



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Pastor Dennis A. Weeks**

## Week of February 23, 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 23	Youth Group 4:45-7:15p
Monday, February 24	Gym in Use 5:30-6:45p Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, February 25	Adult Bible Study 9:30-11a Pastor's Café 2-3p
Wed., February 26	Family Dinner 5:15p Wednesday Night Kids 5:45-7p NO Adult Bible Study Prayer Meeting 6:15p Men's Group 6:30p Praise Team Practice 7p
Saturday, March 1	CPR/First Aid/AED Training for Church Staff 9a-2p
Sunday, March 2	Youth Group 4:45- 7:15p
Monday, March 3	Gym in Use 5:30-6:45p Men's Basketball 7p Worship Planning Team 6:30p
Tuesday, March 4	NO Adult Bible Study Pastor's Café 2-3p Leadership Team Meeting 6:30p



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.



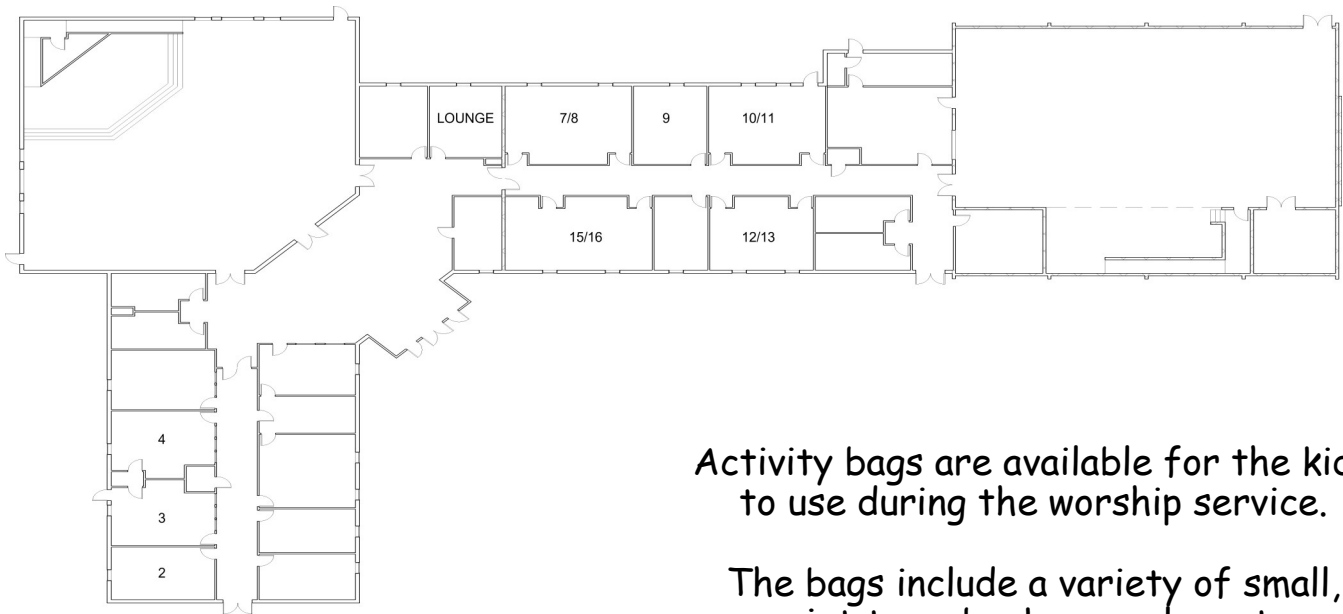


## Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults 11:00-Noon

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 23rd.  
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 Z1I2**

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

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## 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 3 more Sunday night's needed: March 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](mailto:worship@leightonchurch.org)

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*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](mailto: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

### 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.**

**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

Music Coordinator

Sound/AV Coordinator

4Y-Y5 Coordinator

Science Coordinator

Carpenter Joe's Craft Assistant  
(4)

Carpenter Joe's Science  
Assistant

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

K-1 gr Truth Teacher

K-1 gr Truth Assistant

2-3 gr Truth Teacher

4-6 gr Teacher Assistant

K-1 gr Group Guide

4-6 gr Group Guide (3)

Group Floater (3)

Registration/Sign In

Water Helper

Time Keeper

Substitute (3)

Drama (3) 1 Adult 2 Teens or  
Collage Age

As Needed if Available (2)

Sheriff & Deputy Memory Verses



# Wednesday Night Church



5:15-6:00 p.m. in the gym  
All are welcome!  
February 26th Menu:

**Soups & Chili**  
**Salad Selection**  
**Breads & rolls**

Donations appreciated to help off-set expenses.



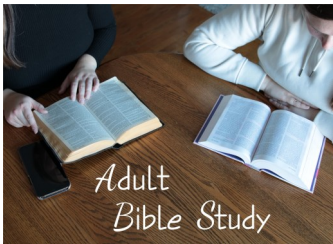
For kids age 4 on up  
5:45-7:00 p.m.

This week's topic is:

Prayer &  
Comb or Brush  
What they have in common.



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



**No Bible Study February 26**  
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 Luncheons: March 6th & 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 Dessert Auction**

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

Dessert Auction after dinner (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](http://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](mailto:kelliweeks543@gmail.com) by **THIS SUNDAY** if your interested.

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

Missionary  
UPDATE



Chris & Angie  
Walker



*Chris and Angie Walker work with Ethnos 360 doing church planting in Papua New Guinea. The 7 million people of Papua New Guinea speak more than 800 languages, and live mostly in rural, indigenous communities. The Walker's ministry among the Mibu tribe includes translating and teaching the Bible, discipleship, leadership training, teaching literacy, and community development.*

*Chris has been working alongside fellow missionary and geologist, Jonny Watson, and dozens of Mibu people as they went on a two week survey trip from the coast and back to Mibuland. They learned a lot of information from this trip but another trip will be needed before they can evaluate the feasibility of a road project. Many communities are showing support and appreciation of their survey road project.*

*At the end of December Chris and son, Titus, had the privilege of traveling back to Michigan to participate in the wedding of Chris and Angie's son, Baruch to Alivia. Angie got an early start on her trip home due to her dad's health issue. Her dad is now doing much better and the early arrival helped Angie to participate in pre-wedding events such as showers and planning.*

*Prayer Requests:*

- *For Baruch and Alivia's new life together.*
- *For their health and to stay healthy*
- *For additional missionaries to join the larger Mibu team to go into some of these new language groups that are asking for the Gospel to focus on Bible and translation and discipleship.*
- *For their co-worker, Geoff Husa, as he continues to work on the Mibu Bible translation*

*Praises:*

- *They were able to be present for the wedding*
- *Provision of a vehicle to use while in the States*
  - *Angie's dad is doing much better*

*Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Chris & Angie Walker. Thank you for giving! Check out the literature rack in the Lobby for newsletters from missionaries and mission organizations.*

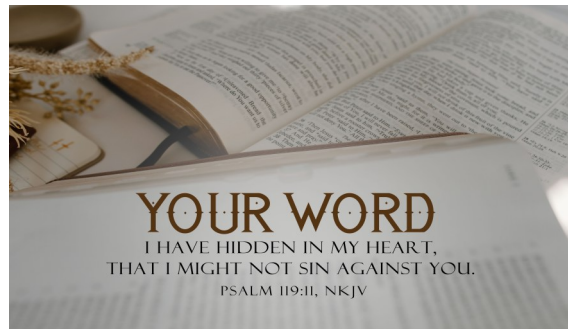
# From this To this

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

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*“By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.”*

~Hebrews 11: 24-25

Everyone whom God uses must go through the process of work in order to become the person God wants them to be. Moses was born with all the raw ingredients of a deliverer and leader of God’s people. But if you follow his story, including his forty years of shepherding in the wilderness, it wasn’t until he was eighty that God began to use him to the fullness of his potential and purpose. It took a long time to prepare Moses to be the man that God wanted him to be.

As was true of Moses, who you are right now has all the raw ingredients for what God wants you to become so you can accomplish His purpose for your life. But there are still some things that need to be refined, some things that need to be added, and some things that need to be taken out. There are some tweaks and some changes that must be made if you are going to accomplish what God wants you to achieve in your life.

The question is, are you willing to do the work that is required to improve and become the best you can be for Him?

## THE BLESSING

Father, bless us and keep us. Make Your face to shine upon us. Be gracious unto us and give us Your peace. As we pursue Your plan and purpose and as we are willing to do the work of Your Kingdom, pour out Your blessing upon those who are indeed pursuing You. Reward them that diligently seek You. Answer those who ask, and open the way for those who knock. Give blessings upon blessings and favor upon favor. Let the goodness of God be poured out in the land of the living for those who are willing, faithful and obedient to Your Word in Jesus’ name, we pray. And all of God’s children said, “Amen.”

# Do You Have Bibles You No Longer Use Lying Around Collecting Dust?

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 the 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](http://www.missioncry.com)

# Community Happenings



## 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](http://meltrotter.org/events)

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## 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



# Service in Action

## How do I get involved?

<b>GREETER MINISTRY:</b> February 23: Art & Connie Hooker March 2: Scott & Terri Farmer March 9: John VanderMeer & Jean Bender	<b>Get involved:</b> Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b> February 23: Drew & Jackie Corwin March 2: Mike & Christine Syswerda March 9: Mike & Linda Horton	<b>Get involved:</b> Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
<b>Nursery:</b> February 23: Scott & Terri Farmer March 2: Robbin Hilton & Lauren Risner March 9: Justin & Amanda Brandt	<b>Get Involved:</b> Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
<b>Coffee Bar:</b> February 23: Drew & Jackie Corwin March 2: Servers Needed March 9: Servers Needed	<b>Get Involved:</b> Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
<b>Treats for Coffee Fellowship:</b> February 23: Christine Syswerda & Jean Bender March 2: Lori Haselden & Colin Mead March 9: Jamie Shira & Cindy Thaler	<b>Get Involved:</b> Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
<b>Acolytes:</b> February 23: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor March 2: Abbi Pollmann & Isabella Brandt March 9: Emilee Taylor & Helena Weeks	<b>Get Involved:</b> Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
<b>Children's Church:</b> February 23: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan March 2: Lauren Risner & Britney Bredeweg March 9: Diane & Rylee Norris	<b>Get Involved:</b> Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
<b>Youth Group Snacks:</b> February 23: Scott & Terri Farmer March 2: Carol Hammond March 9: Snacks Needed	<b>Get Involved:</b> Sign up in the Lobby or contact Terri Farmer (616) 780-8444 or farmert7796@gmail.com
<b>Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams</b> February 23: Abbi Pollmann & Celia Weeks March 2: Elijah Weeks & Brian Smith March 9: Amanda Smith & Violet Rogers	<b>Get Involved:</b> Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org