



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dave Meister

Week of July 3, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street
Caledonia, MI 49316
(616) 891-8028
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www.leightonchurch.org
Office Hours: 9a-3p
Tues/Wed/Thurs

Sunday Worship: 9:30am
Sunday School: 10:45 am for adults

Board of Elders:

Art Hooker, David Kaechele
Scott Pollmann (Chairman),
Mark Schiefela, Doug Thaler,
Wayne Ingersoll,
Pastor Dave Meister



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Sunday, July 3	Pastor Dave Meister's First Sunday at Leighton No Kingdom Kids or Sunday School for Children/Teens Welcome Lunch for Pastor Dave Noon
Monday, July 4	<i>Independence Day</i> No Men's Basketball
Wednesday, July 6	Ballfield in Use 5:30-8:00 pm Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm
Friday, July 8	North Wing Carpets Cleaned
Monday, July 11	Men's Basketball 7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 12	Joint Meeting of Leadership Team & Board of Elders 6:30pm
Wednesday, July 13	Ballfield in Use 5:30-8:00 pm Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm



Children, Teens and Adults Digging Deeper into God's Word. 10:45-11:45 a.m.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND LOCATIONS:

Age 2 thru 4th Grade—Room 3: Luann Snyder & Noreen Ingersoll

5th-12th Grades-Rooms 12/13: Mark & Ronda Kaechele

Adults: God the Creator: Our Beginning, Our Rebellion & Our Way Back—Rooms 7/8:
Bill & Stacey Aman

Adults: God's Plan Always Prevails: God Leads Godly Leaders—Lounge: Doug Thaler

Adults: Deliver Us: God Redeems His People—Rooms 15/16: Drew Corwin

No Kingdom Kids Children's Church or children/youth Sunday School today.

This summer, the youth group is using the GROW app for weekly lessons. The icon you see below is what the app looks like.

1. Open the app and select custom code (at the top of the screen). There is a new code each week. Watch the weekly newsletters, Facebook and email for the codes!
2. After you enter the code, go back to choose the volume.
3. Select the month and week you are on (you can even go back and do lessons that you may have missed or wish to do again!)

Material will be loaded by Sunday evening each week. Contact Brian Smith if you have any questions (616) 881-1488 or youth@leightonchurch.org



**This week's theme is "Familia".
Use code SXEY**



WELCOME LUNCH, SUNDAY JULY 3RD



Welcome, Pastor Dave & Denise Meister!

Today is Pastor Dave's first Sunday at Leighton Church.

Everyone is invited to extend a warm welcome to Pastor Dave & Denise at a picnic-style lunch at Noon today in the Fellowship Hall.

All food and beverages will be provided.



How do I contact Pastor Dave Meister?

Pastor Dave Meister Cell: (269) 876-7204

Pastor Dave Meister Office: (616) 891-8028

The parsonage phone is being disconnected since Pastor Dave will not be living there full-time.

An email will be set up for him in the coming weeks. Watch the newsletter for that information.

Pastor Dave plans to be in the church office Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays starting July 5th.

Hooray for VBS!



For many churches, vacation Bible school is a summer highlight. The event leads to lasting memories and changed hearts. It also sparks laughter. Maybe you've seen VBS humor online, such as the quote, "I'm tired, I mean like ... vacation Bible school kind of tired!" Another post reads, "You know you're obsessed with VBS when ... you're excited about cardboard on the side of the road." And anyone with an earworm at week's end can relate to this meme: "My parents hid my VBS CD. It's for the best."

For hungry young learners, snacks make an especially big impression. One excited preschooler shared that she enjoyed "juice and Billy Graham crackers" at VBS. Another boy raved about the first day, saying, "We heard stories and drew pictures. Then we went to play, and when we came inside, God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"



The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is seeking a volunteer who has experience coordinating funeral luncheons to assist Ronda Kaechele for the months of July, August & September.

The Funeral Luncheon Committee purchases food items for sandwiches, chips, salads, and beverages and seeks volunteers from within the congregation to prepare cakes and jello salads for any funeral luncheons held at Leighton Church.

Anyone interested in helping to coordinate the meals or has questions can contact Jean Bender (269) 795-3458 or mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com

There are a few Sundays this summer when substitutes are needed to teach children/youth Sunday School classes.

If you would be willing to fill in on occasion, please contact Christine Syswerda or Sarah Geers.

Christine (616) 534-3324 or mncsyswerda@yahoo.com

Sarah (616) 299-6898 or sarahgeersbb@gmail.com



COMMUNITY GARDEN STAND

The Community Garden Stand has been placed by the 142nd Avenue church driveway. If you have extra produce from your garden, place it on the stand for those in need in our community to have access to fresh vegetables.





Men's Shooting Event
Saturday, July 23rd 1:00pm
Art & Connie Hooker's Home
Sign up deadline is July 17th.

Guys of all ages are invited to gather together for a fun afternoon shooting sporting clays at Art & Connie Hooker's home
4456 Patterson Road, Middleville
Saturday, July 23rd at 1:00 p.m.

Unlimited shooting. Bring your own shotgun shells (7.5-9 shot allowed)
Eye & ear protection required.
Brats provided afterward.
Cost—\$15 per shooter all inclusive

Interested in attending but don't have a gun, shells, or ear/eye protection?
Contact Wayne Ingersoll or Eddy Landon for more information.
Wayne (616) 550-5995 or (269) 795-7414
Eddy (269) 838-9220

Reserve your spot by July 17th! Sign up in the Lobby or online.

JULY BACKYARD PICNIC FELLOWSHIP
SUNDAY, JULY 24TH
6:00 P.M.

ART & CONNIE HOOKER'S HOME
4456 PATTERSON ROAD, MIDDLEVILLE

Enjoy an evening of food and fellowship in the beauty of Art & Connie's backyard.
Hot dogs, chips, side dishes and beverages all provided.

Bring your lawn chair along if you'd wish.
Take a wagon ride through the woods.
Sit and visit with friends; old and new!
Invite your friends to come along!

In case of rain this event will be cancelled.



Join us at the **Backyard Picnic Fellowship**



The church's digital sign at the corner is going to need to be upgraded in the coming year. The framework for the sign will remain the same, but the digital sign is old (12-13 years old) and parts are becoming difficult to find.

The current sign has 24 panels. 18 of the 24 panels have been replaced. These panels are no longer being manufactured so when the supply of these panels is exhausted, the sign will need to be replaced. The estimated cost for a new digital sign is \$16,000. To-date, **\$4,100 has been given.**

If you wish to contribute toward this need, you may make checks payable to Leighton Church and designate your gift SIGN or give safely and securely online and select the Sign Upgrade Fund. www.leightonchurch.org/give

Questions can be directed to Chris Herring, Board of Trustees Chairman (616) 437-3484 or herring@iserv.net



Servers needed for Coffee Fellowship July 17, 24, & 31 Sign up at the Coffee Bar if interested.

Contact Nona Steeby if you'd like to provide cookies. (616) 891-1567 or iamsteeby@gmail.com

2022

Gun Lake Chapel

2901 S Patterson Road, Wayland, MI 49348

Friday Outdoor Concerts

4 - 8 PM - FOOD TRUCKS - CAR SHOW - BOUNCE HOUSE
Bring Chairs

July 8

THE SOUND

ALIVE

August 12

TIMOTHY & HOSANNA NOBLE

CHRIS GOLDEN

SKYLIGHT QUARTET



Amt Pledged 2022 = \$16,994

Amt Received = \$10,509.03

Amt Paid = \$10,050

Here is a mid-year update of the Faith Promise Missions Budget:

The following missionaries have been paid their annual support of \$600.00

Bill & Lydia Allshouse (World Gospel Mission—North, Central & South America)
Joe & Beth Batchelder (Africa Inland Mission—Kenya, Africa)
David Eschenbach (Eschenbach Int'l Ministries—Peru)
Amy Galloway (Africa Inland Mission—Kenya, Africa)
Ron & Melin Green (Interserve—Southeast Asia)
Gary & Laura Griffin (World Gospel Mission—Honduras)
Dwayne & Brenda Johnson (The Trucking Collective—Michigan)
Noah & Liz Kamper (United World Mission—Costa Rica) *recently left UMW and moved to MA
Bob & Lisa Margaron (World Gospel Mission—California)
Gabriel & Gloria Martinez (World Gospel Mission—Bolivia)
Don Moon (World Gospel Mission—Spain, Middle East, Japan)
Zach & Esther Motts (World Gospel Mission—Japan) *resigned from WGM at the end of May
Mark & Heather Overbeek (SENDNorth—Alaska)

Yet to be paid their annual support of \$600.00:

Shad & Sarah Deal (Ethnos360—Missouri)
Terry & Melinda Ganka (Ethnos360—Papua New Guinea)
Chris & Angie Walker (Ethnos360—Papua New Guinea)

All missionaries will receive a \$200 personal gift at Christmas time.

The following faith-based mission organizations have been paid their annual support

Bibles for the World
Degage Ministries
Forgiven Ministries
Reach the Forgotten
Good News
Mel Trotter Ministry
Pregnancy Resource Center
Prison Fellowship
Project Hope
Red Bird Mission

The following faith-based mission organization is yet to paid its annual support

Safe Families

Questions regarding Faith Promise and the missions ministry of Leighton Church may be directed to Mike Punt, Mission Team Chairperson (616) 914-6853 or mlpunt@sbcglobal.net

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

Greeter Ministry:

July 3: Clay & Luann Snyder
July 10: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender
July 17: Scott & Terri Farmer

Contact Diane Porter, Greeter Ministry Coordinator
(616) 617-0269 or
dianeporter93@gmail.com

Intercessory Prayer:

July 3: Drew & Jackie Corwin
July 10: Alverna Truax
July 17: Kim Bender

Contact Alverna Truax
(616) 891-8219. The Intercessory Prayer team is actively praying during the church service. Serve every 6 to 8 weeks.

Nursery:

July 3: April Taylor & Lori Haselden
July 10: Sarah & Makiah Geers
July 17: Scott & Terri Farmer

Contact Sarah Geers. Nursery staff must undergo background checks and attend Child Protection Class. (616) 299-6898 or sarahgeersbb@gmail.com

Coffee Bar:

July 3: Wayne & Noreen Ingersoll
July 10: Mike & Sandy Shanahan
July 17: Servers Needed

Contact Connie Hooker if you'd like to serve coffee (616) 891-8742
Or sign up at the Coffee Bar

Provide Treats for Coffee Fellowship:

July 3: Circle of Joy
July 10: Valerie Lepeak & Diane Norris
July 17: Sharon Grinage & Sharon Kaechele

Contact Nona Steeby if you'd like to provide refreshments for Coffee Fellowship (616) 891-1567 or iamsteeby@gmail.com

Kingdom Kids Children's Church:

July 3: No Kingdom Kids
July 10: Jill & Annah Smith
July 17: April Taylor & Valerie Lepeak

Contact Sarah Geers.
(616) 299-6898 or
sarahgeersbb@gmail.com

Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

July 7: CHURCH—Josh Aman
BALLFIELD—Tyler/Ian Norris
July 14: CHURCH—Brad Geers
BALLFIELD—Scott Farmer
July 21: CHURCH—Mike Punt
BALLFIELD—Drew Corwin



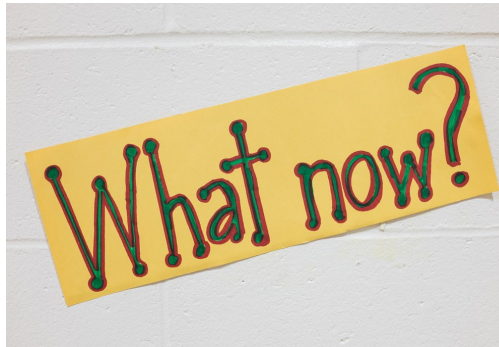


THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Circle of Joy bakeless bake sale. \$155 was given to support the ministry of the Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship to support missions, coordinate funeral luncheons, and give diaper bags and supplies to parents of newborns.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

THANK YOU youth members and their leaders. You really out did yourselves on such a hot day. I want to thank you for the beautiful jobs you accomplished on Wednesday, June 15th. Your parents should be so proud of you. I know I am.

God Bless,
Fran Beuschel



With the recent Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade, what does this mean for the state of Michigan?

Resources from the Pregnancy Resource Center and Grand Rapids Right to Life share the following:

In 1846, a law was passed in Michigan banning all abortions with the exception of the "life of mother." This decision was challenged in 1931 and 1973 and upheld both times by Michigan's Supreme Court. Currently, Governor Whitmer has filed a suit in the Michigan Supreme Court saying this law is unconstitutional. Planned Parenthood has a petition drive going on trying to collect 425,000 good signatures by July 11th to allow voters to vote on this at the upcoming election.

If this amendment is successful, state laws that could be overturned include the ban on tax-funded abortions, the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, the parental consent requirement for children seeking abortions, the waiting periods and informed consent requirements for women seeking abortions, the licensing and health and safety regulations for abortion facilities and Michigan's ban which was passed in 1846, slightly revised in 1931 and affirmed by Michigan voters in 1972.

For more information, visit SUPPORTMIWOMENANDCHILDREN.ORG