



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Pastor Dennis A. Weeks**

## Week of March 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, March 16	Second Sunday of Lent Youth Group 4:45-7:15p
Monday, March 17	Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship in the church Lounge 1:30p Gym in Use 5:30-6:45p Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, March 18	Adult Bible Study 9:30-11a Pastor's Café 2-3p
Wednesday, March 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, March 20	JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch 1p
Saturday, March 22	Youth Mission Work Day with United In Christ Ministries 9a-1p
Sunday, March 23	Third Sunday of Lent 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.



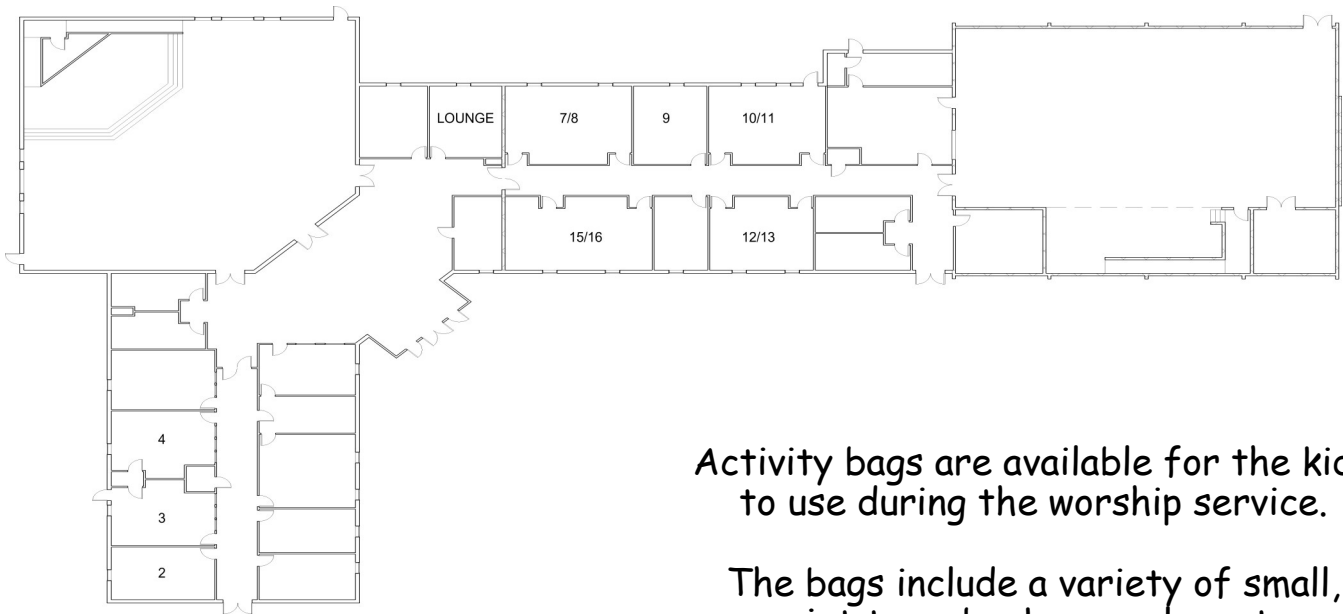


## Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults 11:00-Noon

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 are on a rack near the main entry to the Sanctuary. There are 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, March 16th.  
Invite your friends to come along.

The discussion topic is:  
**THE MAKING OF;** a series on Spiritual Growth

Kids can access the lesson by using the  
**Grow Code 61WV**

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 2 more Sunday night's needed: March 30 and April 27!**



**SNACK  
SCHEDULE**

**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

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*thank you!*

Thank you for donating Bibles to the Mission Cry Bible Drive. While only 8 Bibles were donated, the quantity isn't important. Each Bible will be used to reach people around the world with the life-changing message of the Gospel.

Mission Cry accepts donations of not only Bibles, but also Christian literature, books and curriculum to distribute to churches and missionaries world-wide.

There is an on-going collection of these items. The collection bin is located outside of the church office. On the bin, there's a complete list of items that are needed.

The last donation of books and literature that Leighton Church presented to Mission Cry weighed 102 pounds! (They measure donations by weight, not number of items).

As you go through your bookshelves, consider bringing your literature, books and Bibles to the church to donate to Mission Cry.

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## *Youth Group Mission Work Day*

On March 22nd the Youth Group will travel to the Black Hills Community in Grand Rapids to teach a Bible lesson, read, play games, do crafts, and help serve lunch to around 15 kids from the community. The youth group will leave the church at 9:15 a.m. and return around 1:00 p.m. If your child plans to attend, please let Brian Smith know by March 19. You can contact Brian by emailing youth@leightonchurch.org or calling 616-881-1488.



## 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

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*Pastor Dennis is 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)*



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Easter Sunday is April 20th this year. Easter flowers are available to order in memory/and or in honor of your loved ones now through March 30th. A variety of spring flowers are available; Easter lilies, daffodils, hyacinths and tulips in a variety of colors, and hydrangeas. Flowers will be placed around the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday and available for you to take home following the worship service. Each pot will be labeled with

the name of the purchaser. Orders are due March 30th. Contact Stacey Aman if you have any questions. (616) 891-8028 Tues-Thurs 9a-3p or [Stacey.aman@leightonchurch.org](mailto:Stacey.aman@leightonchurch.org)



# Easter Flower Order Form

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LEIGHTON CHURCH OR MAKE YOUR PAYMENT ONLINE AT  
 WWW.LEIGHTONCHURCH.ORG/GIVE AND SELECT HOLIDAY FLOWERS. FOR ONLINE PAYMENTS,  
 FORWARD YOUR ORDER FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. office@leightonchurch.org

**ORDERS DUE**

**MARCH 30th.**

<u>Flower type</u>	<u>Cost Per Flower</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Color</u> (except grayed areas)	<u>Total</u>
Easter Lily (6" pot, 3-5 blooms)	\$9.50			
Easter Lily (8" pot, 10+ blooms)	\$20.50			
Easter Lily (10" pot, 15+ blooms)	\$30.50			
Daffodil (6 inch pot)	\$8.50			
Hyacinth (6 inch pot) (blue, pink, or white, )	\$8.50			
Hyacinth (8 inch pot) (blue, pink, or white)	\$16.50			
Tulip (6 inch pot) (lavender, pink, white, yellow, red, or bi-color)	\$8.50			
Tulip (8 inch pot) (lavender, pink, white, yellow, red, Bi-color)	\$16.50			
Hydrangea (6" pot) (blue or pink)	\$18.50			
				TOTAL DUE:



# **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

Music Coordinator

Sound/AV Coordinator

Carpenter Joe's Craft Assistant

Toddler 4Y-Young 5's Assistant

K-1 gr Truth Teacher

K-1 gr Truth Assistant

2-3 gr Truth Teacher

4-6 gr Teacher Assistant

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



Dear Church Family,

I wish to thank you for the outpouring of care and concern following my recent surgery. The cards and phone calls were of great encouragement. Mike and I enjoyed all of the delicious meals delivered to us. There are many great cooks here at Leighton. Most of all, I appreciate your prayers. My surgery went well and I'm feeling good.

Sincerely,

Renee Reurink





The Last Wednesday Night Supper and Wednesday Night Kids Program will be March 26th!



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

**Burger Bar**

**Including: Bacon, Fried Onions, & Mushrooms  
Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Salad Bar, and Chips  
Ice Cream**

Donations appreciated to help off-set expenses.



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

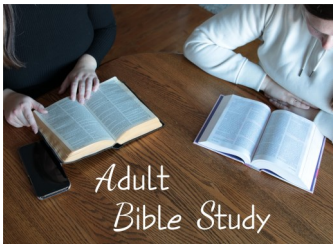
This week's topic is:

Speak Loud, Your Servant is  
Listening 1 Samuel 3:10



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: March 20th at 1:00p.m.

Meet at Curley Cone  
12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland

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The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is meeting  
on Monday, March 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the Lounge

All ladies are invited to work on a project for the  
Shoebox Ministry, and sort towels in the kitchen.

Refreshments provided.

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



**Monday**  
**March 17th**  
**1:30 p.m.**



## Smorgasbord

**Community Dinner**  
**Friday, April 4, 2025**  
**4:30-7:00 p.m.**

On the Menu:

Bavarian Sauerkraut, Homemade Meatballs, and Tuna Noodle Bake  
A variety of sides, salads, desserts, and beverages

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

Cost is : NEW PRICE \$17/adult, \$5 kids age 4-12, no charge for kids under 4



1950'S DINER &  
DESSERT AUCTION



Saturday, March 29th 5:00 p.m.  
\$10/person by March 23rd  
\$15/person at the door

All proceeds support the Youth Group Mission Trip to  
Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota

Six teens and three leaders are going to minister to the Dakota tribe at Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota June 15-20. Through Youthworks, the group will be working with other youth groups to complete service projects. Come and support the youth! They'll be serving hamburgers, fries, and vanilla milkshakes.

The goal is to raise \$2,000.00.

Advanced Reservations can be made by:

Signing up in the Lobby

Payment:

Cash or checks payable to Leighton Church can be given to Terri Farmer  
OR

Go to [www.leightonchurch.org/events](http://www.leightonchurch.org/events)

To pay safely & Securely by credit/debit/Google Pay/PayPal/Venmo or  
ACH.

Questions? Call Terri Farmer (616) 780-8444

Jill Smith (269) 795-4212



*Desserts Needed!*

*There will be a Sign Up Sheet in the Lobby for anyone that would like to donate a dessert for the auction.*

# THE MARMOLEJOS

FEBRUARY 2025

## Missionary groups

### Trinity Church

### Hope Missionary Church



### GOD'S CABIN BREAKFAST PROGRAM READING CLASSES WORSHIP SERVICE



### 5Q Group New Disciples

### Silas Barnes

He is an enthusiastic, hardworking young man, full of love for the ministry. After arriving with a group of missionaries, God has called him to return to Mexico and support us for a few months. It is a blessing to work together and see the impact we are making for the glory of God!



The Marmolejos



# Irving & Estefania Gloria Marmolejo



Irving and Estefania are members of the Mission Evangelica Mundial de Mexico church where they teach the youth, children, and help in the discipleship program.

Estefania grew up as a pastor's kid and has served in the church for several years. Children are drawn to her because of the love she shows them. She plans to use her degree in laboratory science to help the youth and young people realize that God is the Creator.

Irving has a degree in media communication from the University of Texas. He is bilingual and instrumental in bringing Work4ALiving to Latin America.

Shortly after the Marmolejo's were married they felt the nudge to become missionaries. After praying and consulting with others, God led them to join World Gospel Mission. Now they can help expand God's kingdom throughout Mexico and Latin America.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of The Marmolejos. You can find more information at their website <https://www.wgm.org/missionary/marmolejo>. Thank you for giving! Check out the literature rack in the Lobby for newsletters from missionaries and mission organizations.

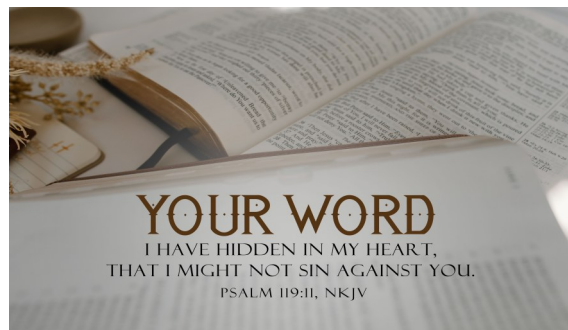
# From this To this

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](mailto:pcookies68@gmail.com)

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*“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.”*  
~Isaiah 40:8

The only set of scales big enough to balance the chaos of our day and to overcome the deceptions of this generation are the words of our Living God Who never falters or fails.

The only scales accurate enough to treat every person with justice are the words of God bound in the pages of the Bible. They equally value every life, fairly and squarely weigh every motive, and grant every individual their full worth.

This Word is the firm foundation that undergirds our lives. It heals our hearts and mends our minds. It delivers from addiction and releases every person that has been restrained. It restores every single thing that the enemy has stolen. When we pray its promises over our family, it erects a hedge of protection that Satan cannot penetrate. When preached to a nation, it brings repentance and revival.

The weight of the world may bow our shoulders, but God sees it as a small thing. He invites us to place it on the scales. We are not big enough to carry it, but His promises outweigh the problems we face.

When we place the issues of our lives on the scales of God's righteousness, His love, grace, mercy, and justice guarantee that we are treated fairly. Our needs will never overwhelm Him. His promises stand forever.

## THE BLESSING

May you live every day in the power of the promises of God that know no limitation and no expiration. Let it be so!

# Service in Action

# How do I get involved?

<b>GREETER MINISTRY:</b> March 16: Tim & Rebecca Shanahan, Keagan and Larkin March 23: Butch & Joan Klooster March 30: Andy & April Taylor, Olivia and Emilee	<b>Get involved:</b> Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b> March 16: C.J. Yarrington March 23: Debi Warren March 30: Jean McCaul	<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> March 16: Kelli & Celia Weeks March 23: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak March 30: Mike & Christine Syswerda	<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> March 16: Debi Warren & Jean McCaul March 23: Kelli & Helena Weeks March 30: 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> March 16: Judy Hanlon & Tamera Kennedy March 23: Debi Warren & Jane Hannan March 30: Cookies In The Cupboard	<b>Get Involved:</b> Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
<b>Acolytes:</b> March 16: Celia Weeks & Olivia Taylor March 23: Keagan Shanahan & Hollie Lepeak March 30: Helena Weeks & Isabella Brandt	<b>Get Involved:</b> Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
<b>Children's Church:</b> March 16: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak March 23: Christine & Ava Syswerda March 30: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan	<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> March 16: Brian & Jill Smith March 23: Christine Syswerda March 30: 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> March 16: Jack & Ava Syswerda March 23: Ian & Rylee Norris March 30: Abbi Pollmann & Celia Weeks	<b>Get Involved:</b> Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org