



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David W. Meister

Week of September 4, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street
Caledonia, MI 49316
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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, September 4	No Children's Church No Youth Sunday School Classes (4th-12th Grades)
Monday, September 5	<i>Labor Day</i> <i>Have a Safe Holiday!</i>
Tuesday, September 6	Leadership Team Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, Sept. 7	Meeting for all Sunday School Teachers, Youth Leaders, Children's Ministry Leaders/ Volunteers 6pm Praise Team Practice 6:30pm
Sunday, September 11	<i>Patriot Day</i> Children's Church Starts Teachers are Recognized 2nd Graders Receive Bibles Kitchen & Lobby in Use Noon-6p Ballfield in Use 6:30-8pm
Monday, September 12	Mission Team Meeting 6:30pm Men's Basketball 7pm



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

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 Children's Church or
Youth Sunday School Class
Today.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, TEACHERS & LOCATIONS EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 11TH



Toddlers, Preschoolers & Young 5's: Connie Blain & Britney Bredeweg
(Room 4)

Kindergarten-2nd Grade: Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer (Room 3)

3rd-5th Grades: Jackie Corwin (Rooms 12/13)

6th-8th Grades: Cindy Herring (Room 9)

9th-12th Grades: Jill Smith (Rooms 10/11)

Young Adult/Career: Mark & Ronda Kaechele (former library room)

Adults:

Drew Corwin (Rooms 15/16)

Bill & Stacey Aman (Rooms 7/8)

Doug Thaler (Lounge)

MEETING FOR TEACHERS, BIBLE STUDY AND CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERS

The Discipleship Team is holding a brief meeting for all Sunday School teachers and helpers, Kids Worship leaders and volunteers, Youth Group leaders and volunteers, and all Bible Study leaders on

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH at 6:00 p.m.
IN THE SANCTUARY

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure all areas are ready for fall ministries to kick off in areas of curriculum, supplies and staffing and to review the leadership covenant.

If you cannot attend this meeting or have questions, please contact Mark Kaechele, Discipleship Team Chairperson at (616) 890-6508 or mark141@gmail.com



"God's Word is the Foundation of Our Faith"

**TUESDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:30-11:00 AM
SEPTEMBER 13-NOVEMBER 8
LED BY CINDY HERRING IN THE OLD LIBRARY ROOM AT CHURCH**

Maybe you have questions about the validity of the Scriptures? Perhaps you think that the Bible is an old book that doesn't pertain to life today. Or maybe you'd just like to learn more about how God; His existence, how He works through the Scriptures, and how you can rely on God's Word for all of life's situations.

This study is for men and women of all ages, all spiritual maturity levels, and all phases of life.

Sign up by September 11th in the church lobby or on the church website.

Questions? Contact Cindy Herring at (616) 299-0083 or bigcowdoc@yahoo.com



Sunday, September

11

- ◆ Teacher Recognition
- ◆ 2nd Grade Students are presented with a Bible/Devotional
- ◆ Children/Youth move to a new Sunday School class depending on age/grade
- ◆ Children's Church Begins

Tuesday, September

13

- ◆ 9-week Adult Bible Study kicks off
(see page 3 for details)

Sunday, September

18

Youth Group Kicks Off
All 6th-12th Grade Students Welcome
4:45-7:00 p.m.

Guitar Lessons



The group guitar lessons came to an end on August 24th; however, Jerry Slagh is willing to provide individual lessons.

If you wish to set up a time for guitar lessons with Jerry, please contact him at jdsmusic@aol.com.



All ages and abilities are welcome!



Barry County Christian School - Middleville Campus at Leighton Church

School has started for many students, but some students are starting this week, including the students attending Barry County Christian School at Leighton Church. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6th.

Enrollment at BCCS—Middleville Campus has grown. Approximately 40 students are enrolled (Kindergarten thru 12th Grade) which means the school is leasing more space at the church.

In the north wing of the building the school is using rooms 7/8, 14 (school office), 15/16 and the gym. In the east wing of the building, the school is using rooms 2, 3 & 4.

With the school using a large portion of the building, all of the church entry doors will be locked during school hours (7:30-2:45 pm). A doorbell/camera has been installed on the main entry door (not the double doors, but the single door to the left of the double doors). Visitors will push the doorbell to enter the building. The church office will be equipped with a monitor to see who is at the door and a release to open the door. This procedure will be in place only during school hours.

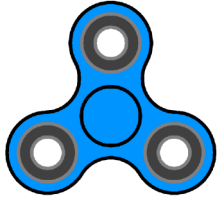
Regular visitors (Bible study attendees, employees, Hand2Hand volunteers etc.) can enter the building during school hours through the main entry doors and check in at the church office. Other visitors during school hours must enter the building through the school entry and check -in at the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. These adjustments are minor and adaptable to be able offer Christian education to children in our community.

Any questions can be directed to Chris Herring (616) 437-3484 or Stacey Aman in the church office (616) 891-8028.

FIDGET TOYS WANTED FOR

KIDS ACTIVITY BAGS



Fidget toys like fidget spinners, pop-its, etc. are wanted to put in the kids activity bags. These toys will be used for older children (3rd-5th Grade) to keep their minds and hands busy during church.

Fidget toys can be found by searching “fidget toys of kids” online or in the toy section of most stores.

If you'd rather contribute financially for these items to be purchased, please note ‘FIDGET TOYS’ on your contribution, either by check, cash, or online giving under General Fund.

Questions can be directed to Sarah Geers (616) 299-6898 or sarahgeersbb@gmail.com



COMMUNITY GARDEN STAND



The Community Garden Stand is located by the 142nd Avenue church driveway. The veggie stand is a busy place; people are picking up and dropping off veggies.

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.

On Sunday, September 18th, a special offering will be collected for the Good Samaritan Fund of Leighton Church.

The Good Samaritan Fund offers financial assistance to those in the congregation and community who need help paying medical bills, rent/mortgage/utility payments, gas and/or food.

Please prayerfully consider how you can give to help those who need help getting through a tough time.





Lori Haselden
 Hand2Hand Coordinator
 (269) 838-5941
 lghaselden@gmail.com

Dear Church Friends,
 Here we are again ready to kick off a new school year! That also includes the start of Hand2Hand deliveries of weekend food for children with food insecurities at Paris Ridge Elementary, part of the Caledonia School District. Although we had only nine kids last year, I expect the number may be much higher this year due to the increasing cost of food. Please consider what you might be able to contribute to this important ministry, whether it be physically helping with packing and delivering food bags, food donations, or monetary gifts. All is greatly needed and appreciated. Below is a list of food items needed. You can also find copies of the list in the Lobby by the Hand2Hand display and on the church website under Community.

I thank all of you for your past generous support to this worthy cause.

Lori Haselden
 Hand2Hand Coordinator

Hand2Hand Food List

BREAKFAST

Individual servings boxed cereal
 Oatmeal packets
 PopTarts
 Applesauce Cups
 GoGo Squeeze Yogurt
 Pancake Mix
 Pancake Syrup (small plastic bottles)

MISCELLANEOUS

100% Juice Boxes
 Resealable Quart Bags
 Resealable Sandwich Bags

LUNCH/DINNER

Knorr Alfredo Noodle Packet
 Knorr Mexican Rice Packet
 1 lb dry spaghetti
 Canned chicken/tuna
 Boxed Scalloped Potatoes
 Cheesy Tuna Helper
 Mac and Cheese
 Fruit cups
 Peanut Butter (15-16 oz)
 Strawberry or Grape Jelly
(Plastic Jars Only)
 Condensed Chicken Noodle Soup
 Canned Vegetables:
 Corn, Cut Green Beans, Black Beans,
 Green Peas, Tomatoes w/onion and
 green chilies
 Canned beef stew or Chunky beef soup
 Cheese Pizza Kits (Chef Boyardee)

SNACKS

Granola Bars
 Trails Mix (individual packets)
 Fruit Snacks
 Teddy Grahams (individual bags)
 Fish Crackers (individual bags)
 Microwave Popcorn
 Rice Krispy Treats
 Crackers and Cheese
 Crackers and Peanut Butter
 Short Slim Jims or similar meat sticks



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 **Bob & Lisa Margaron** are out for your signatures, words of encouragement, prayers, or scripture passages. The Margaron's minister to children, teens and families at The Center in Stockton, California, a city known for high crime rates, drug use, etc.

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



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, **\$4,510 has been given.**

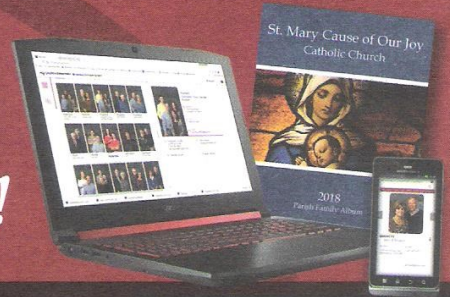
If you wish to contribute toward this need, you may make checks payable to Leighton Church and designate your gift SIGN or give safely and securely online and select the Sign Upgrade Fund. www.leightonchurch.org/give

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



Be Part of Our New Church Directory!

*Dear Church family,
It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.
Connecting families.
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families, and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

Directory Committee

Connections Event

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at the church or simply go online and follow the instructions below. If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church! You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

Set your appointment with Universal today!

*Gathering families,
Connecting generations.*



**Make your appointment at church on Sunday mornings or online
Throughout the week. www.leightonchurch.org/church-directory/**

Photography Dates:

Thursday, September 29th 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Friday, September 30th 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 1st 10:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Service in Action

Greeter Ministry:

September 4: Clay & Luann Snyder
September 11: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender
September 18: Michael & Christine Syswerda

Intercessory Prayer:

September 4: Mike & Sandy Shanahan
September 11: Alverna Truax
September 18: Michael & Christine Syswerda

Nursery:

September 4: April Taylor & Lori Haselden
September 11: Sarah & Makiah Geers
September 18: Christine & Ava Syswerda

Coffee Bar:

September 4: Drew & Jackie Corwin
September 11: Tena Vander Schuur & Lori Haselden

Provide Treats for Coffee Fellowship:

September 4: Luann Snyder & Joy Rogers
September 11: Kim Bender & Sarah Geers
September 18: Christine Syswerda & April Taylor

Kingdom Kids Children's Church:

September 4: No Kingdom Kids

Candle Lighters:

September 4: Abbi Pollmann & Keagan Shanahan
September 11: Makiah Geers & Anabelle Hilton
September 18: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor

Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

September 8: CHURCH—Brad Geers
BALLFIELD—Doug Thaler
September 15: CHURCH—Bill Aman
BALLFIELD—Tyler/Ian Norris
September 22: CHURCH—Mike Punt
BALLFIELD—Todd Galloway

How do I get involved?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact Luann Snyder
(616) 891-8348 or
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