



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of March 30, 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 30	Fourth Sunday of Lent Youth Group 4:45-7:15p
Monday, March 31	Gym in Use 5:30-6:45p Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, April 1	Pastor's Café 2-3p Discipleship Team Meeting 6:30p
Wednesday, April 2	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, April 3	JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch 1p Mission Team Meeting 6:30p
Sunday, April 6	Fifth Sunday of Lent Jerry Slagh Preaching No Youth Group
Monday, April 7	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.

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.



Good Friday Service of Communion & Worship
April 18th at 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome to come and remember Christ's
suffering on the cross to redeem each one of us.
Nursery services are not provided.

Sunrise Service at
7:00 a.m.
Hallelujah! Christ
has defeated death!
All are invited to
come and celebrate
our risen Savior!!



Sunday, April 20th
Easter Worship Service
9:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast
Served at 8:00a.m.
in the
Fellowship Hall
Pancakes, Eggs,
Sausage, Juice,
Coffee & Hot Tea

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!! Join us to worship Him! Join
us to celebrate Him! Join us to honor and glorify Him!
All are welcome!

If anyone would like to donate eggs towards Easter Sunrise breakfast, please contact
Mike Lepeak (616) 322-3565. It is estimated that 12 dozen eggs are needed.

TODAY is the final day to order Easter flowers in memory/and or
in honor of your loved ones. 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. Contact Stacey



**Easter
Flowers**

Aman if you have any questions.
(616) 891-8028 Tues-Thurs 9a-3p or
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:



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

GAMES...SNACKS...RELEVANT BIBLE TEACHING

Youth Group Sunday, March 30th.
Invite your friends to come along.
The discussion topic is:
WHAT IF.....

Kids can access the lesson by using the
Grow Code UI5I

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 2 more Sunday night's needed: March 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



It's time for the annual Spring Clean Up!

Saturday, April 12th

Breakfast will be provided starting at 8 a.m. Bring your yard tools (shovels, rakes, leaf blower, etc.) to help spruce up the church and parsonage yards after a hard winter. There will also be interior jobs , too (window cleaning, wash walls, clean in the kitchen, etc.) All ages are welcome! It's a great project for families to come and work together. With enough help, all jobs will be finished by Noon.

**Questions? Please contact Chris Herring, Board of Trustees Chairman
(616) 437-3484**

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: 517-242-5581

Email: pastor@leightonchurch.org



Next Steps & Membership Classes

Hello All,

In the coming weeks, the first set of Next Steps and Membership Classes will be implemented since Leighton Church has become an independent church. Here is some information about these classes.

The Next Steps class is an introductory class that will help attenders of the church to learn more about Leighton Church and help to become more familiar with ways to connect with the Leighton Church family. Attenders will be exposed to some of the different ministries of the church, the sacraments, the bylaws, and so on. An important component of this class will be the Spiritual Gifts survey. Through the prayer and discussion surrounding it, my hope is to help connect people together in ministries in which God has prepared them as well as to help me better understand the gifting of our church.

The Membership Class will be for those that are interested in learning about becoming members of Leighton Church. This class will focus on what membership *is* and what it *is not*. The faith statement of the church will be reviewed and any questions regarding the bylaws will be addressed. Some of this information will overlap with the Next Steps Class. By the end of the course, the hope is that people will feel more confident about their decision to join the church.

Dates and times for these classes are listed below. These will be taught in lieu of my normal Sunday School class, but I believe they will be helpful and encouraging for those that choose to attend. If you find it difficult to fit these times into your present schedule, please contact me and we can plan to review the material independently. Also, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these classes or the material in them.

A sign up sheet to attend the April/May Next Steps Class and May membership is in the Lobby. Pre-registration is not required, but it is helpful.

Next Steps Class (2-week course)	Membership Class (1 session)
Room: 7/8	Room:7/8
Dates: April 27 & May 4 August 17 & 24 December 7 & 14	Dates: May 3, August 2, December 6
Time: 11am-12pm(ish)	Time: 10am-11:30am

Thank you and God bless,

Pastor Dennis Weeks

Pastor Dennis is going on Vacation!



Pastor Dennis will be taking vacation time April 6th-10th. If you have an urgent matter you are welcome to contact Pastor Dennis while he is away. Otherwise, you may also contact any member of the Board of Elders. Jerry Slagh will be filling the pulpit on April 6th.



**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

Music Coordinator

Sound/AV Coordinator

Carpenter Joe's Craft Assistant

Toddler 4Y-Young 5's Assistant

K-1 gr Truth Teacher

4-6 gr Teacher Assistant

K-1 gr Group Guide

Group Floater (3)

Water Helper

Substitute (3)

Drama (3) 1 Adult 2 Teens or
College Age

As Needed if Available (2)

Sheriff & Deputy Memory Verses



Wednesday Night Church

The Last Wednesday Night Supper and Wednesday Night Kids Program will be April 16th! (Note New Date)



5:15-6:00 p.m. in the gym

All are welcome!

April 2nd Menu:

**Pork Steak with Cream of Mushroom Soup
BBQ Chicken Breast
Potatoes, Green Beans, and Bacon &
Baked Beans, Rolls, and Ice Cream**

Donations appreciated to help off-set expenses.



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

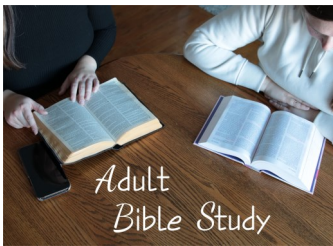
This week's topic is:
What We Believe



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 April 2nd
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: April 3rd and 17th at 1:00p.m.

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

CPR/First Aid Class



Leighton Church is offering a CPR and First Aid Class to anyone who would like to attend. You will learn the proper techniques for administering CPR, using an AED, and providing First Aid to someone in need.

WHEN: April 26th 9a.m.- 2p.m.

COST: \$75 per person Cash or Check made out to Lacey Bartz
(Pay the day of)

Coffee/Water/Lunch Provided (Pizza)

RSVP-Sign up on the sheet in the Lobby by April 16th

If you have any questions contact Noreen Ingersoll 616-550-3999 or
ingerwn@yahoo.com



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

Thank
You

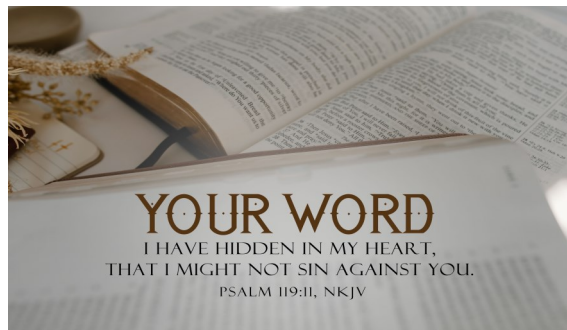


Dear Leighton Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughts, and cards during my recent surgery. I am on the road to recovery and thankful for the love you have all shown.

Sincerely,

Elda Jackson



“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

~Romans 12:21

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German pastor and theologian who spent his life in service to the Lord and in active resistance to Hitler and his Nazi regime.

He was executed in a German concentration camp, and his fervor still calls us to a deeper faith decades later. Bonhoeffer urged Christians to act on their faith: “Silence in the face of evil is itself evil; God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”

In a society wracked by moral depravity, we must speak and act out of our relationship with Jesus. In Isaiah 58: 6-7, God’s heart is revealed. Here is what He longs for His children to do: to break the chains of injustice, to eliminate exploitation, to free the oppressed, and to cancel debts. He longs to see us share our food with the hungry, invite homeless into our homes, to clothe those with no garments, and to minister to our families.

When we do the things that He desires, He promises that our light will break out like the dawn, our healing and restoration will come quickly, our righteousness will escort us to the peace and prosperity of God, and His glory will bring up the rear guard. When we pray, He will answer with, “Here I am”! (Isaiah 58: 8-9).

We cannot delay. Begin to overcome evil with the goodness of God today!

THE BLESSING

Do not grow weary of doing good. May you persevere to reap a mighty harvest!



compassion demonstrated.

Mel Trotter Ministries demonstrates the compassion of Jesus Christ toward anyone experiencing hunger and homelessness. The mission is inspired by the words of Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." This scripture guides them daily to bring an end to homelessness one life at a time.

In 2024, the mission welcomed 4,870 guests through their doors. Their newly renovated kitchen and cafeteria spaces allowed them to serve 185,768 nourishing meals to people experiencing food insecurity. They rejoice that 94 of their guests have dedicated their lives to Christ!

Mel Trotter Ministry extends far beyond shelter services. Last year, 118 families were able to avoid eviction, get connected with resources, and be diverted from ever experiencing homelessness in the first place. Their Prevention and Diversion Team, partners with the United Way, and breaks the cycle of homelessness and changes lives, particularly for young children by providing these stabilizing services.

Met Trotters Housing and Jobs program continues to grow and provide pathways out of homelessness. Despite the affordable housing shortage, they helped 391 individuals find stable housing in 2024. Recognizing the need for affordable housing, they constructed ten apartments at the Next Step of West Michigan campus. Through their comprehensive workforce development initiatives, it equips guests with the opportunity to learn both technical and soft skills, 361 individuals secured livable-wage jobs.

The positive impact Mel Trotter has had on the community was made possible by the 8,321 volunteer hours people donated, 3,559 outreach visits, and 898 medical clinic appointments. The shelter provided 168,430 nights of shelter and 2,935 showers in their Mobile Shower Unit. Behind all these statistics is a unique story that is now filled with hope and purpose. When individuals arrive on their doorstep overlooked, hit rock bottom, or having exhausted their relationships, they are met with care and compassion, and welcomed by a team to start their journey to a fresh start.

Thank you for supporting Mel Trotter Ministries. Your prayers and gifts have transformed lives and made an eternal impact on the Kingdom one life at a time. They are celebrating what the Lord has done through Mel Trotter Ministries for the past 125 years.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Mel Trotter Ministries. You can find more information at their website meltrotter.org. 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

Dear Leighton Family,

Last year, as many of you might remember 1,061 shoeboxes were packed, and sent on their way with the help of Moline Baptist Church. The countries they were sent to include Eswatini, Guyana, Malawi, Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago and Zambia.

Within the past few weeks, I received 2 emails from parents in Eswatini thanking us for the gifts in those shoeboxes. One parent asked us to pray for their son in school. When he finishes he would like to further his education and become a teacher. Both emails at the end asked that God will bless us for the generosity to their children.

We have also been collecting t-shirts. I am busy cutting them up to make them into jump ropes, koosh balls and small bags. For the rest of March and the month of April we will be collecting small items like card games, small cars, stuffed animals, and such. Right now Dollar Tree has a wide selection of these items that are of good quality and will work very nice. Also, the small items could be toothbrushes or kids size silverware. Wal-Mart has packs of 5-6 toothbrushes for a dollar. If you go to the Perrigo Store in Allegan, you can get a good price on toothbrushes as well. Kids silverware can be purchased from IKEA for 6 sets for \$1.99 right now, and any purchase over \$50 is free shipping.



I am currently working on a list of other items that we will be collecting. Thanks to a couple of generous, anonymous donors we have a good start on pencils, erasers, and small items. Quarter containers will be placed in the Lobby soon. Take 1, take 2, fill with quarters and return. This money will go toward shipping. Please know, the shipping cost covers from the time the shoeboxes are delivered to the processing centers to the time it is placed in the child's hands. Even though it sounds like a lot, it really is just a little compared to what it means to the children.

There are many crafty things we could use help with! We would really appreciate help braiding the t-shirts to make the jump ropes among other things. Thank to the Ladies Circle of Joy group for working on jump ropes Monday during their meeting.

Blessings,

Patty Hoekstra (269) 804-7887 or pcookies68@gmail.com

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: March 30: Andy & April Taylor, Olivia and Emilee April 6: Art & Connie Hooker April 13: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
Intercessory Prayer: March 30: Jean McCaul April 6: Chris Herring April 13: Alverna Truax	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: March 30: Mike & Christine Syswerda April 6: April & Olivia Taylor April 13: Scott & Terri Farmer	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: March 30: Debi Warren & John VanderMeer April 6: Servers Needed April 13: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: March 30: Cookies In The Cupboard April 6: Keith Pratt & Patty Hoekstra April 13: Lauren Risner & Sharon Grinage	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: March 30: Helena Weeks & Isabella Brandt April 6: Emilee Taylor & Abbi Pollmann April 13: Celia Weeks & Hollie Lepeak	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: March 30: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan April 6: Lauren Risner & Britney Bredeweg April 13: Diane & Rylee Norris	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Youth Group Snacks: March 30: Snacks Needed April 27: 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 March 30: Abbi Pollmann & Celia Weeks April 6: Elijah Weeks & Scott Farmer April 13: To Be Determined	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org