



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of February 16, 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 16	Youth Group 4:45-7:15p
Monday, February 17	Circle of Joy Fellowship Meeting at Church in the Lounge 1:30p Gym in Use 5:30-6:45p Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, February 18	Adult Bible Study 9:30-11a Pastor's Café 2-3p
Wed., February 19	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 20	JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch 1p Mission Team Meeting 6:30p
Friday, February 21	Gym in Use 5:30-6:30p
Sunday, February 23	Youth Group 4:45- 7:15p



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.



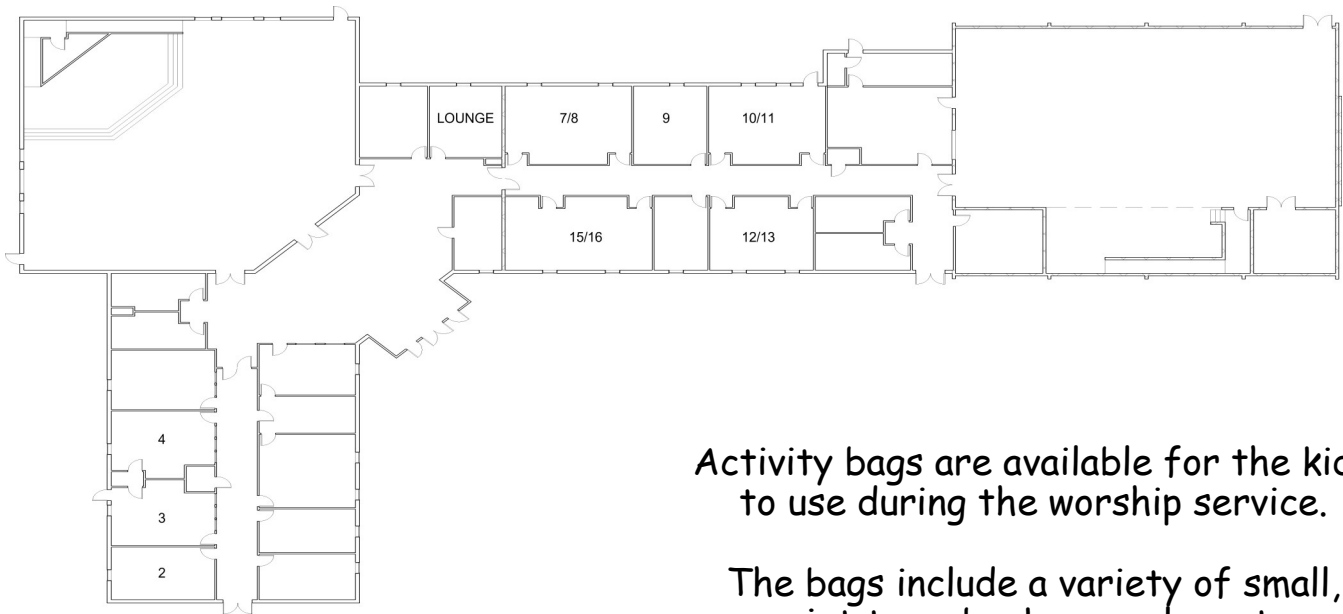


Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults 11:00-Noon

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

Youth Group Sunday, February 16th.
Invite your friends to come along.

The discussion topic is:

ON YOUR OWN; the importance of Godly Friendships

Kids can access the lesson by using the
Grow Code FHBV

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

Youth Group Snacks

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.

Only 4 more Sunday night's needed: March 2, 9, 30, and April 27!



Questions?

Contact Terri Farmer

(616) 780-8444



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



Pastor Dennis is once again hosting the Pastor's Café every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and visit with Pastor Dennis. It's an informal time to get acquainted, ask theological questions, or just chat. No appointment is necessary. If Tuesday afternoon doesn't work for you, contact Pastor Dennis to set up another time that is more convenient for you.

Office 616-891-8028 ext. 2001

Cell: 517-424-5581

Email: 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 LOCATION



The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is meeting on Monday, February 17th at 1:30 p.m. The new location is at church in the Lounge. The ladies will be working on a project for the Shoebox Ministry, and sorting towels in the kitchen.

Questions? Contact Jean Bender (269) 795-3458
or mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com

Community Dinner
Friday, March 7th
4:30-7:00 p.m.



Smorgasbord

On the menu:

Baked Chicken, Ham, and Corned Beef & Cabbage

A variety of sides, salads, desserts, and beverages

Welcome Corners United Methodist Church, 3185 N Broadway/N M-43 Hwy, Hastings

Cost is: \$15/adult , \$5 kids age 4-12, no charge for kids under 4



WANTED: Men, Women, & Teens to Volunteer and Help with Vacation Bible School!

Sign up today to help with Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, June 22-Thursday, June 26

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

Many open positions available!!

See the list below and the sign up in the Lobby TODAY!

Sign up sheets are located at the VBS display!

Assistant Director

Prayer Coordinator

Craft Coordinator

Game Coordinator

Music Coordinator

Sound/AV Coordinator

4Y-Y5 Coordinator

Science Coordinator

Carpenter Joe's Craft Assistant (4)

Sweet Sadie's Snack Assistant

Carpenter Joe's Science Assistant

Toddler 4Y-Young 5's Assistant (3)

K-1 gr Truth Teacher

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2-3 gr Truth Teacher

4-6 gr Truth Teacher

4-6 gr Teacher Assistant

K-1 gr Group Guide

2-3 gr Group Guide

4-6 gr Group Guide (4)

Group Floater (3)

Registration/Sign In

Water Helper

Time Keeper

Substitute (3)

Drama (3)

As Needed if Available (2)

Sheriff & Deputy Memory Verses

Still Available 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)



Reminder:

Leighton Church is a nut free facility. Please keep this in mind when bringing food into the building. This is for the safety of several in our church family.



Wednesday Night Church



5:15-6:00 p.m. in the gym
All are welcome!
February 19th Menu:

Mexican Fiesta!!

Donations appreciated to help off-set expenses.



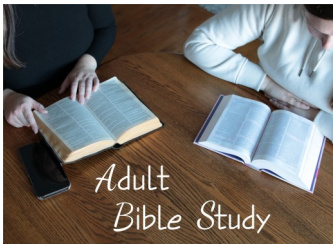
For kids age 4 on up
5:45-7:00 p.m.

This week's topic is:

THE PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE



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 is studying the book of Philippians.
Led by C.J. Yarrington
616-366-3387



JOY Lunch (Just Older Youth)

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

Invite a friend or two.

Next Luncheon: February 20th at 1:00p.m.

Meet at Curley Cone

12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland

Questions? Contact Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348



Youth Group Fundraiser for their Mission Trip in June

50's Diner Themed Dinner and Bake Sale

March 29th 5-7 p.m.

Reservations Required and More Details to Come on Cost

On the Menu:

Hamburgers, French Fries, Condiments, Coke & Pepsi, Vanilla Milkshake
Baked Goods For Sale (Peanut Butter or Nut items-photo or description
will be provided of the item and pickup can be arranged at a later date
and location).

Needed: They need to borrow 4 person card tables (25 of them). If you
are able to lend them a table let Jill Smith (269) 795-4212 or Terri Farmer
(616) 780-8444 know. They will need it by March 28th. Make sure you
label your table so they can get it back to you.



Answers in Genesis Men's Conference

March 21-22, 2025
1 Ark Encounter Drive
Williamstown, KY 41097

As the culture drifts from the truth revealed in God's Word, many fall victim to the dangerous, anti-God ideologies being promoted in society today. Amidst the chaos, men often seek to find their identity, meaning, and purpose from sources that only want to destroy them.

Answers in Genesis has a powerful group of biblical speakers lined up to equip men to be who God has called them to be. The speakers will share what God's word says about identity, purpose, and how you can fulfill your calling as a godly man.

Register today: AnswersForMen.org

\$99 per person and includes a 3-day Bouncer Pass to The Creation Museum & Ark Encounter



LADIES RETREAT

“Out of the Boat: Peter's Journey and Ours”

Speaker: Jennifer Shaw Worship Leader: Kelli Bonomo

April 11-13 Friday check-in is between 4 and 6 p.m.

Ends Sunday at 1 p.m.

Cedar Lake Ministries

13701 Lauerman Street Cedar Lake, IN

(less than a 3 hour drive from Leighton Church)

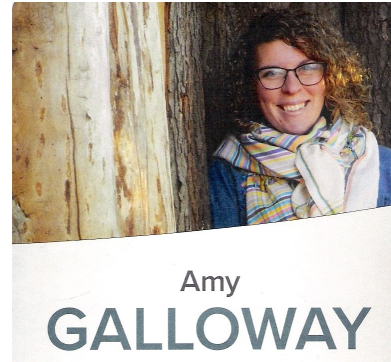
Cost is \$185-\$220 based on housing and roommates.

All Inclusive!!

Sign up in the Lobby or contact Kelli Weeks (219) 902-0037 or kelliweeks543@gmail.com by **February 23rd** if your interested.

For more details, visit <https://www.cedarlakeministries.org/spring-ladies-retreat/>

Missionary UPDATE



Amy Galloway is a missionary and educator in Kijabe, Kenya at Rift Valley Academy (RVA). She works at a boarding school teaching Chemistry, Calculus, and Comparative Religions: Islam and the Christian Response. She walks alongside her students in and out of the classroom. Her students parents work across the African Continent as church planters, doctors, teachers, and much more. By providing a quality education to these missionary children, it creates the opportunity for the gospel to go places it has never been seen before.

Simple joys have brought Amy contentment and fulfillment to her life recently. She finds happiness in the small, everyday moments such as her connection with people, the joy of community, and the fulfillment she finds in her work and personal life.

One of her recent joys was a hike with colleagues to a new restaurant in town. This was part of a community building effort, which she values deeply in her busy life at RVA. Amy also hosts a weekly ladies' prayer group, where women gather to pray through scriptures, pray for others, and then for each other.

Amy finds joy in her students' growth. Her role as a teacher brings her a deep sense of joy and purpose. Amy enjoys meeting with her students after hours playing games, chatting, and drinking hot-cocoa. This provides opportunities for fun, fellowship, and connection with the students in an informal setting.

Joys continue to abound for Amy as she watches her students grow. Currently, she is helping her students plan RVA's version of a prom. They are planning a program for entertainment, full themed menu, set, tables, and centerpieces. She is so proud of them for all their hard work.

Amy is excited to host house guests of one of her students parents while they visit for school board meetings. She is excited to open her home up to more guests over the next few months. The joys continue to abound for Amy and she praises these moments of connection, community, and personal growth, reflecting on the many ways she experiences joy in the everyday.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Amy Galloway. For more information on this ministry go to <https://faithful-footsteps.com>.

Thank you for giving! Check out the literature rack in the Lobby for newsletters from missionaries and mission organizations.

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 in the Lobby.

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

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



Volunteers Needed!

Samaritan's Purse needs your help! Volunteers are needed to fulfill gift orders placed through Build a Shoebox Online. They need help to finish packing hundreds of thousands of shoeboxes being assembled for boys and girls around the world.

Location: Samaritan's Purse Midwest Ministry Center

800 North Commerce Street

Aurora, Illinois 60504

Tuesday-Saturday

Volunteer in three hour shifts between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

It will take approximately 3-4 weeks or until all shoeboxes built online are packed.

If you have any questions call Samaritan's Purse at (828) 262-1980

Community Happenings



Discover Degage Ministries! This is an opportunity to take a tour of Degage, learn more about homelessness, and the life transformations that happen at their shelter.

The tour is Friday, February 21st from noon to 1 p.m.

Join them for lunch and conversation starting at 11:30 a.m.

If you wish to attend you need to RSVP. To register online call the church office or you can contact Degage Ministries directly by calling (616) 454-1661



Celebrating 25 years of Mel Trotter Ministries

You are invited to an unforgettable event that honors the legacy of compassion, service, and community that is the cornerstone of Mel Trotter Ministries mission. Enjoy lunch, take a guided tour of the Mission to witness first hand the life-changing work.

Thursday, February 27th

11:00 a.m. Welcome

11:30 a.m. Guided Tours

12:15 p.m.- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon

225 Commerce Ave. SW Grand Rapids MI 49503

To RSVP go to meltrotter.org/events

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: February 16: Don Hilton Sr. & Debi Warren February 23: Art & Connie Hooker March 2: Scott & Terri Farmer	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
Intercessory Prayer: February 16: Alverna Truax February 23: Drew & Jackie Corwin March 2: Mike & Christine Syswerda	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: February 16: Mike & Christine Syswerda February 23: Scott & Terri Farmer March 2: Robbin Hilton & Lauren Risner	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: February 16: Debi Warren & John VanderMeer February 23: Drew & Jackie Corwin March 2: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: February 16: Amanda Brandt & Jackie Corwin February 23: Christine Syswerda & Joan Klooster March 2: Lori Haselden & Colin Mead	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: February 16: Celia Weeks & Hollie Lepeak February 23: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor March 2: To Be Determined	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: February 16: Christine & Ava Syswerda February 23: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan March 2: Lauren Risner & Britney Bredeweg	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 16: Nancy Slagh February 23: Scott & Terri Farmer March 2: Snacks Needed	Get Involved: Sign up in the Lobby or contact Terri Farmer (616) 780-8444 or farmert7796@gmail.com
Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams February 16: Ian & Rylee Norris February 23: Abbi Pollmann & Celia Weeks March 2: Elijah Weeks & Brian Smith	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org