



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of February 2, 2025


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 3
Sunday School: 11:00a
Classes for children, youth & adults

Board of Elders:
Scott Pollmann (Chairman),
Todd Galloway, Wayne
Ingersoll, Jerry Slagh, 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, February 2	Youth Group Return from Winter Retreat No Youth Group
Monday, February 3	Gym in Use 5:30-6:45p Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, February 4	Adult Bible Study 9:30-11a Discipleship Team Meeting 6:30p
Wednesday, February 5	Family Dinner 5:15p Wednesday Night Kids 5:45-7p Adult Bible Study 5:45-7p Prayer Meeting 6:15p Men's Group 6:30p Praise Team Practice 7p
Thursday, February 6	Missions Team Meeting 6:30p JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch 1p
Friday, February 7	Gym In Use 5:30-6:30p
Saturday, February 8	Youth Archery & Breakfast 9-11a
Sunday, February 9	Begin VBS Volunteer Recruitment No Youth Group



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.

Immediately following the children's message, kids age 4 thru 2nd Grade are dismissed to go to Children's Church, which meets in Room 3.

In Children's Church, kids have their own time of worship, Bible lesson, craft and more!

PARENTS....after the worship service, please proceed to Room 3 to get your children and take them to their Sunday School class.



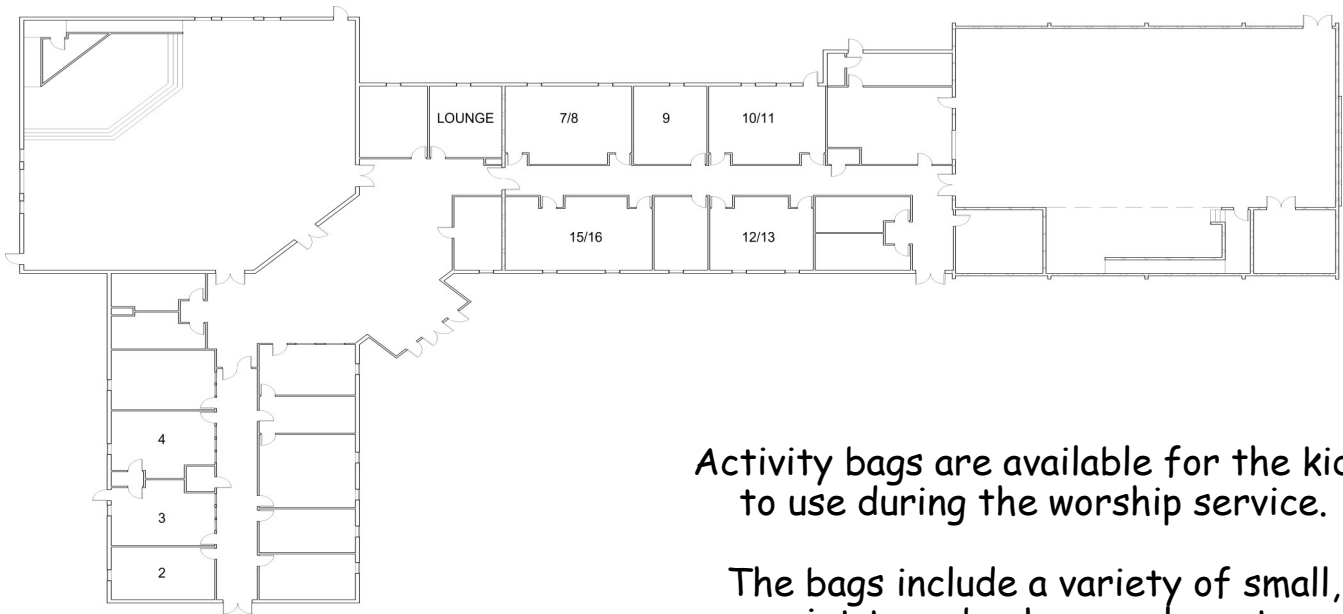


Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults 11:00-Noon

Toddlers-Preschool: Britney Bredeweg (Room 4)
Young 5's-2nd Grade: Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer (Room 3)
3rd-5th Grade: Nancy Slagh (Room 2)
6th-8th Grade: Cindy Herring (Room 9)
9th-12th Grade: Butch Klooster (Youth Room—Rooms 10/11)

Adults:

“Calling, Character, Conviction: Lessons on Leadership in the Historical Books”
Doug Thaler—Lounge
“The Body of Christ Alive” John VanderMeer—Rooms 15/16
The Book of Galatians Pastor Dennis—Rooms 7/8
All Belong Special Needs Adults: Connie Blain (Rooms 12/13)



Activity bags are available for the kids to use during the worship service.

The bags include a variety of small, quiet toys, books, puzzles, etc.

The bags will be on a rack near the main entry to the Sanctuary. There will be blue bags for boys and pink bags for girls.

Please place the bags in the white return basket after the worship service. Return all contents with the bags.





Jr & Sr High Youth Group Sunday Nights 4:45-7:15p

GAMES...SNACKS...RELEVANT BIBLE TEACHING

No Youth Group February 2nd and February 9th.

Youth Group will resume on Sunday, February 16th.

Invite your friends to come along.

The discussion topic on February 16th is:

ON YOUR OWN; the importance of Godly Friendships

Questions? Contact Brian Smith
(616) 881-1488 or Youth@leightonchurch.org

Youth Group Snacks



Questions?

**Contact Terri Farmer
(616) 780-8444**

Youth Group meets on Sunday nights from 4:45-7:15 p.m.
Part of the weekly meetings is snack time.

The Youth Group is seeking donations of snacks or folks to bring in snacks for the group. You are also welcome to stay and serve the group to get involved and connected with them.

Sign up in the Lobby for the date that works best for you. A reminder will be emailed to you a week prior to your scheduled date. If you deliver snacks, please arrive by 5:15

Snack suggestions include: Fruit, Ice Cream, Chips, Doughnuts, Cookies, Veggies & Dip, etc. Provide enough for 20 people.



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



February 8th
9:00-11:00 a.m.
The final day of archery
and breakfast.

If you haven't had an opportunity to come to Saturday breakfast and youth archery, February 8th is your final opportunity.

Nick Harp, pro archer of God's Country Outdoor Ministry, shares a testimony/devotional and provides archery instruction for kids.

Breakfast is served at 9:00 a.m.

Testimony/Devotion at 9:45 a.m.

Archery instruction and practice for kids 10:10-11:00 a.m.

No charge to participate! Open to kids age 4 through high school.

Equipment is provided or you may bring your own.

Questions? Contact Pastor Dennis (517) 242-5581 or
pastor@leightonchurch.org



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY MORNINGS

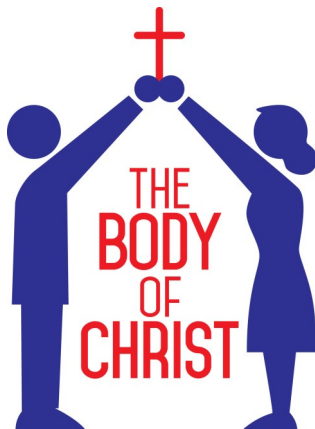
NOW thru APRIL 1st

9:30-11:00 a.m. in Room 9

Answers in Genesis Bible Curriculum Unit 5
Digging deeper into the book of Genesis and
the accounts of Jacob & Esau, the life of
Joseph and Israel's Blessing.

Led by Cindy Herring

616-299-0083 or bigcowdoc@yahoo.com



NEW Adult Sunday School Class

The Body of Christ Alive

Led by John VanderMeer

Rooms 15/16

11 a.m.-Noon

An exploration of the books of Galatians, Philipians, Colossians, and Philemon. Learn about the truths in these epistles as never before and be grounded in God's Word. Some of the lessons include: Redemptive Relationships, Keeping in Step with the Spirit, God's Timely Gift to the World, How to be Strong in the Lord, Humble Like God, and Forgiveness.

Men and women welcome! Questions? Contact John at 616-292-2683

**New Adult Sunday School Topic
starting February 2nd!
Pastor Dennis will be teaching on
the book of Galatians.
Join us in Rooms 7/8
11:00 am-Noon**



FREE ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES



The Church has two seven foot artificial Christmas trees looking for a new home. One tree is in a box. The other is loose in 3 pieces.

If interested, contact Lori Haselden (269-838-5941, lghaselden@gmail.com) or Jodi Smith (616-877-4963, jodi.smith@notionsmarketing.com)



We are well into the new year with January food bags delivered to fourteen students without interruption, even with all of the recent school closures.

The pantry is stocked for February bags to be packed next week; however, we are always in need of canned tuna, canned chicken, and canned vegetables (corn, cut green beans and peas). It is also my hope that we can again provide hams for Easter, so we are accepting donations toward that goal. In addition, we are in need of plain boxed scalloped potatoes for the Easter meal.

Again, thank you for your support of these children through donation and prayer.

Lori Haselden, Hand2Hand Coordinator
(269) 838-5941 or lghaselden@gmail.com

Do you have Bibles that you no longer use collecting dust on your shelves? There are people around the world who would cherish a Bible and missionaries are looking for Bibles to use as they minister to people.

Mission Cry is seeking new or used Bibles (all versions, foreign languages too). Mission cry is an organization located in Fowlerville, Michigan, that collects Bibles and Christian literature and ships these items to equip orphans, evangelists, pastors, and missionaries for works of service.

Bring your Bibles to donate to Mission Cry now through March 9th. Place them in the designated box in he Lobby.



BIBLE DRIVE

Please drop your used or new Bibles in the designated box to donate to Mission Cry. These Bibles will be sent overseas and given freely to people who cannot afford them. *English and Spanish Bibles are accepted.*

Empowering native missionaries since 1956. We have done this by asking people to share their bookshelves that are filled with Bibles and Christian books. Once we have received those materials, we send them around the world, sowing God's Word into the lives of those who cannot afford it.

Mission Cry is equipping orphans, evangelists, pastors and missionaries for the works of service. We have set up Distribution centers across the globe, Lending libraries, Bible College libraries, and Crusades. We have begun to distribute our very own Mission Cry Bible with the G300 Discipleship Program.

When you give financially; sponsor the Mission Cry Bible; or donate Bibles, commentaries, and Christian books, you are becoming a book missionary and aligning yourself with the mission, letting the world hear your Mission Cry!



200 Free St · Fowlerville, MI 48836
(517) 223 - 3193 · www.missioncry.com



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you for your participation in Missions Emphasis Month. All 14 missionary families have been adopted for 2025 and will be encouraged through your cards and correspondence and covered in prayer. We hope you had an opportunity to connect with our guest missionaries and that you learned more about them and their ministry and how you can pray for them. You once again said, "YES! We support our missionaries." through your Faith Promise pledges, which totaled \$21,564. A big thank you to Bob Blain and Marcia Schondelmayer and the Missions Team for their work in preparing and serving a delicious meal last Sunday. The Mission Team will be meeting on February 6th to set the Faith Promise budget for 2025 and to start planning for the year. There are Faith Promise pledge forms at the information table if didn't have an opportunity last Sunday to submit one.

Thank you!

Dear Leighton,

We were so glad to be with you all on January 19th-thanks for the invitation! Thank you also for the offering! It means a lot to have your partnership to keep missionaries healthy and effective!

Blessings,

Liz Kamper (Global Outreach International)



Dear Leighton Church Family,

Thank you so much for your gift to our family and for your continued, faithful support prayer. We're grateful for you! We enjoyed some sweet fellowship and family time with all of our kids home for Christmas, which is becoming more rare with the kids in college and beyond. Looking forward to reconnecting with you all next time we are in Michigan-possible fall of this year!

With many thanks for your kindness at Christmas.

~The Overbeeks
(missionaries in Kodiak Island, Alaska)



Dear Pastor Weeks & Leighton Church,

Chimney Rock Baptist Church would like to express our sincere appreciation for your tremendous financial support of our community during our recovery from Hurricane Helene. We just wanted to share with you that your donation has helped several families who lost their homes and businesses in Chimney Rock, and consequently their income source. Others who received assistance also lost their homes or experienced significant structural damage to their homes. Although this is a long process, it has been made more bearable because of the loving donations and prayers of fellow believers.

Thank you again for your financial donation and we ask for your continued prayers during our long-term recovery.

May God richly bless you for your kindness and concern,
Pastor Alex Heafner



Wednesday Night Church



5:15-6:00 p.m. in the gym
All are welcome!
February 5th Menu:

Mexican Fiesta!!

Donations appreciated to help off-set expenses.

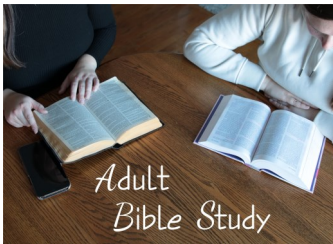


For kids age 4 on up
5:45-7:00 p.m.

Last Wednesday, the kids starting learning about prayers in the Bible. This week's topic is:
THE PRAYERS OF DAVID



All are welcome to come to pray over the needs in the church, community and around the world.
6:15-7:00 p.m.
In the Prayer Room
Led by Pastor Dennis & Kelli Weeks



A foundational study of God, His Word, and the Trinity

For men and women of all ages and phases of life.

5:45-7:00 p.m. in Room 9
Thru March 26th
Led by Cindy Herring
(616) 299-0083
bigcowdoc@yahoo.com



6:30 p.m. in Rooms 15/16
For men of all ages and phases of life.
The group will be finishing their study of the book of Colossians and moving on to the book of Philipians.
Led by C.J. Yarrington
616-366-3387

Wednesday Night Kids Fruit of the Spirit



APPLE



GRAPE



COCONUT



BANANA



ORANGE



WATERMELON



STRAWBERRY



PINEAPPLE



JOY Lunch (Just Older Youth)

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
Everyone age 50 on up is welcome!

Invite a friend or two.

Next Luncheons: February 6th & 20th at 1:00p.m.

Meet at Curley Cone

12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland

Questions? Contact Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348

Community Smorgasbord Dinner

Friday, February 7th

4:30-7:00 p.m.

Welcome Corners UMC

3185 N. Broadway/M-43, Hastings

On the Menu:

Chicken & Biscuits, Ham, Liver & Onions

Sides, Salads, Desserts & Beverages

\$15/adult, \$5/kids ages 4-12

No charge for kids under age 4



SmorgaSBord

Please turn off the lights!



Twice this past week, lights in the church were left on after everyone had left.

If you are the last one in a room or in the building, please be sure ALL of the lights are turned off.

This is being a good steward of our facility and the finances.

Thank you!



**Grab yer boots and yer hat
and VOLUNTEER to make VBS a
rootin' tootin' good time!!**



Vacation Bible School 2025

Sunday, June 22-Thursday, June 26

6:30-8:30 p.m. for Preschool-6th Grade

Volunteer sign up begins February 9th!

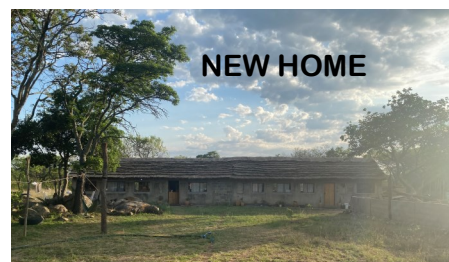


Brierly & Mackenzie Kuhudzayi Charlotte & Selma Zimbabwe, Africa

The Kuhudzayi Family lives in Zimbabwe, Africa and have their own non-profit ministry, Made in Matobo. The primary focus of this ministry is to improve the quality of life in southern Africa through agriculture, and to build the Kingdom by walking alongside people and deepening faith.

On November 11th, the Kuhudzayi's moved into their new home on the new Made in Matobo ministry base (Ukuthula). Mackenzie's parents were visiting from Michigan at the time, so they were able to help with the move.

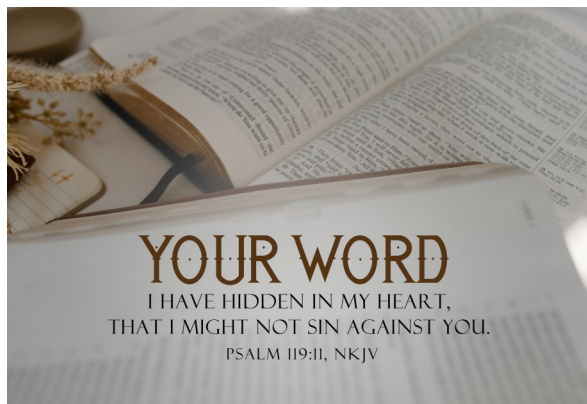
Their new location is based 45 minutes out of the city of Bulawayo, and while it's not too remote, they are enjoying being in the bush again. They are all enjoying birding, gardening, homeschooling, and planning to get a couple more agricultural models going, including a few dairy cows (the broiler chickens remain a growing and successful project 30 minutes west of the new place).



The Men's Ministry that Brierly facilitates recently finished a study on John Piper's book "Don't Waste Your Life." They are considering studying 2 Corinthians or 1st/2nd Peter next. Pray that Brierly can continue to create a space for these men to dig deeper into the Scriptures and be vulnerable and accountable to one another.

Also pray for the 3 workers who are eager to do casual work for Brierly and Mackenzie. They are good guys at heart, but have some bad habits. Pray that these workers will be receptive to the Gospel and that the Holy Spirit will use Brierly and Mackenzie to share the love and grace of Jesus with them.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Brierly & Mackenzie Kuhudzayi. For more information on this ministry go to <https://unitedinchristgr.com>. Thank you for giving! Check out the literature rack in the Lobby for newsletters from missionaries and mission organizations.



“Now David was greatly distressed.... but David strengthened himself in the Lord his God”
~1 Samuel 30:6

Did you know that sometimes the most powerful motivational speech you’ll ever hear is the one you give yourself? That’s what David did. At the moment when he had suffered the greatest military defeat of his life and his own army was threatening to stone him, David found a way to strengthen himself in the Lord. There wasn’t anyone else to encourage him, so he made up his mind to encourage himself. He rose to his best when everyone thought he should be at his worst. He said to himself, “I might be knocked down, but I’m not staying down. I may be surrounded by bitterness, but I’m not letting bitterness get inside me. I’m not giving in to fear or worry. This did not come to stay; it came to pass.”

Today, decide that you’re not going to let anything get the best of you. Look yourself in the mirror and remember that people don’t see what God sees in you. When He looks at you, He sees a king or a queen. He calls you a joint heir with Jesus to His Kingdom. He says, “You’re My child. You are the most priceless of all my possessions. I am the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and I’m on your side. Nothing is impossible with me.”

THE BLESSING

May you live in the anointing which God has made possible. May you know joy, peace, deliverance, healing, health, and unity. May you know everything God wants you to know to accomplish your destiny. Let the joy of the Lord that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow be your portion today and every day of your life. Go with this blessing in Jesus’ name.



Maranatha Valentine’s Getaway

4759 Lake Harbor Road

Norton Shores, MI 49441

Sign up online maranathamichigan.org or by calling
231-798-2161

Join Maranatha Bible and Missionary on Friday, February 14, for an unforgettable evening of romance, gourmet food, and passionate worship featuring Justin Unger and his friends. Special overnight getaway rates are available for the ultimate Valentine’s gift! A Christian music artist and worship pastor, Justin is formerly part of the Christian pop-rock duo “Across The Sky.” He is dedicated to uniting the Church in worship by bridging cultural and generational gaps as Christ prayed in John 17:21. Justin will be joined by his wife and a few musician friends, making for a wonderful concert and dinner event.

From this  To this 

Patty Hoekstra is collecting old t-shirts to make into jump ropes to put in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. If you have old t-shirts that you'd like to get rid of, please put them in the designated box.

The shirts can have holes and stains on them.

Questions? Contact Patty at 269-804-7887 or pcookies68@gmail.com



Degage Ministries offers hope and opportunity to those facing homelessness and poverty in Grand Rapids. They are looking for team members who are interested in transforming lives and restoring hope.

Degage Ministries has many job opportunities

All shifts (1st, 2nd & 3rd), Part time & Full time, Salary and Hourly Pay

Most jobs start at \$19/hour with an increase after 90 days and good performance.

Current Open Positions:

Safety and Community Center Manager

HR Administrative Assistant

Part-time Kitchen Assistant

Safety & Security Specialist Monday-Friday, 11 pm– 7 am

Safety & Security Specialist Weekends

Open Door Support Specialist

For more information, visit www.degageministries.org/employment-opportunities

To apply for a job, please send your cover letter and resume to:

careers@degageministries.org

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MINISTRIES

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: February 2: Mike & Linda Horton February 9: Randy & Sharon Grinage February 16: Don Hilton Sr. & Debi Warren	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
Intercessory Prayer: February 2: Jean McCaul February 9: Chris Herring February 16: Alverna Truax	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: February 2: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak February 9: April & Olivia Taylor February 16: Mike & Christine Syswerda	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: February 2: Jean McCaul & Debi Warren February 9: Chuck & Jane Hannan February 16: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: February 2: Kim Bender & John VanderMeer February 9: Amanda Shanahan & Diane Norris February 16: Amanda Brandt & Jackie Corwin	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: February 2: Helena Weeks & Isabella Brandt February 9: Emilee Taylor & Abbi Pollmann February 16: Celia Weeks & Hollie Lepeak	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: February 2: Diane & Rylee Norris February 9: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak February 16: Christine & Ava Syswerda	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Youth Group Snacks: February 2: Snacks Not Needed February 9: Snacks Not Needed February 16: Nancy Slagh	Get Involved: Sign up in the Lobby or contact Terri Farmer (616) 780-8444 or farmert7796@gmail.com
Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams February 2: Ava & Jack Syswerda February 9: Devin, Gwen, and Xander Triick February 16: Ian & Rylee Norris	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org