



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of July 14, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street
Caledonia, MI 49316
(616) 891-8028
office@leightonchurch.org
www.leightonchurch.org
Office Hours: 9a-3p
Tues/Wed/Thurs

Sunday Worship: 9:30a
Nursery provided for infants-age 4
Sunday School: 11:00a
Classes for children, youth & adults

Board of Elders:
Scott Pollmann (Chairman),
Todd Galloway, Art Hooker,
Wayne Ingersoll, David
Kaechele, Doug Thaler,
Pastor Dennis Weeks

*Hearing assist system
available from the sound booth
at the back of the Sanctuary.*



@LeightonChurchMI

Worship Services on YouTube
@leightonchurch7311

Sunday, July 14	Pastor Dennis Weeks' Installation Service & First Sunday in the Pulpit Service of Communion Welcome Lunch Noon Prayer in the Park 12:45-1:15p Meet & Greet with Missionaries, Bill & Lydia Allshouse 5:30p
Monday, July 15	Men's Basketball 7p Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship 7p
Wednesday, July 17	Men's Group 6:30p Praise Team 6:30p
Thursday, July 18	JOY Lunch (Just Older Youth) 1p
Saturday, July 20	Youth Group Whitecaps Game 7p Game Time
Sunday, July 21	Backyard Picnic Fellowship 6p
Monday, July 22	Men's Basketball 7p



Would you like prayer for healing? Prayer for struggles in your life? Prayer for wisdom and discernment?

The Board of Elders are available for prayer at the end of the worship service each Sunday. Just come forward to the altar or to the front pew.



Hey kids....3rd-8th Grade...

Here's a fun way to tune in to what is being taught during the worship service, get into the music, and learn about Jesus and God's Word.

Pick up a clipboard out of the blue tub in the Lobby, fill out the sermon notes paper and turn it in to Rebecca Shanahan or Valerie Lepeak after the service to get a prize.

There's a spot for you to write the name of the sermon, words you didn't understand, what verses were read from the Bible, and the name of a song that was sung during the service.

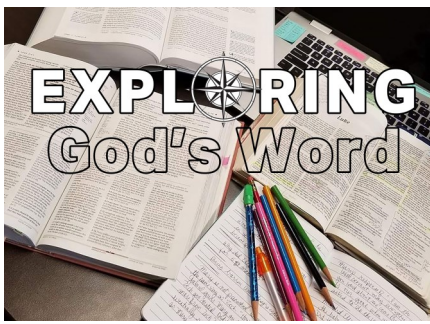
After awhile, you'll discover how much you've learned about God and how the Bible is important in developing a relationship with Him.



Kids age 4 thru 2nd Grade will gather in the **gym** for Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message.

In Children's Church, kids are learning a different truth from God's Word each week through a lesson, game, activity and craft.

PARENTS....after the worship service, please proceed to the gym to get your children and take them to their Sunday School class.



Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, TEACHERS & LOCATIONS

Toddlers-2nd Grade: (Room 3)

3rd-5th Grades: (Rooms 12/13)

6th-8th Grades: (Room 9)

9th-12th Grades: (Youth Room-Rooms 10/11)

ADULTS:

LOUNGE: “Relevant Faith for the Real World: Evangelism, Holiness & Social Action”
Doug Thaler

ROOMS 15/16: “Faith Leads to Action: The Letter of James”—John VanderMeer

ROOMS 7/8: All Belong (Special Needs Adults)—Connie Blain & Britney Bredeweg



Installation Service & Welcome
Dinner for Pastor Dennis & Kelli
Weeks and their Family
Sunday, July 14th

Join us Sunday morning, July 14th at 9:30 a.m.
for an Installation Service confirming Pastor Dennis Weeks as the Senior Pastor of Leighton Church.

At Noon, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is hosting a church-wide luncheon to welcome Pastor Dennis, Kelli, and their family to Leighton Church.

All are welcome. Everything is provided.
No reservations necessary.

Come and give Pastor Dennis, Kelli, Elijah, Celia, and Helena a warm welcome.





WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30 P.M. IN ROOMS 15/16

Men of all ages are welcome to gather in Rooms 15/16 at 6:30 p.m. for fellowship, prayer and Bible Study. The group will continue the study of Ephesians and continue on to study the other prison epistles; the letters Paul wrote from prison. These include Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon. Whether you are a seeker, a new believer, or more mature Christ follower, you are welcome to come.

Questions? Contact C.J. Yarrington (616) 366-3387



MEL TROTTER
MINISTRIES
compassion demonstrated.

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MONDAY, JULY 15TH AT 7:00 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER & PERSONAL CARE ITEM DRIVE FOR MEL TROTTER MINISTRIES

The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is collecting personal care items for Mel Trotter Ministries. Items requested are:

Body Wash....Razors....Deodorant...Shoes
Sweatpants...Men's Underwear (new)
Shoes & sweatpants can be new or gently used.

Bring your donations to the July 15th Circle Meeting at 7pm or place them in the designated basket in the Lobby.



JOY Lunch (Just Older Youth)

Thursday, July 18th at 1:00 p.m.
Everyone age 50 on up is welcome!
Invite a friend or two.

Meet at Curley Cone
12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland
Questions? Contact Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348

In an effort to keep our children safe and account for their whereabouts, the Discipleship Team is implementing sign in/sign out protocols for Sunday School. Sign out procedures are currently in place for Children's Church.

This will be a gradual process, but will begin with the Preschool-2nd Grade class.

Parents with kids in this age group who attend Sunday School, please take your children to the classroom and pick them up from the classroom after Sunday School; signing them in and signing them out.

Sign in/sign out
Your Kids



Questions?

Contact Valerie Lepeak

616-366-1162

A small group praying over the needs of the church, the people in the church, and in the community.

6:15-7:00p in the Prayer Room.

Meeting every other week.

Next Prayer Meeting is **JULY 24**



FREE

Resources & Devotionals

There are a number of free devotionals and resources available on the information table in the Lobby. Stop by and pick up booklets that are of interest.

- Our Daily Bread Devotional (regular & large print)
- Grieving with Hope
- Real Life Encouragement for Caregivers
- Facing Cancer with Hope
- Facing Illness with Hope
- How to Share Your Faith Without An Argument
- How to Be Saved
- Good News Magazine



Take note of these upcoming meetings.

Health & Safety—Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Discipleship - Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Staff Parish Relations—Saturday, August 9th at 9 am

Missions—Thursday, August 15th at 6:30 p.m.

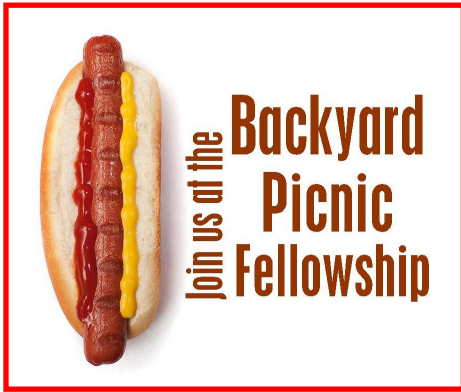


Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!

Sunday morning worship services are recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel on Mondays.

Subscribe to the church's YouTube channel and get notifications when the sermons are uploaded OR visit the church website to be directed to YouTube to watch services.

Questions? Contact Jerry Slagh
worship@leightonchurch.org



2 More Sundays This Summer

July 21

August 18

6:00 p.m.

An informal backyard cookout for all ages at Art & Connie Hooker's home
4456 Patterson Ave, Middleville.

All food and beverages are provided; hot dogs right off the grill, a variety of salads, chips, desserts, lemonade and water. There are tables and chairs set up, but if you'd like to bring a chair to sit around the fire, you are welcome to do so.

There are yard games, beautiful gardens to enjoy, a wagon ride through the field and woods, and sometimes, live music!

This is a great opportunity to invite friends or family members to experience the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

In case of rain, this will be cancelled.

Questions? Contact Connie Hooker at 616-891-8742.





Chris & Angie Walker
Titus
Papua New Guinea
Ethnos360

As you read this, Chris & Angie Walker and their youngest son, Titus, will have just arrived in Papua New Guinea, returning to the mission field after being in the U.S. for a year. This trip back feels a bit different from other times they've returned. This time, they are leaving two adult kids behind in the States. Throughout their year in the U.S., they have experienced a recharge after a season of feeling spent and helpless, primarily due to the identity theft that Chris experienced. The Walker's have also spent much of the time renovating their home in Wayland.

Three weeks after arriving back in Papua New Guinea, school will begin. In that three weeks, they have a house to unpack and settle and for Chris & Angie, getting their heads wrapped around the new roles they've been asked to serve in (more to come on that at a later date). Chris is very eager to arrange a trip to Mibu as soon as he can make that happen. Mibu is a tribe located in a remote location in the jungle of Papua New Guinea. Chris and Angie have been discipling these people for many years and seeing God working and growing the people and the church there.

The Headwater Terrorist Gang that was targeting the tribal people in the area with much violence has been quiet for over a year now. A recent peace and reconciliation ceremony took place between representatives of the Gang and the community of Tapen village which gives many others a sense of optimism. Pray that members of this Gang will come to know Jesus and follow Him.

The Walker's ask that you pray:

- For wisdom for them as they continue to parent their two adult kids, Jael & Baruch, and the strength to leave them in the States
- Lots and lots of grace as Chris & Angie step into new roles
- For their daughter, Jael, as she spend the summer working, taking one class, and starting nursing programs this fall.
- For their son, Baruch, to have a great summer as he serves at Pine Ridge Bible Camp this summer and transitions to Ethnos360 Bible Institute this fall.
- For their son, Titus, to thrive and find good friends once again (many of his closest friends will be in the States in the coming year.)

Your support of the Leighton Church Faith Promise Missions Fund supports Chris & Angie Walker and 14 other missionaries around the world.



Our church is growing!! Families with young children are looking to attend Sunday School classes. While we offer nursery services during church, the need to offer nursery services during Sunday School is becoming apparent.

If you would be willing to staff the nursery during the Sunday School hour (11:00-Noon) on a rotating schedule, please contact Rebecca Shanahan. (616) 312-3070 or rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com

Nursery volunteers must be an approved child/youth care provider or must be a regular attender at Leighton Church for at least 6 months and take a Child Protection Class. The next class will be scheduled for the fall.

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." ~Matthew 26:27-28

When Adam took of the forbidden fruit in the beginning, his bloodline was tainted with sin. He died from blood poisoning. Thousands of years later, the virus of sin still thrives in the blood of every person who has not come to Christ.



The only solution for eternal death is a Blood transfusion from the Savior of all humankind. When we participate in communion, we remember the sacrifice given to wash away our sins and initiate a new covenant and new way of living. We symbolically take in the supernatural, life-changing Blood of Jesus that drives out the virus.

When we participate in holy communion, Satan must hang his head. He knows that he has lost us to the Lamb. In the same way that the lamb's blood over the Israelites' doorposts forced the death angel to pass over those homes, the Blood of the Lamb over the doorpost of our souls makes us untouchable to the prince of darkness.

As we come to the table with our brothers and sisters, the Blood of Christ unites His body. He mediated a new covenant so that we might receive the promise of eternal inheritance (Hebrews 9:15).

THE BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you and give you His peace. May you gather with the body of Christ to remember His sacrifice until He comes again. Celebrate His Blood and body broken for you.

Missionary Meet & Greet

Sunday, July 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Missionaries to The Americas, Bill & Lydia Allshouse, will be in Michigan on Sunday, July 14th. They are bringing a missionary couple from Mexico with them and would like this couple to meet the people of Leighton Church.

The Allshouses' and the missionaries from Mexico will be at Leighton on Sunday, July 14th at 5:30 p.m. for an informal get together to share how God is working in the lives of the people of Irapuato, Mexico and how this missionary couple will be reaching the people of Mexico.

All are welcome. Snacks will be served. Come and show your support to the Allshouses and the missionaries from Mexico.



Questions?
Contact April Taylor
616-293-0514

Do you have Bibles, Bible commentaries, Bible study material or books on Christian living lying around your house collecting dust?

Mission Cry Christian Resources International will gladly take these items and more and send them to missionaries and partners around the world!

Bring any of the following items and place them in the crate/box by the church office door. Dave & Sharon Kaechele deliver them to the local Mission Cry donations site.

- Bibles of any version and size and language
- Commentaries & Concordances
- Bible Studies
- Christian Biographies
- Books on Christian Living
- Dictionaries (Bible, English)
- Books on Discipleship & Evangelism
- Christian Fiction
- Sunday School Curriculum (except Answers in Genesis material)

Mission Cry, along with their faithful partners, distributed Bibles and donuts to refugees at the Mexican border in Juarez and Reynosa. The team distributing the Bibles encountered a father and son, who were more excited to receive the Bible than the donut!

On another trip to an area in Chihuahua, Mexico, the team took bread to share and the last of the Spanish Bibles. They found 400-500 refugees camped in tents and makeshift shelters. They were grateful for receiving not only the bread, but also the Word of God.

Donate your Bibles and books today! God is using these materials to change lives!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

2024 Goal = 800 boxes



Since last year's Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drive was such a huge success (508 shoeboxes were filled and shipped last fall!), we are starting to collect items to fill shoeboxes again this year.

For the month of July, we are collecting school supplies and soap dispensers with lids

- ◆ 24 count boxes of crayons
- ◆ Pencils and sharpeners
- ◆ Highlighters
- ◆ Cap erasers, big erasers
- ◆ Single subject notebooks
- ◆ Scissors and pencil cases
- ◆ NO PENS ARE NEEDED. 3,000 were donated!!

Pillowcase dresses are also needed for the girls. Examples can be found by the Operation Christmas Child display in the Lobby. The pattern is to the left. Adjust the length for the age of the child you are making it for (shorter for little girls, longer for older girls). If you need pillowcases, there are free pillowcases in the Lobby.

Also at the display table, you'll find empty pill bottles and mini M&M containers. Quarters fit perfectly in these. Take one, two, or more and fill them with quarters. This will help with the shipping cost of the shoeboxes, which is \$10.00 per box. Place your filled container in the offering plate.

See the display in the Lobby for details on these items as well as information about Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Place your donated items in the designated bin in the Lobby.

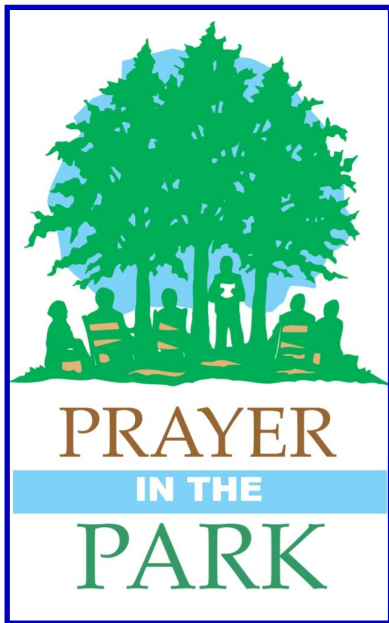
Samaritan's Purse has an Amazon storefront full of quality items for shoeboxes. Shop at:

<https://sampur.se/AmazonStore>

Questions can be directed to Patty Hoekstra (269) 804-7887 or pcookies68@gmail.com



**ALL ITEMS
DONATED MUST
BE NEW OR
HANDMADE.
USED ITEMS
CANNOT BE
GIVEN.**



Bodies of Christ coming together to pray
over our communities

2nd Sunday of Each Month
12:45-1:15 p.m.

July 14....August 11....September 8

Questions? Contact Nancy Slagh
(616) 724-5447

Gather with other believers at one of the 5 parks listed below to pray for:

- Community
- Leadership and the Election (not candidate specific)
- Schools
- West Michigan
- Our Country
- Wisdom and Courage
- Revival and Salvation

There will be leaders from the various communities at each park leading the prayer time.

Locations:

Sesquicentennial Park: 91 E. Main Street, Middleville
(led by Nancy Slagh)

Wayland City Park, 201 Church Street, Wayland

Dorr Township North Park, 1879 142nd Avenue, Dorr

Hagar Park, 8134 28th Avenue, Jenison

**COMMUNITY
CARNIVAL
SATURDAY, SEPT 7
3:00-6:00 PM**



A FREE community carnival is planned for Saturday, September 7th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. as an outreach opportunity. There will be:

Carnival games....Inflatables....Cake Walk....Dunk Tank....Food Truck...Ministry Fair

Let's provide a fun event for the community to come and get acquainted with Leighton Church! YOU are needed to make this happen! Volunteer & donation opportunities are available.

Questions can be directed to Jill Smith (269) 795-4212 or jrs5kids@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER:

- ◆ Supervise at Inflatables (2 inflatables—1 person at each inflatable for 1/2 hour time slots)
- ◆ Get dunked in the Dunk Tank (1/2 hour time slot)
- ◆ Supervise the Dunk Tank, Carnival Games, Cake Walk (1/2 hour time slots)
- ◆ Pop & serve popcorn (2 people, 1/2 hour-1 hour time slots)

DONATE:

- Cakes, cookies, muffins, brownies, etc. for the Cake Walk (30-40 different desserts needed. CLEARLY MARK your donations that contain peanuts or are gluten free)
- New/Gently Used Bibles for prizes
- 300 suckers (GFS Store sells a large bag of 300)
- Prizes for carnival games (small toys, school supplies, candy, etc.)
- \$!0 gift card for fast food restaurants for prizes

NEEDED:

- ◇ Coordinator for Classic Car Show (contact Jill Smith if you are interested in setting up a car show)
- ◇ Ministry Leaders to set up a table for their ministry (VBS, Youth Group, Children's Ministries, Circle of Joy, JOY Lunch, Bible Studies, etc.)
- ◇ 1-2 clowns (if you know of someone who does clowning, let Jill Smith know)

SIGN UP AT THE INFORMATION TABLE IN THE LOBBY



Lunch & Tour
Wed., July 17th
Noon-1:00 p.m.

Exodus Place offers a hand-up to men who are seeking to get back on their feet after facing homelessness, coming out of incarceration, or just struggling in life.

You are invited to come for lunch, tour Exodus Place, and hear from Robb Munger, CEO/President and some of the members of Exodus Place about the difference in their lives.

Exodus Place is located at 322 Front Ave SW, Grand Rapids. RSVP to Heather (616) 242-9130 ext. 34 or heather@exodusplace.org

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

InterAct Ministries, a missions organization based in Oregon, has several openings on the mission field.

Maybe you're retired or self-supported and are looking to serve in a support ministry. Or maybe you know someone interested in serving the Lord on the mission field.



These are the current openings:

ALASKA: Facility maintenance, Guest House Services

CANADA: Building skills or land development (camp); office administration (experience in non-profits a plus)

OREGON OFFICE: Communications, IT Specialist, Facility Maintenance

Missionaries, Mark & Heather Overbeek, are supported by Leighton Church. They serve in Kodiak, Alaska under InterAct Ministries.

If you'd like to learn more about these opportunities, go to <https://interactministries.org/go/> OR call Jim (503) 668-5571 ext. 117

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR U.S. DISASTER RELIEF

You see the stories and pictures on the news. Another storm has brought destruction to a town. Homes are destroyed. Trees are down. You want to help, but how?

Samaritan's Purse, a humanitarian aid organization led by Franklin Graham (son of Billy Graham), is in need of volunteers to help clean up after natural disasters. You can volunteer for a day or a week. No experience is necessary.



Learn more at spvolunteer.org

Leighton Church Members,
Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.
Thank you for the beautiful plant and kind words during such a tough time!

Love,
Faith Eaton and the Family of
Shawn Eaton

Leighton Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful arrangement for Ruth Peterson. Your support means so much. Mom enjoyed attending with her grandson and family, Andy and April Taylor and girls.

In Christ's Love,
The Family of Ruth Peterson
(Andy Taylor's grandmother)



Dear Leighton,
Thank you so much for your recent donation and continued partnership with me as I transition to Global Outreach serving in member care!

You all understand the need to keep missionaries healthy and equipped!

Blessings,
Liz Kamper



Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: July 14: Mike, Christine, Jack & Ava Syswerda July 21: Clay & Luann Snyder July 28: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 617-0269, dianepor68@outlook.com
Intercessory Prayer: July 14: C.J. Yarrington July 21: Debi Warren July 28: Jean McCaul	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 891-8219, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: July 14: Christine & Ava Syswerda July 21: Justin & Amanda Brandt July 28: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: July 14: Drew & Jackie Corwin July 21: Servers Needed July 28: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: July 14: Connie Hooker, Cookies in the Cupboard July 21: Lori Haselden & Colin Mead July 28: Linda Horton, Sharon Kaechele	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: July 14: Abbi Pollmann & Olivia Taylor July 21: Abbi Pollmann & Keagan Shanahan July 28: Hollie Lepeak & Keagan Shanahan	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: July 14: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak July 21: Christine & Ava Syswerda July 28: Rebecca Shanahan & Britney Bredeweg	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Mowing: July 18-20: CHURCH: John R. Smith BALL FIELD—Don Hilton Jr July 25-27: CHURCH: Andy Taylor BALL FIELD—Paul Edwards	