

The Leighton News
Week of August 21, 2016

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, August 21:

Sunday's Message: *God's Plan: Our Responsibility to Him, to Ourselves, and to Others*
Numbers 10:10, Galatians 6:5, Deuteronomy 8:19, Psalm 62:11-12

Welcome to Bill & Lydia Allshouse, missionaries serving in Mexico through World Gospel Mission. More details on Bill & Lydia's visit can be found below.

Thank you to Jim Ciluffo who is filling the pulpit in Pastor Dave's absence.

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.

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. Jr. High, Sr. High, and adults are invited to meet together during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary to hear more from the Allshouses.

Kitchen & Family Center in Use 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Backyard Picnic Fellowship at Art & Connie Hooker's at 6:00 p.m. This is the final picnic for the season! See below for complete details.

Monday, August 22:

7:00 p.m. Adult Basketball (Family Center)

Tuesday, August 23:

6:30 p.m. El Sembrador Update & Potluck Supper

Wednesday, August 24:

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

Thursday, August 25:

6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting

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.

BASKETBALL WILL NOT BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WHILE THE NEW GYM FLOORING IS BEING INSTALLED.

GUEST MISSIONARIES COMING AUGUST 21ST

This Sunday, August 21st, Bill and Lydia Allshouse, missionaries to Mexico, will be at Leighton Church.

They will share briefly during the morning worship service and more extensively in the Sanctuary during the Sunday School hour for Jr. High, Sr. High, and adults.

Plan to come and hear about how God is using them to minister to the people in Mexico. They will be attending the Backyard Picnic Fellowship tonight at Art & Connie's for a more informal meet and greet.

Your gifts to Faith Promise support the ministry of Bill & Lydia.

Thank you for giving!

BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP

The last Backyard Picnic Fellowship of the season is coming Sunday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Art & Connie Hooker's home

All food and beverages are provided.

Bring your lawn chair to sit by the fire, take a wagon ride through the field and the woods, visit with one another, and meet and greet guest missionaries, Bill & Lydia Allshouse who serve in Mexico. Questions? Contact [Art & Connie](#)

ESCUELA EL SEMBRADOR UPDATE & POTLUCK SUPPER

Escuela El Sembrador, located in Honduras, is a school for underprivileged boys as well as a Bible Institute for further

learning for those desiring to serve the Lord in ministry.
Missionaries, Gary & Laura Griffin supported through your gifts to Leighton Church Faith Promise, minister to the boys and work teams that come to El Sembrador.

On Tuesday, August 23rd, the director of El Sembrador, Enoch Ulloa and his family, will be coming to Leighton Church to share about what is happening there.

There will be a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center with Enoch sharing after that. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service. Beverages will be provided.

If you have been to El Sembrador and would like an update or are interested in learning more about El Sembrador, please come.

RSVP to [Stacey Aman](#) by August 20th.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS COMING IN OCTOBER

Are you interested in learning more about what Leighton Church is about? Would you like to discover what church membership means?

If you answered "YES" to either of these questions or would like to become a member of Leighton Church, plan to attend Church Membership Class led by Pastor Dave each Sunday in October from 11:00 a.m.-Noon (Class location yet to be determined)

If interested, sign up in the Lobby or contact the [church office](#).

DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016 WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM

As the nation's moral foundation continues to crumble, Jesus Christ is the only hope. Franklin Graham is hosting prayer rallies in each of the 50 states to share the gospel and pray for our nation.

Come and join him on Tuesday, October 4th from Noon-1:00 p.m. on the Capitol East Steps in Lansing.

Be counted among those who are praying and taking a stand for God's truth and righteousness.

Contact Bonnie McBride if you are interested in joining a group from Leighton Church to attend the Lansing prayer rally.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD THROUGH PIONEER CLUBS!

Pioneer Clubs mid-week ministry for kids ages 4 through 6th grade is gearing up to start

another season meeting
Wednesday nights from 6:15-8:00 p.m. starting October 5th and ending in late March.

In Pioneer Clubs, kids learn to dig into the Bible and discover God's truth by memorizing Bible verses, doing projects and activities, and learning life skills while earning badges for their achievements along the way.

There are a few positions that are open.

TEACHER & HELPERS
All teaching materials are provided.

SPECIAL NIGHT COORDINATOR
Do you enjoy planning and organizing special events? The special night coordinator would plan a special night for the Pioneer Clubs kids to enjoy (tentative dates are October 26th, January 25th, and February 22nd) and see that it all runs smoothly. Suggested themes are Bring A Friend Carnival Night, Mission/Service Project Night, and perhaps a special guest or other fun event.

You can make an eternal impact on the life of a child. Consider giving your time to fill one of these positions.

Contact [Allison Draaisma](#) if interested or if you would like more information.

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.

MOMS INTERESTED IN JOINING MOPS: Registration forms are attached or available in the Lobby. Pick one up for yourself and take some to invite your friends!

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

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR MOPPETS

An important part of the MOPS ministry, is MOPPETS, for children. MOPPETS is a time for the kids to learn about Jesus and the Bible, play games, do crafts, etc.

Donations of some basic supplies are being collected for MOPPETS. Needed are:

- Crayons
- Markers
- Safety Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Construction Paper
- Bible Story Coloring Books
- Craft supplies for kids

Place donations in the designated bin in the Lobby.

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 ONLY HAVE A COUPLE OF CANS OF APPLESAUCE & PEACHES – NOTHING ELSE

Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Carrots, Potatoes) – OUT OF CORN, CARROTS, AND POTATOES & NEARLY OUT OF PEAS

Boxed Potatoes

Rice (bags and boxed rice mixes)

Soup – WE ARE NEARLY OUT OF THIS

Spaghetti & Sauce – WE HAVE NO SPAGHETTI & A FEW JARS OF SAUCE

Peanut Butter & Jelly – WE HAVE A FEW JARS OF EACH

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

THANK YOU FOR GIVING!! TOGETHER WE HAVE REACHED AND EXCEEDED
OUR GOAL!!!

Goal	\$ 43,300.00
Previous Balance	\$ 34,464.00
Received July 31st	\$ 10,560.00
Current Balance	\$ 45,024.00
Needed to Reach the Goal	\$ 0.00!!!

Installation is scheduled for the week of September 19th. Prior to that the Trustees will be removing the old flooring and prepping the room for the install.

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.

THANK YOU!

Dear Leighton Church,

We wanted to say a great big **THANK YOU** for your financial gifts and support. It means so much to us to know you are partnering with us in what God is doing in Costa Rica through Iglesia Union.

Blessings!

Noah, Liz, Forrest, Elliot, Quinn & Lucia Kamper

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the July meeting of the Leadership Team are attached. Copies are also available on the table outside the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

SERVICE IN ACTION:

COFFEE SERVERS:

August 21—Bill & Stephanie Aman

August 28—Barb Moore

September 4—Open

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

August 21—Jerry & Cyrstal Mulero, Lori Cramer

August 28—Bob & Connie Blain

September 4—Shirlee Cheers & Shawn Eaton

GREETERS:

August 21—Theresa Noffke & Shirlee Cheers

August 28—Mike & Valerie Lepeak

September 4—Barb Moore & Debi Warren

NURSERY:

August 21—Eric & Tina Peck, Gabby Nicholson

August 28—Cindy & Rebecka Thaler

September 4—Renee & Amanda Seeley

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

August 21—Jerry & Crystal Mulero

August 28—Sam Farmer, Bonnie McBride

September 4—To Be Announced

COLLECTIBLE CERAMIC FIGURINES FOR SALE

Keith Pratt has a number of collectible ceramic figurines for sale. If you are a collector or know of anyone who is, please call Keith at (616) 406-3809. He can give you more details and pricing.

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.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS AT GRAND RAPIDS THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The Grand Rapids Theological Seminary of Cornerstone University is holding Thursday evening Bible classes from September 15th—November 3rd from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the Pirsig-Debruyne Chapel located at 3000 Leonard NE, Grand Rapids

The topic is the book of Galatians, which Paul wrote in the midst of the first major controversy faced by the early church. It provides unique insight into the great Apostle's theological vision, his thinking about salvation, the character and role of God's new people in the world, God's cosmic work of salvation, and his heart for his churches.

This powerful study is led by Dr. Timothy Gombis. Everyone is welcome to attend at no charge.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

Bethany Christian Services is seeking foster parents who are willing to open their hearts and homes to refugee and immigrant youth. These young people desperately need a

loving and accepting foster home to welcome them to our country and prepare them for future independence.

Bethany Christian Services provides foster care for refugee and immigrant youth between the ages of 13 and 17 who have been separated from their home and family due to war, abuse, or community violence. They have no adult caregiver, and are eligible for protection in the U.S.

Learn more at a no commitment information meeting on

Monday, September 12th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 1st from 10:00 am-Noon

Tuesday, November 1st from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

OR

Monday, December 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at 1050 36th Street, Suite 400, Grand Rapids.

Reservations to attend this information meeting are required.

RSVP by calling 616-224-7540 or refugeefostercare@bethany.org

More information can be obtained online at Bethany.org/refugeefostercare

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