



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Pastor Dennis A. Weeks**

## Week of March 9, 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 9	First Sunday of Lent Youth Group 4:45-7:15p
Monday, March 10	Gym in Use 5:30-6:45p Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, March 11	Adult Bible Study 9:30-11a Pastor's Café 2-3p Board of Elders Meeting 6:30p
Wednesday, March 12	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
Saturday, March 15	CPR/First Aid/AED Training for Health and Safety Team Members 9a-12p
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



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.



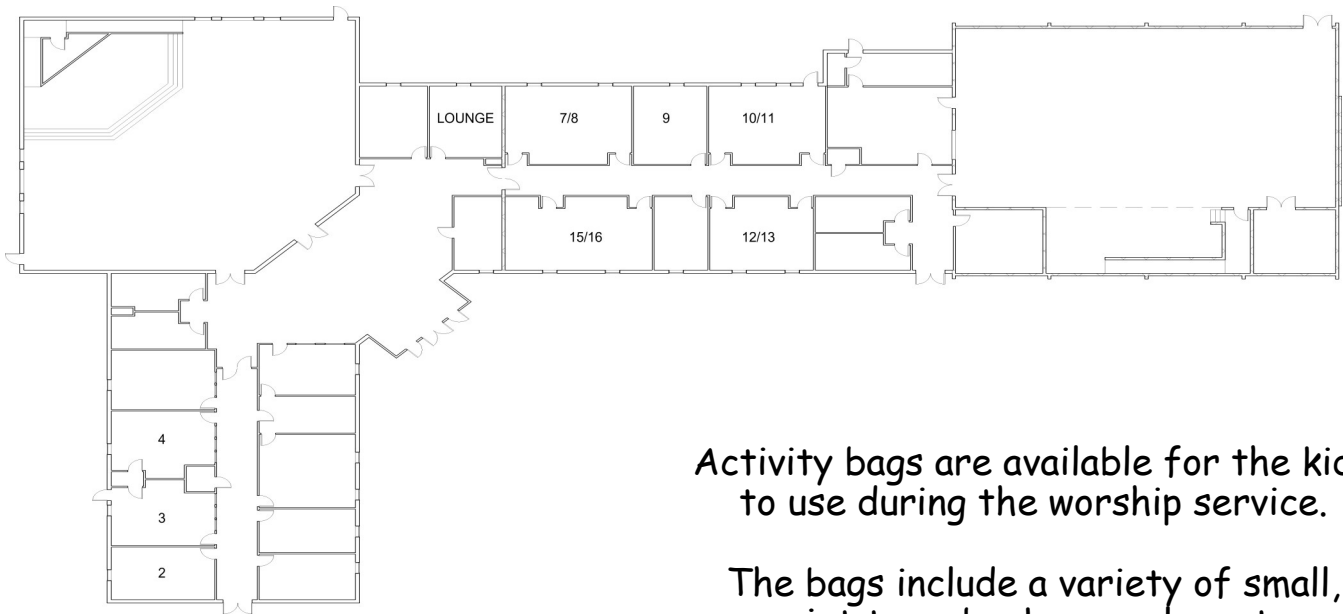


## Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults 11:00-Noon

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 9th.  
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 R4OE**

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!*



**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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Bibles for the World invites you to pray for the Muslim world during the month of Ramadan (February 28- March 29).

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. During this time, Muslims worldwide observe this as a time of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community.

Bibles for the World has put together a prayer guide booklet which takes you to places and people groups around the world and shares testimonies of those who have had a personal encounter with Jesus in their reading of the Bible and trusted Him for salvation. The booklet also gives suggestions for how you can pray.

Pick up a free copy in the Lobby and pray for the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of the Muslim people.



## 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 starting March 9th. 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  
Flowers**

# 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

Craft Coordinator

Music Coordinator

Sound/AV Coordinator

Science 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





# Wednesday Night Church

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 12th Menu:

**Chicken Dishes**  
**Potatoes, Salad Bar**  
**Jello and Fluff**

Donations appreciated to help off-set expenses.

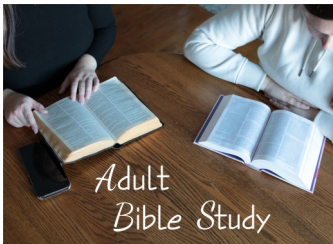


For kids age 4 on up  
5:45-7:00 p.m.

This week's topic is:  
Lord's Prayer



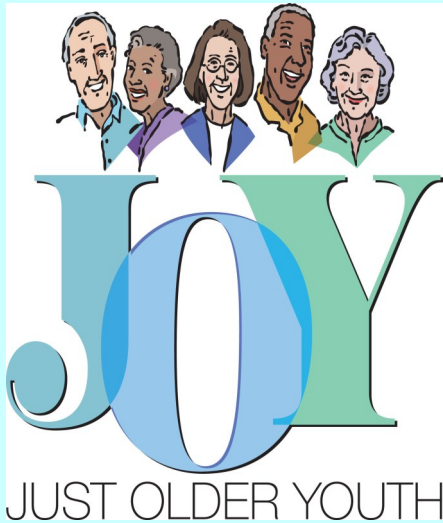
All are welcome to come to pray over the needs in the church, community and around the world.  
6:15-7:00 p.m.  
In the Prayer Room  
Led by Pastor Dennis & Kelli Weeks



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!

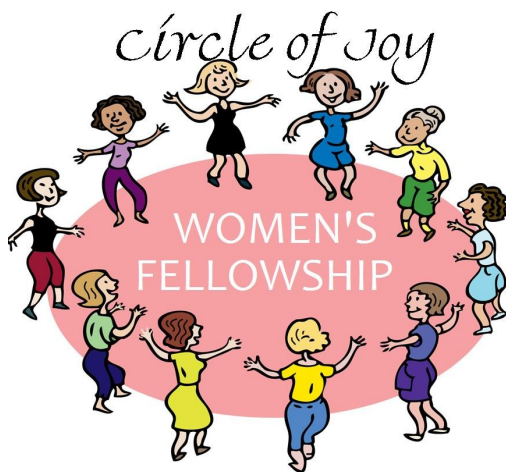
Invite a friend or two.

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

Meet at Curley Cone

12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland

Questions? Contact Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348



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

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)



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.*



# Ron & Melin G.

*Ron and Melin have been serving in South East Asia since 1997. They provide assistance to impoverished areas through community development projects to meet the needs of people holistically which often provides an opportunity for sharing. Ron and Melin have three main areas of focused ministry: Providing access to clean water, an agricultural demonstration farm, and a support of young fellowship.*

*Over the Christmas holiday Ron and Melin were able to celebrate with Christmas songs, a meal, and decorating a mango tree that was just the right shape to be decorated as a Christmas tree. They also had the opportunity to decorate Christmas cookies with some young families and play games.*

*Ron and Melin were thankful for a visit from Penny and Bill with Pure Water Initiative (PWI). They all visited a number of community sized clean water filtration systems in villages along the river, meeting and visiting with folks along the way, and hearing first-hand from those who benefit from their community's clean water filtration system. Many express gratitude for the clean water, and are showing their children the value of clean water they now have access to.*

*Ron and Melin would like us to pray for their friend Paul. He has been a faithful advocate of clean water in his community and the surrounding area. Paul is the Man of Peace helping to open new areas to have access to clean water. A couple months ago, he returned home from helping with a nearby village's newly built community sized clean water system, when he was attacked by a man waiting inside his front door. This man slashed Paul with a machete causing life threatening injuries. Paul was carried to the hospital and had a 5 hour operation. Please keep Paul and his family in your prayers, and the clean water team as they support, encourage, and care for him and his family.*

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



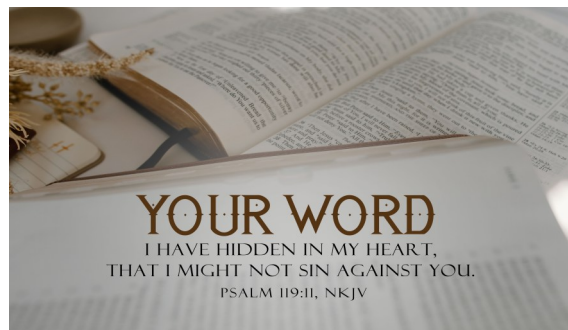
# From this To this

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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*“Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.”*

~Luke 24:51

Jewish families have practiced the power of the blessing since the days of Moses. Jewish fathers and mothers bless their children at Sabbath meals and bar or bat mitzvahs.

They place their hands on their heads, and they speak aloud a blessing in the name of God. Their children live under the anointing of that blessing spoken over them by a spiritual authority.

Jesus of Nazareth began His public ministry with eight blessings in the Sermon on the Mount. Over and over, He pronounced believers to be blessed. He made it clear that God intends for us to be blessed.

Traditionally, Jewish rabbis delivered their messages from beginning to end without stopping. However, Jesus paused in the middle of His teaching to bless the little children. The disciples desperately tried to prevent the children from getting to Him, because that is what tradition dictated. However, Jesus welcomed the interruption, gathered them up in His arms, and blessed them. Throughout His time on earth, He imparted blessings to those He taught and touched.

Jesus began His earthly ministry with blessings, and He completed it with a blessing. The final thing that He did for His disciples was to bestow a blessing as He ascended into heaven.

Jesus recognized and demonstrated the power of the blessing from gathering the children to the completion of his ministry. Shouldn't we?

## THE BLESSING

Through dedicated speech and believing lips, God will open the windows of heaven and bless you beyond your capacity to contain it!

# Service in Action

## How do I get involved?

<b>GREETER MINISTRY:</b> March 9: John VanderMeer & Diane Porter March 16: Tim & Rebecca Shanahan, Keagan and Larkin March 23: Butch & Joan Klooster	<b>Get involved:</b> Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b> March 9: Mike & Linda Horton March 16: C.J. Yarrington March 23: Debi Warren	<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 9: Justin & Amanda Brandt March 16: Kelli & Celia Weeks March 23: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak	<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 9: Syswerda Family March 16: Debi Warren & Jean McCaul March 23: Kelli & Helena Weeks	<b>Get Involved:</b> Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
<b>Treats for Coffee Fellowship:</b> March 9: Jamie Shira & Cindy Thaler March 16: Judy Hanlon & Tamera Kennedy March 23: Debi Warren & Jane Hannan	<b>Get Involved:</b> Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
<b>Acolytes:</b> March 9: Emilee Taylor & Helena Weeks March 16: Celia Weeks & Olivia Taylor March 23: Keagan Shanahan & Hollie Lepeak	<b>Get Involved:</b> Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
<b>Children's Church:</b> March 9: Diane & Rylee Norris March 16: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak March 23: Christine & Ava 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>Youth Group Snacks:</b> March 9: Joy Rogers March 16: Brian & Jill Smith March 23: Christine Syswerda	<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 9: Amanda Smith & Violet Rogers March 16: Jack & Ava Syswerda March 23: Ian & Rylee Norris	<b>Get Involved:</b> Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org