 7—Brad & Sarah Geers

August 14—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

July 31—Sam Farmer & Robbi Hilton

August 7—Josh & Kate Webb

August 14—Sam Farmer & Bonnie McBride

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR GERMAN BAND MEMBERS

A band from Germany is coming at the end of August and will be performing at the Baptist Church in Middleville. Host families are needed to provide housing and meals for the band members. The band arrives Tuesday, August 30th in the evening and will depart on Friday, September 2nd in the morning. They will be performing on Thursday night at the First Baptist Church in Middleville. If you have a bedroom or two to spare and would be willing to host a couple of band members, please contact Jean DeVries at (616) 299-5710. There are a couple of Leighton Families who are planning on hosting members.

MEIJER COMMUNITY REWARDS DISCONTINUED

The Meijer Community Rewards program has now ended. Leighton Church has used this program as a fundraiser for Red Bird Mission for many years. Thank you to each of you who have supported this effort. You may now dispose of your rewards card.

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](#)

FARMER'S MARKET

Gaines Church, located on the corner of 92nd Street and Kalamazoo Avenue, is having a Farmer's Market on Thursdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m. throughout the month of August. Come and browse through the market or rent a booth to sell your wares. Booth rental is \$15/week or \$50/4 weeks. Booth rental fee will support missions of Gaines Church. The profits you make from your sales are yours to keep!
To rent a booth, contact Bev at (616) 698-9419.

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.

MICHIGAN INFORMATION - Join Franklin Graham Tuesday, October 4th at Noon in Lansing, MI at the State Capitol building on the East steps. The State Capitol is located at 100 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing.

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 prcforld.org/how-you-can-help/events.

COMPASSIONATE CARE JOB OPENING AT PROJECT HOPE

Project Hope/Annetta Jansen Ministries is now accepting applications for a Compassionate Care Director. Hours: minimum of 25, maximum of 32 per a four day week. Prior experience in Social Work is preferred.

Must have a strong Christian faith and be a member of a Bible believing church. Needs to be able to establish relationships quickly and be filled with compassion. Computer skills are a must, being proficient in Microsoft Office, including Word, Excel, Publisher, and Power Point, accompanied with excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Must also have mathematical skills and be detail oriented.

Please send applications, complete with references to:

Project Hope, c/o Sandy Zuidersma, P.O. Box 241, Dorr, MI 49323

Or e-mail to sandyzprojecthopene@yahoo.com

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.

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.

"FAMILY UP" IN SYNC MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

For engaged couples, newlyweds, as well as seasoned married couples.
A time for you to strengthen and encourage your marriage or marriage-to-be, as God
has created them to be.

Guest speakers are Richard & Judith Anniss from Manchester, United Kingdom.
Richard and Judith give senior leadership to King's Church with sites throughout the
U.K. They have a strong marriage, are the parents of three children ranging in age from
10 to 16, and carry great insight on healthy family dynamics and how to raise children
with a passion for God.

The cost is \$60.00 until August 1st.

The conference is being held at The Point, located at 3449 76th Street SE, Caledonia.
For more information and to register go to thepointchurch.com/insync

CAMP BARAKEL FALL RETREATS

Camp Barakel is an oasis where you can be encouraged and recharged. Weekend
retreat schedules always include a mix of fellowship and solitude, activity and rest,
laughter and thoughtfulness. Camp Barakel loves Jesus Christ and love to present him
as the true rest for our souls. Claim at spot at one of these upcoming fall retreats at
Camp Barakel located in Fairview, Michigan.

See www.campbarakel.org for complete retreat details.

Father/Daughter Retreat – September 16 thru 18 (for daughters in 3rd grade on up) Cost
is \$185 for one parent and one child. Cost is \$85 per each additional child.

Married Couples Retreat – September 16 thru 18 (RV camping available)
Cost is \$185 per couple.

Ladies Retreat – September 23 thru 25, September 30 thru October 2nd, or October 7 thru 9. Cost is \$110 per person. (For high school seniors and older)

Men's Retreat – October 14 thru 16 or October 21 thru 23
Cost is \$110 per person. (For high school seniors and older)

ABUNDANCE CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

LifeWay Women's ministry presents *Abundance* conference for women
September 30-October 1st

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN

Featuring Christy Nockels, Natalie Grant, Lisa Harper, Lysa TerKeurst, Kelly Minter, Raechel Myers, Amanda Bible Williams, Annie F. Downs & Pete Wilson
Visit lifeway.com/abundance or call 800-254-2022 for more information.

GRAND RAPIDS RIGHT TO LIFE MINISTRIES LUNCHEON

Get fired up for fall! All prolife church representatives are invited to a gathering sponsored by Grand Rapids Right to Life on Thursday, September 15th at Railside Golf Club at Noon. This luncheon will inspire leaders to create a culture of life by hearing about upcoming events, getting involved with youth and community activities, and discovering how to share educational information. Not a prolife church representative?

Join us anyway! Prolife contacts are needed from every church in Grand Rapids. Lunch will be catered. RSVP is required to Laura by September 9th. 616-532-2300 or info@grrtl.org

RIGHT TO LIFE CONFERENCE

All prolife people are encouraged to attend the annual conference sponsored by Right to Life of Michigan on Thursdays, September 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Lansing.

This inspiring day of workshops and strategy sessions will feature guest speaker Wesley J. Smith, an expert on the issue of euthanasia and a writer on biological issues.

2016 Members of Grand Rapids Right to Life will save \$20 per adult if registered by September 12th. To register, visit www.rtl.org/events/conference. For a special student rate, contact Erin. For the GRRTL member rate, contact Laura (616) 532-2300 or info@grrtl.org.

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