

The Leighton News
Week of September 18, 2016

On The Calendar This Week:

Sunday, September 18:

Sunday's Message: *Living and Proclaiming the Truth* – Titus 1:1-4

Non-perishable food items, paper products and cleaning items are collected during the offering time by kids and the ushers. Your donations of these items stock our food pantry.

Refreshments are available in the Lobby immediately after the worship service.

Sunday School classes for all ages are held each Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-Noon.

No Youth Group Sunday night.

Monday, September 19:

NO ADULT BASKETBALL

GYM FLOOR INSTALLATION BEGINS

7:00 p.m. Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship (Lounge)

Tuesday, September 20:

7:30 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting (Pastor's Office)

Thursday, September 22:

6:30 p.m. Praise Team Practice

NEW MINISTRY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

A new Sunday morning Bible Study group for post high school, college students, and young adults is meeting Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room under the leadership of Josh & Kate Webb. Contact [Josh Webb](#) if you have questions.

YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF!

Youth Group is scheduled to kick into a regular meeting schedule beginning Sunday, October 9th. Watch the bulletin for further details. Questions about youth group can be directed to the Discipleship Team: Bonnie McBride, [Amanda Athearn](#), or [Christine Syswerda](#)

THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW GYM FLOORING BEGINS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH. THE GYM WILL NOT BE ACCESSIBLE FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM GOING INTO THE GYM AND PLEASE KEEP CHILDREN OUT OF THE GYM AS WELL.

THANK YOU! ~THE TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

ADULT BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL WILL NOT BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WHILE THE NEW GYM FLOORING IS BEING INSTALLED.

CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All women are invited to the September Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship on Monday, September 19th
7:00 p.m. in the Lounge
Sarah Deal, missionary to Southeast Asia, will be sharing about their ministry and what is happening in their family.
Refreshments will be served afterward. Questions? Contact [Jean Bender](#)

CHILD PROTECTION CLASS

Those interested in helping or leading in Children/Youth ministry (Nursery, Sunday School, Pioneer Clubs, Youth Group, etc.) and are not currently an Approved Child/Youth Care Provider, are invited to attend the upcoming

CHILD PROTECTION CLASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
11:00 AM IN THE NORTH ENTRY AREA

Class participants:

- Must be at least 12 years of age at the time of the class
- Must be either a member of Leighton Church or a regular attendee of Leighton Church (attends either Sunday morning worship, Sunday School or Youth Group at least twice a month)
- Must have attended Leighton Church regularly for at least 6 months before applying.

Those who need to be re-certified will receive a reminder from the church office.

If you have questions, please contact [Stacey](#) in the church office Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Mission Team—Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 7/8

Staff Parish Relations Committee—Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS COMING IN OCTOBER

Are you interested in learning more about what Leighton Church is about? Would you like to discover what church membership means?

If you answered “YES” to either of these questions or would like to become a member of Leighton Church, plan to attend Church Membership Class led by Pastor Dave each Sunday in October from 11:00 a.m.-Noon (Class location yet to be determined)

If interested, sign up in the Lobby or contact the [church office](#).

DECISION AMERICA TOUR 2016 WITH FRANKLIN GRAHAM

As the nation's moral foundation continues to crumble, Jesus Christ is the only hope. Franklin Graham is hosting prayer rallies in each of the 50 states to share the gospel and pray for our nation.

Come and join him on Tuesday, October 4th from Noon-1:00 p.m. on the Capitol East Steps in Lansing.

Be counted among those who are praying and taking a stand for God's truth and righteousness.

Contact Bonnie McBride if you are interested in joining a group from Leighton Church to attend the Lansing prayer rally. (616) 891-1646

50+ POTLUCK LUNCH

Wednesday, October 5th at 11:30 a.m. in the Family Center
For everyone age 50 and up!

Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Beverages are provided. After lunch, Vickie Marsh will share her love of music; playing the piano and perhaps the handbells.

Contact [Jean McCaul](#) for more info.

FAMILY DINNER

Family Dinner will be starting up on Wednesday, October 5th from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sarah Geers is coordinating Family Dinners and is in need of help serving dinners on Wednesday nights. If you can spare 60 to 90 minutes on Wednesday nights or a few Wednesday nights a month, please contact [Sarah](#).

Family Dinner is held Wednesday nights from 5:30-6:30 p.m. October 5th thru the end of March.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD THROUGH PIONEER CLUBS!

Pioneer Clubs mid-week ministry for kids ages 4 through 6th grade is gearing up to start another season meeting

Wednesday nights from 6:15-8:00 p.m. starting October 5th and ending in late March.

In Pioneer Clubs, kids learn to dig into the Bible and discover God's truth by memorizing Bible verses, doing projects and activities, and learning life skills while earning badges for their achievements along the way.

There are a few positions that are open.

HELPERS & SUBSTITUTES

Can't help each Wednesday night? No problem. Talk with Allison Draaisma and let her know when you are available.

Contact [Allison Draaisma](#) if interested or if you would like more information.

You can make an eternal impact on the life of a child. Consider giving your time to fill one of these positions.

SNACKS NEEDED!

Donations of non-perishable snack items are needed for Pioneer Clubs. Suggested snacks are:

- Chex Mix, Pretzels, Animal Crackers, Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, etc. Candy is not recommended.

Place donated items in the marked tub in the Lobby.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS (MOPS) COMING THIS FALL!

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A new ministry coming to Thursdays, starting, October 6th, meeting every other week, for mothers of preschoolers (infants thru Kindergarten). This is not only a ministry for Leighton Church moms, but also an outreach to moms in our community.

MOPS is a world-wide Christian organization that encourages women raising young children to be the mom God designed them to be.

There are many ways you can be involved even if you no longer have preschool age children. Women are needed for:

Mentor Moms, Moppets Leader and Workers

See the display table in the Lobby to find out how to get involved.

MOMS INTERESTED IN JOINING MOPS, REGISTER NOW!: Registration forms are attached or available in the Lobby. Pick one up for yourself and take some to invite your friends!

Contact [Sarah Geers](#) or [Amanda Athearn](#) for info.
www.mops.org

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR MOPPETS

An important part of the MOPS ministry, is MOPPETS, for children. MOPPETS is a time for the kids to learn about Jesus and the Bible, play games, do crafts, etc.

Thank you for the generous amount of items given towards the MOPPETS program!

Just one items still needed are:

- Variety of Bible Story Coloring Books

Place donations in the designated bin in the Lobby.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who have recently offered to give of their time to be part of the church custodial team. Your willingness to give of your time to keep the church clean is greatly appreciated!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST FOR SEPTEMBER

Did you know that Leighton Church operates a small food pantry with non-perishable food items that services between 12 and 15 families? Throughout the month of September the following items will be collected to stock the pantry:

- Soup (this goes quick!)
- Canned fruit
- Deodorant

- Flour & Sugar
- Ketchup, Mustard, & Mayonnaise
- Toilet Paper (completely out)
- Laundry Detergent (no liquid detergent in stock)
- Facial Tissues

Items will be collected by the children each Sunday during the offering time. Questions can be directed to [Stacey Aman](#).

DIAPERS & GENTLY USED CLOTHING NEEDED FOR THE NURSERY

The Nursery is collecting diapers and a few extra clothing items to have on hand for kids who may need them while utilizing the church nursery.

Needed are:

Pants size 2T-7 for boys and girls
(knit pants or leggings preferred; no jeans)

Underwear size 2T-7 for boys and girls

Diapers size 2-5

Pull-ups learning diapers size 2T-5T

Donations can be given to [Sarah Geers](#), Nursery Coordinator

SAVE YOUR GALLON MILK JUGS!

Plans are already underway for VBS 2017 – Operation Arctic.

Needed are 430 plastic gallon milk jugs to create an igloo.

Thoroughly wash the milk jugs with water and bleach to remove any remaining milk residue which will sour and smell. Bring them to church and put them in Cindy Herring's classroom (Room 9 down the north hall). If you plan to save up jugs at home before bringing them in, remove the caps and keep them in a baggie, then bring the jugs and baggie with caps when you are ready.

Questions? Contact [Cindy Herring](#).

NEED A BULLETIN FROM A PREVIOUS SUNDAY?

Did you miss a Sunday or two or misplaced your bulletin from the previous Sunday? Extra copies of bulletins from the previous two Sundays are available in the literature rack on the table right outside the main entrance to the Sanctuary.

You can also receive an e-bulletin each week. Contact [Stacey](#) in the church office if you'd like to receive e-bulletins.

CHURCH COOKBOOKS

Church Cookbooks are available for just **\$5.00!**

Cookbooks make great gifts!

Contact [Stacey Aman](#) or [Jean Bender](#) if interested in purchasing one.

NEED PRAYER? PRAYER ROOM OPEN SUNDAYS AFTER WORSHIP.

The Prayer Room is staffed on Sunday mornings following the worship service. If you would like to be prayed for or have a need you would like prayer for, feel free to stop in the Prayer Room which is located across from the Coffee Bar. Questions can be directed to Nancy Geertman.

SERVICE IN ACTION:

COFFEE SERVERS:

September 18—Mike & Cindy Punt

September 25—Open

October 2—Randy & Bonnie Adams

PROVIDING TREATS FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

September 18—Amanda Athearn & Stephanie Haan

September 25—Jackie Corwin & Sharon Kaechele

October 2—Jan Geukes & Bonnie Adams

GREETERS:

September 18—Mike & Linda Horton

September 25—Don & Jan Geukes

October 2—Doug & Judy Hanlon

NURSERY:

September 18—Matt & Stephanie Haan

September 25—Amanda Brandt & Crystal Mulero

October 2—Jake & Allison Draaisma

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS:

September 18—Robbi Hilton, Robbin Hilton

September 25—Josh & Kate Webb

October 2—Jonathan & Amanda Athearn

HELP WANTED:

Project Hope has an opening for a Receiver/Donation Handler

This is a part-time position (25-30 hours per week). Receiver/Donation Handler is responsible for handling donations at Project Hope located at 1808 143rd Avenue in Dorr. Good customer service skills and the ability to lift approximately 40-50 pounds required. Apply in person with Brandon, Thrift Store Director, at Project Hope during regular hours (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

COLLECTIBLE CERAMIC FIGURINES FOR SALE

Keith Pratt has a number of collectible ceramic figurines for sale. If you are a collector or know of anyone who is, please call Keith at (616) 406-3809. He can give you more details and pricing.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE COLLECTION

Did you know that many pastors, Christians, missionaries around the world do not have access to materials to prepare sermons, Bible studies, or for their own personal devotions?

An organization called Christian Resources International collects Bibles, devotional books, curriculum, and more to send to pastors, evangelists, Bible colleges, and missionaries around the world. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, bring them and drop them in the box in the Lounge. Dave &

Sharon Kaechele will deliver them to CRI.

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the date for these upcoming events to support Pregnancy Resource Center.

GALA – Thursday, November 10th

Gala is their premier fundraising event held at the JW Marriott, with guest speaker Abby Johnson.

For more information on these events, call 616-259-1522 or visit prcforlife.org/how-you-can-help/events.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREATS

Grace Adventures, a non-profit Christian Training Center located near Silver Lake, is hosting women's retreats 4 different weekends this fall.

September 23-25 features guest speaker, Lina Abujamra, author of *Thrive: The Single Life as God Intended*, and *Stripped: When God's Call Turns from Yes to Why Me?* In 2012 she started a ministry called Living with Power. Lina is single and was born in Lebanon, but now calls Chicago home.

September 30-October 2 features guest speaker Karen Ehman, who is a Proverbs 31 Ministries speaker and New York Times Best-selling author. Karen writes for Encouragement for Today online devotions. She has been a guest on national television radio programs including The 700 Club, At Home Live, FamilyLife, and more.

October 7-9 features guest speaker Cindy Bultema. Cindy has been in ministry over 15 years and has trained leaders and created programs within a variety of settings. Cindy is now a popular women's speaker, author, blogger, and Bible teacher. She is a member of Carol Kent's national speaking team and Proverbs 31 Speaker Coach.

October 14-16 features guest speaker Jennifer Shaw, a Telly Award winning speaker, author, singer, songwriter, and five-time Top 40 Billboard artist. Her ministry has been featured on Focus on the Family, Insight for Living, FamilyLife Today, and many more. Her new book *Life Not Typical: How Special Needs Parenting Changed My Faith* has brought national attention to the issue of Sensory Processing Disorder.

Cost for the retreats is \$89 (if commuting-no lodging needed), \$149 if staying at a local hotel, or \$124 if staying on-site at Grace Adventures Retreat Center.

There are a variety of activities to do.

Register online at graceadventures.org/adult-retreats/womens-retreat

FOCUS ON LIFE BENEFIT DINNER

The 29th annual Focus on Life Benefit Dinner at the DeVos Place ballrooms in downtown Grand Rapids will take place on Monday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. Judge Andrew P. Napolitano, senior judicial analyst for FOX News Channel, will be the keynote speaker. Napolitano is an outspoken analyst of the legal system, a fervent critic of government intervention into personal lives, and a passionate defender of the Constitution, including the right to life. Tickets are \$100 per seat or \$1,000 per table of 10. For more information, contact Grand Rapids Right to Life at (616) 532-2300, info@grrtl.org or visit grrtl.org/dinner.

SANDI PATTI FOREVER GRATEFUL FAREWELL TOUR

See Sandi Patti in concert on her farewell tour

With special guests Veritas

Sunday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Memorial Church in Holland

Ticket prices range from \$18.50 to \$100.00

Tickets available online at premierproductions.com or the Christ Memorial Church Office
E-mail ticketing questions to support@premierproductions.com or call (616) 396-2305

SENIORS' RETREAT AT MARANATHA IN NORTON SHORES

Marantha Retreat Center is hosting a weekend retreat for seniors

October 3-6

Featuring Bible teacher, Jay Kesler, and worship leader, Burt Kettinger

For pricing and information, call (231) 798-2161 or visit vacationwithapurpose.com

Group discounts are available.

CAMP BARAKEL FALL RETREATS

Camp Barakel is an oasis where you can be encouraged and recharged. Weekend retreat schedules always include a mix of fellowship and solitude, activity and rest, laughter and thoughtfulness. Camp Barakel loves Jesus Christ and love to present him as the true rest for our souls. Claim at spot at one of these upcoming fall retreats at Camp Barakel located in Fairview, Michigan.

See www.campbarakel.org for complete retreat details.

Ladies Retreat – September 23 thru 25, September 30 thru October 2nd, or October 7 thru 9. Cost is \$110 per person. (For high school seniors and older)

Men's Retreat – October 14 thru 16 or October 21 thru 23
Cost is \$110 per person. (For high school seniors and older)

ABUNDANCE CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN

LifeWay Women's ministry presents *Abundance* conference for women
September 30-October 1st

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN

Featuring Christy Nockels, Natalie Grant, Lisa Harper, Lysa TerKeurst, Kelly Minter,
Raechel Myers, Amanda Bible Williams, Annie F. Downs & Pete Wilson
Visit lifeway.com/abundance or call 800-254-2022 for more information.

RIGHT TO LIFE CONFERENCE

All prolife people are encouraged to attend the annual conference sponsored by Right to Life of Michigan on Thursdays, September 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in Lansing.

This inspiring day of workshops and strategy sessions will feature guest speaker Wesley J. Smith, an expert on the issue of euthanasia and a writer on biological issues.

2016 Members of Grand Rapids Right to Life will save \$20 per adult if registered by September 12th. To register, visit www.rtl.org/events/conference. For a special student rate, contact Erin. For the GRRTL member rate, contact Laura (616) 532-2300 or info@grrtl.org.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

Bethany Christian Services is seeking foster parents who are willing to open their hearts and homes to refugee and immigrant youth. These young people desperately need a loving and accepting foster home to welcome them to our country and prepare them for future independence.

Bethany Christian Services provides foster care for refugee and immigrant youth between the ages of 13 and 17 who have been separated from their home and family due to war, abuse, or community violence. They have no adult caregiver, and are eligible for protection in the U.S.

Learn more at a no commitment information meeting on

Saturday, October 1st from 10:00 am-Noon

Tuesday, November 1st from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

OR

Monday, December 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at 1050 36th Street, Suite 400, Grand Rapids.

Reservations to attend this information meeting are required.

RSVP by calling 616-224-7540 or refugeefostercare@bethany.org

More information can be obtained online at Bethany.org/refugeefostercare

UPCOMING CONCERT FEATURING CHRIS AUGUST AND JONNY DIAZ

World Hope presents:

Chris August and Jonny Diaz in Concert

November 18, 2016

Cornerstone Church, 1675 84th Street SE, Caledonia, MI 49316

Dinner and concert starting at 6:00 p.m. \$35.00 each

Would like to just attend the concert? It begins at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are just \$15.00 each.

More information can be obtained at www.blessedbybrookelyn.com

FILM SCREENING OF "VOICELESS"

Come and experience the prolife film, "Voiceless" on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Celebration! Cinema North located at the East Beltline and Knapp Street (Knapps Corner). This award-winning film is about a man who discovers that there is an abortion clinic directly across the street from his church. "Voiceless" encourages people to stand up for God's truths and to overcome the spirit of retreat that has developed within the Church. Don't miss this private, advance screening sponsored by Grand Rapids Right to Life. Discounted tickets are only \$5.00 and must be pre-purchased. For information, visit grrtl.org/film or contact 616-532-2300 or info@grrtl.org.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Northlawn United Methodist Church is hosting a Life in the Spirit Seminar September 16 & 17. Through this seminar, participants will get acquainted with the person, the work, and the power of the Holy Spirit using Scripture and testimony. Every effort is made to see that the content is both scripturally balanced and Wesleyan in nature.

The weekend is designed to heighten awareness of the Spirit of God working in our personal lives and in the life of the church, to remove any barriers the participants might have, and to create a greater openness to the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The event begins on Friday, September 16th with worship, teaching on praise, and a small group experience led by team members. On Saturday morning, September 17th, team members will share on ten ministries of the Holy Spirit. The afternoon teaching session will center around kingdom encounters in the book of Acts, as well as the gifts and fruit of the Spirit. On Saturday evening, the coordinators share personal testimonies regarding the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

For a registration form or more information click [here](#).

BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Shannon Arends, Kris Freds' daughter, is hosting a community Bible study for women in her home on the north side of Middleville (off Parmalee Road)

Friday mornings from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. starting October 7th
The topic of the study will be Beth Moore's book "Entrusted" which focuses on 2 Timothy and mentoring.
No "homework" required, but participants are encouraged to get a copy of the book to read through. If you are interested in attending, contact Shannon at (616) 856-2238.

WOMEN AT RISK JEWELRY PARTY

Caledonia United Methodist Church is hosting a Women at Risk Jewelry Part
Thursday, October 13th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the church located at
250 Vine Street, Caledonia.

Come and learn about domestic and global human trafficking and the risks women are facing today. Create circles of protection around women and children. Shop beautiful jewelry and other handmade gifts crafted by rescued and at-risk women. Restore women and children to lives of dignity and worth.

Every \$300 in sales supports a woman in a safe house for one month!

THE GETTY'S IN CONCERT

Keith & Kristyn Getty will be in concert at First Byron Center Christian Reformed Church
Saturday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m.

The Getty's are the writers of well-known songs including *In Christ Alone*, *The Power of the Cross*, and *Before the Throne of God Above*. All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to local and global mission organizations (Buist Community Assistance Center, Byron Community Ministries, and OMF International). For tickets, go to Eventbrite.com or call the church at (616) 878-9768.

LIFE CHAIN

Take a stand for life!

Join hundreds of others by standing along 44th Street between Breton Road and Ivanrest Avenue on Sunday, October 2nd from 2:00-3:30 p.m. encouraging those passing by to choose life rather than abortion.

Mel & Wanda Cooke, John & Elsie Kuipers, and Kim & Cindy Arnold are this year's organizers of Life Chain.

Prior to the event on October 2nd, lawn signs and hand held signs may be picked up from the Cooke's home (8255 Bolt Drive SE, Ada), the Kuipers' home (5445 Sand Dune Ct. SW, Wyoming) or the Arnold's home (6132 South Division) Monday thru Friday, 8a-5p or Saturdays 10a-3p. Signs can also be picked up the day of the event at Brummel's parking lot located on the corner of 44th Street and Clyde Park Avenue or at the northeast corner of 44th Street and Spartan Industrial Drive, or the southeast corner of 44th Street and Buchanan Avenue.

More information can be obtained at www.nationallifechain.org or www.lifechain.net or call the Cooke's (616-676-9239), the Kuipers' (616-534-9298) or the Arnold's (616-299-0474). If you don't plan to attend, keep this event in prayer; that the words people see will touch their heart and choose life.

“CRY OUT” – A NATIONWIDE PRAYER EVENT FOR WOMEN

Join women in thousands of locations across the U.S. on September 23rd to beseech God to do in us and in our nation what no man-made effort can accomplish.

Attend the local “Cry Out” simulcast at Calvary Church of Wayland located at 304 S. Main Street, Friday, September 23rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Event starts at 7:00 p.m. See cryout16.com for more information.

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