



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Rev. David W. Meister**

## Week of July 24, 2022

### 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:** 9:30am

**Sunday School:** 10:45 am for  
children, youth & 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 24	Backyard Picnic Fellowship At Hooker's 6:00 pm
Monday, July 25	Men's Basketball 7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 26	Church Office Open 9a-Noon
Wednesday, July 27	Church Office Open 9a-Noon Ballfield in Use 5:30-8:00 pm Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm
Thursday, July 28	Church Office Closed
Monday, August 1	Men's Basketball 7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 3	Acoustic Guitar Lessons 5:00pm Bass Guitar Lessons 5:30 pm Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm
Saturday, August 6	Gym & Kitchen in Use 11:00 am-3:00 pm
Sunday, August 7	Pastor Dave Meister on Vacation Pastor Dave McBride Preaching



# 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



Summer is certainly flying by which means fall is around the corner. Our Fall ministries will be starting very soon. Sunday school classes and Children's Church will start September 11th. Kids Worship will begin Wednesday, October 5th. With these ministries brings many needs for volunteers. In the Lobby are clipboards where you can find a list of the immediate needs thus far. We're looking for adults and teens to **substitute** as needed for **Sunday School**, to lead **Children's Church** on Sunday mornings, to help with **Kids Worship** in areas of crafts, snacks, games, or Bible Lesson, and/or to care of the little ones in the **Nursery** on a rotating schedule on Sunday mornings. Please take a look and consider signing up so we can offer these important ministries to children and families. Thank you. ~The Discipleship Team

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](mailto:youth@leightonchurch.org)



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



# **WELCOME PASTOR DAVE & DENISE MEISTER!**



## **Welcome, Pastor Dave & Denise Meister!**

Help Pastor Dave and Denise get acquainted with the Leighton Church Family. There are a lot of names and faces for Pastor Dave & Denise to put together. Throughout the month of July, everyone is asked to wear a name tag to help them out. Name tags are available in the Lobby.



## **How do I contact Pastor Dave Meister?**

**Pastor Dave Meister Cell: (269) 876-7204**

**Pastor Dave Meister Office: (616) 891-8028**

**E-mail: [pastor@leightonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@leightonchurch.org)**

**In the office Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**

**The parsonage phone has been disconnected since Pastor Dave will not be living there full-time.**



**This week, while Stacey Aman, the Business Manager, is taking some time off, the church office hours will be as follows:**

**Tuesday, July 26th: 9:00 am-Noon**

**Wednesday, July 27th: 9:00 am-Noon**

**Thursday, July 28th: Office Closed**



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](mailto:mjbhorseranch@yahoo.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.

**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**



## SIGN UPGRADE NEEDED



The church's digital sign at the corner needs to be upgraded in the coming months. The framework for the sign will remain the same, but the digital sign is old (12-13 years old) and parts are no longer available.

The current sign has 24 panels. 18 of the 24 panels have been replaced. These panels are no longer being manufactured. More and more panels continue to go out as the weeks go by. It is easy to see the panels that are no longer working.

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](http://www.leightonchurch.org/give)

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

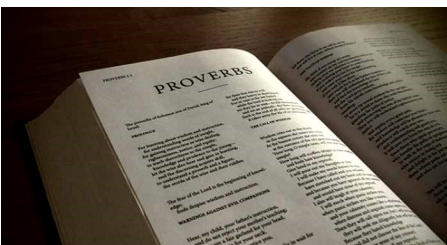
## Beginner Guitar Lessons



The first four Wednesdays in August  
August 3, 10, 17, & 24  
At the church

Acoustic Guitar Lessons: 5:00-5:30 pm  
Bass Guitar Lessons: 5:30-6:00 pm

Interested? Contact Jerry Slagh [jdsmusic@aol.com](mailto:jdsmusic@aol.com)  
Don't have an acoustic or bass guitar but would like to take lessons? Let Jerry know.



The Book of Proverbs, written by Solomon, provides wisdom and instruction. There are many wonderful Proverbs from which we can gain wisdom and live by.

Throughout the month of July, worship leader, Jerry Slagh, has been reading a different verse from the book of Proverbs each week. On July 31st, it's your turn to share your favorite Proverb.

During the worship service, the microphone will be brought around the Sanctuary providing an opportunity to voice your favorite verse(s) from Proverbs.



# David Eschenbach

## Peru

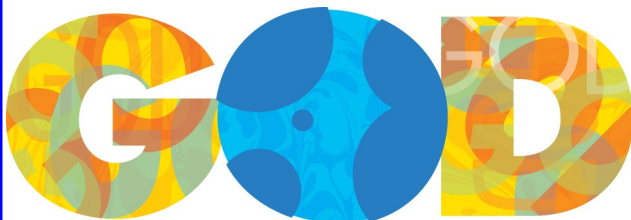
David Eschenbach is preaching and teaching in Peru. In his most recent newsletter, he shares ten prayer requests. Please keep David in prayer as he faces many challenges in his ministry and personal life.

- 1: Pray for God to provide the finances he needs to meet his daily needs and his ministry needs
- 2: Pray for David's godson, Neyder, who has abandoned his youth ministry, wife and children. He feels he cannot repent and be restored. Pray for Neyder to turn back to the Lord and experience God's healing grace and forgiveness.
- 3: Pray for David's health. He struggles with many health issues.
- 4: Pray for baby Pia, who has lung and kidney problems.
- 5: Pray that David can continue losing weight. He has lost nearly 100 pounds but has plateaued since mid-March.
- 6: Pray for those listening to David's Spanish preaching program to be touched by the Holy Spirit.
- 7: Pray for anointing and clarity and improved Spanish speaking skills for David.
- 8: Pray for David to live a more disciplined life.
- 9: Pray for David to have an increased daily devotional life and for a continual Bible study habit.
- 10: Pray for more monthly donors to support David's ministry.

David ends his newsletter with these words:

*"May God richly bless you as you sacrifice time throughout your days and weeks ahead praying and interceding for us. Thank you for the blessing you are to us here in Peru. Know that we are also praying for you."*

*Your gift to the Leighton Church Faith Promise Mission Fund supports the ministry of David Eschenbach and 13 other missionaries around the world. Thank you for giving!*



We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything — in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.

—Thomas Merton

# Service in Action

## How do I get involved?

### Greeter Ministry:

July 24: Randy & Sharon Grinage  
July 31: Art & Connie Hooker  
August 7: Michael & Christine Syswerda

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

### Intercessory Prayer:

July 24: Mike & Sandy Shanahan  
July 31: Michael & Christine Syswerda  
August 7: Debi Warren

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 24: Cindy Herring & Karyn Blank  
July 31: Robbi & Anabelle Hilton  
August 7: Christine & Ava Syswerda

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

### Coffee Bar:

July 24: Scott & Terri Farmer  
July 31: Andy & April Taylor & Family  
August 7: Doug & Cindy Thaler

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 24: Rebecca Shanahan & Ora Lou Smith  
July 31: April Taylor & Debi Warren  
August 7: Joyce Gackler & Jean McCaul

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 24: Connie Blain & Jackie Corwin  
July 31: Connie Blain & Britney Bredeweg  
August 7: Connie Blain & Jean McCaul

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

### Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

July 28: CHURCH—Andy Taylor  
BALLFIELD—Todd Galloway  
August 4: CHURCH—Don Hilton Jr  
BALLFIELD—Scott Farmer  
August 11: CHURCH—Eddy Landon  
BALLFIELD—Drew Corwin







**PRAYER PILLOWS**—Let our missionaries know that we are praying for them and supporting them by writing words of prayer, encouragement and support on pillowcases. When they lay down to sleep at night, they can drift off to sleep reading prayers and encouraging words.

Pillowcases for **Gary & Laura Griffin** are out for your signatures, words of encouragement, prayers, or scripture passages. Gary & Laura are serving the Lord in Honduras at El Sembrador, a Christian boarding school, and in the area surrounding the school where Laura is teaching English and art classes to elementary children.



Stop by the display table in the Lobby to sign the pillowcases.



## PILLOW DRIVE

Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids has an **URGENT NEED** for standard size pillows. These pillows not only help provide a restful night of sleep but also help show the guests the love and compassion of Christ.

You may place **NEW** STANDARD SIZE PILLOWS in the large collection box in the church Lobby or you can order them online and have them sent directly to Mel Trotter at 225 Commerce Avenue SW, Grand Rapids MI 49503. Their hours of operation are 10a-3p Monday thru Friday.

The collection will be held now through August 7th.

Through August 7th, we are collecting the following items for the women who are guests of Degage Ministries' Open Door Women's Center.

- Women's Pajamas of all sizes
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Bath Towels
- Deodorant
- Body Lotion







Dear Friends,

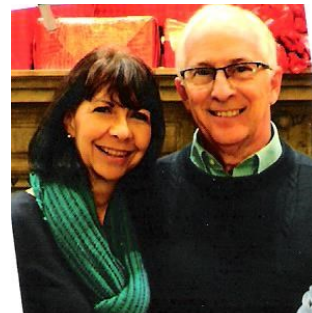
Thank you for being a giving and a praying church! We are grateful to you and to the Lord for the way He touches hearts to be a partner of these ministries He has placed on our hearts and in our hands. Thank you for investing in lives and for making a difference!

Blessings,

Bill & Lydia Allshouse

Serving Mexico and The America's Region

World Gospel Mission



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