



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David W. Meister

Week of September 11, 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, September 11

Patriot Day

Children's Church Starts
Teachers are Recognized
2nd Graders Receive Bibles
Sunday School Promotion

Kitchen & Lobby in Use Noon-6p

Ballfield in Use 6:30-8pm

Monday, September 12

Mission Team Meeting 6:30pm

Men's Basketball 7pm

Tuesday, September 13

Adult Bible Study 9:30-11:00am

Board of Elders Meeting 6:30pm

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Praise Team Practice 6:30pm

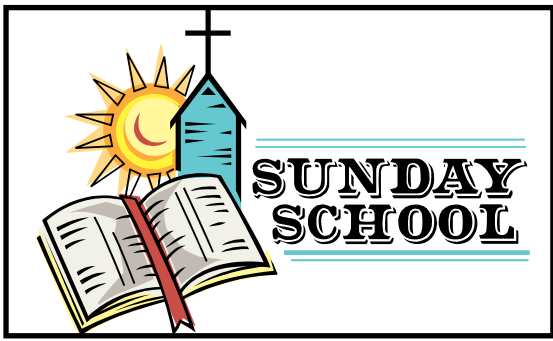
Sunday, September 18

Good Samaritan Fund Offering
Youth Group Kicks Off 4:45-7pm
Ballfield in Use 6:30-8:00pm

Monday, September 19

Circle of Joy Women's
Fellowship 7:00pm

Men's Basketball 7:00pm



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

September 11th is Sunday School Promotion Sunday. Children and teens may move to a different Sunday School class depending on their age/grade in school. See the class list below to find the class location for your children. (Rooms 2-4 are down the hall where the nursery is.)

Have you been wanting to get involved in a small group Bible study? There are 4 adult classes offered on Sunday mornings for all ages and phases of life.

A new class is starting September 11th for college age/career young adults. Mark & Ronda Kaechele are leading this class in the former library room down the kids wing.

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: Brad & Sarah Geers (Rooms 10/11)

Adults:

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

Drew Corwin (Rooms 15/16)

Bill & Stacey Aman (Rooms 7/8)

Doug Thaler (Lounge)

Kids age 4 thru 2nd Grade will be dismissed to Children's Church immediately following the Children's Message during the worship service.

Kids will have their own time of worship with a Bible lesson, craft, and music.

Children's Church is held in Room 3, down the kids' wing.



Bibles for Kids



Getting the Word of God into the hands of children is an important priority to Leighton Church. Today the following children, who are in the 2nd grade, will be receiving a Bible or a one-year devotional book.

Isabella Brandt Lily Hilton
Bruce Shanahan Emilee Taylor
Ike Risner Ben Landon

Thank you, Teachers, for your dedication and faithfulness in preparing and leading lessons.

Connie Blain & Britney Bredeweg
Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer
Jackie Corwin
Cindy Herring
Brad & Sarah Geers
Mark & Ronda Kaechele
Drew Corwin
Bill & Stacey Aman
Doug Thaler
Valerie Lepeak
Brian & Jill Smith

April Taylor
Rebecca Shanahan
Diane Norris
Luann Snyder
Noreen Ingersoll



"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 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.

September 11th is the deadline to sign up in the church lobby or on the church website.

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

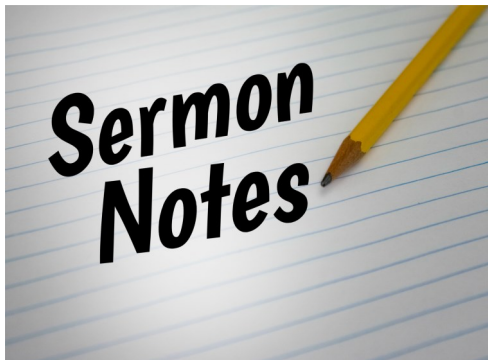
For Jr & Sr High Youth
Sundays Starting Sept 18
4:45–7:00 pm



A new season of Youth Group gets underway on September 18th.

New topics!
Fun games!
Great snacks!

Invite your friends to come along!
Questions? Contact Brian Smith, Director of Youth Ministries
youth@leightonchurch.org or 616-881-1488



Hey kids....3rd-8th Grade...

You're growing up and are too old to attend Children's Church, so what do you do during church?
How about tuning in to what Pastor Dave is teaching on?

Pick up a clipboard out of the blue tub in the Lobby, fill out the sermon notes paper and turn it in to Sarah Geers or Mark Kaechele after the service to get a prize.

There's a spot for you to write the name of the sermon (hint....watch the screen!), 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.

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!



Pastor Dave will be holding Membership Classes for anyone interested in learning more about Leighton Church; it's leadership structure, Statement of Faith and what it means to be a member of the church.



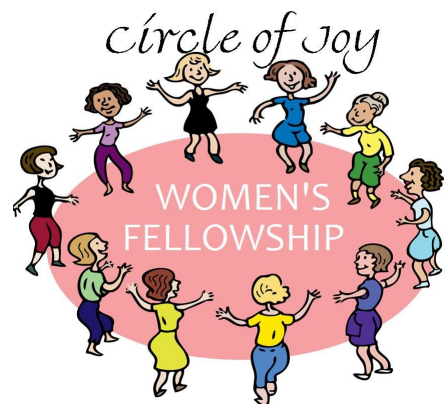
Classes are scheduled for:
Wednesdays, September 21st and 28th at 6:30 p.m. in Rooms 7/8

There is no obligation to join the church.
For questions or if you are planning to attend, please contact
Pastor Dave
(269) 876-7204 or pastor@leightonchurch.org

All women are invited to the September gathering of
CIRCLE OF JOY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
Monday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Judi Galloway will be sharing a unique method of Bible study called S.O.A.P. She will lead the group through the technique and provide Scripture to practice on.

Refreshments served afterward.
Questions? Contact Jean Bender
(269) 795-3458 or mjbhorseranch@yahoo.com





FALL FUN FIESTA KIDS WORSHIP KICK-OFF

A new season of Kids Worship is kicking off on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH FROM 6:00-7:00 PM
With a Fall Fun Fiesta for kids in Kindergarten—3rd Grade and their families.

There will be crafts, snacks, and games, pizza and ice cream!!
There's no cost to attend.

To make the fall fiesta fun, your help is needed. Needed are people to:

- ⇒ Host games
- ⇒ Help with Face Painting
- ⇒ Help with easy-to-do crafts
- ⇒ Help serve food
- ⇒ Donate candy for the pinata
- ⇒ Donate small prizes for game winners

If you can help, please contact Robbi Hilton at (616) 217-7532 or rhilton@bethany.org
Prize donations and candy donations may be placed in the marked bin in the church Lobby.



With the offering now being collected during the worship service, ushers are needed to collect the offering. Rather than have the same people do it every week, we are looking for men and women (high school age on up) to sign up to commit to serve as an usher for a month at a time.

The sign up sheet is on the information table in the Lobby.
Questions can be directed to Wayne Ingersoll (616) 550-5995

THANK YOU FOR THE TOYS FOR KIDS ACTIVITY BAGS!

Thank you to everyone who donated toys for the activity bags. We have a good supply for the bags and some to have on hand if any break or get lost.

Thank you for your generous response!

~Sarah Geers

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



Don Moon

World Gospel Mission

Don Moon serves as the Regional Director with World Gospel Mission. He oversees missionaries in Japan, the Middle East, North Africa, and Spain. In his most recent ministry letter, Don says, "I have great people who work with me that make it possible to support the workers in these areas. I continue to connect with ministry partners in South America and India for training and consulting."

Don had been looking into water filtration systems for areas in his region that do not have access to clean water. Don received a great response about water filtration systems, but has discovered that they are a bit out of his league. He continues to research the options and is in contact with partners in the Middle East with hopes of being of help.

On a personal note, Don's son-in-law, Jeremias, took the oath to become a citizen of the United States. Jeremias is originally from Argentina and has made a huge effort to learn English and to adapt to the U.S. culture. Jeremias has a degree in Industrial Management from a university in Argentina and has experience with major companies there, including Coca Cola! He now works as an analyst for a company in the U.S. that services oil and gas pipelines.

This past month Don officiated at the wedding of the daughter of longtime friends in Pennsylvania. He is getting better acquainted with his neighbors in the U.S. He is staying busy and continues to work on new routines and schedules following the death of his wife, Glenda, in April. One new aspect of this new season of life is learning to cook for himself.

Keep Don in your prayers as he continues to navigate this new season of life in day-to-day living and in ministry.

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

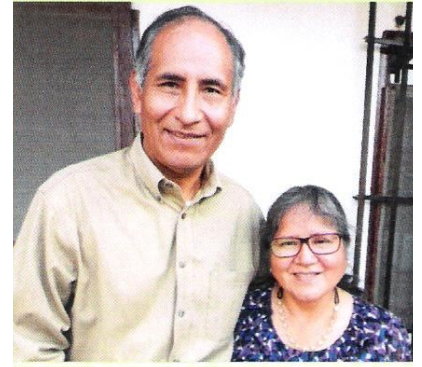


PRAYER PILLOWS—Let our missionaries know that we are praying for them and supporting them by writing words of prayer, encouragement and support on pillowcases. When they lay down to sleep at night, they can drift off to sleep reading prayers and encouraging words.

Pillowcases for **Gabriel & Gloria Martinez** are out for your signatures, words of encouragement, prayers, or scripture passages. The Martinez's

are ministering to couples and young adults in Bolivia, South America.

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.**

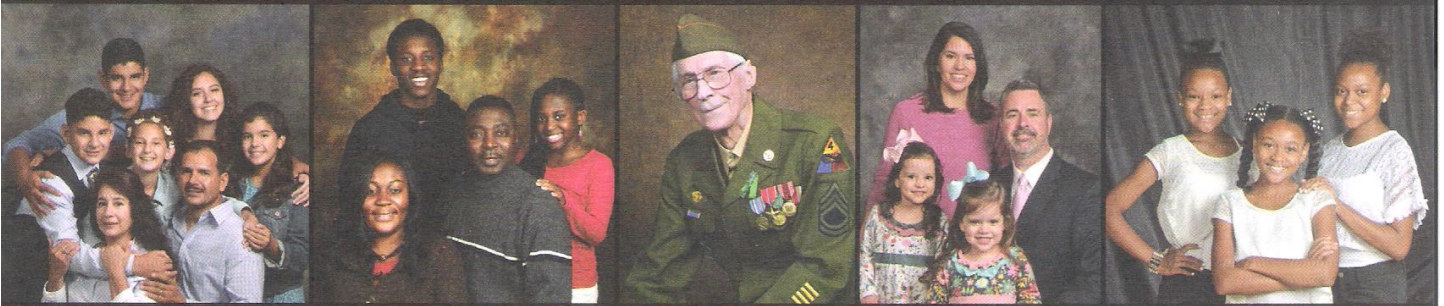
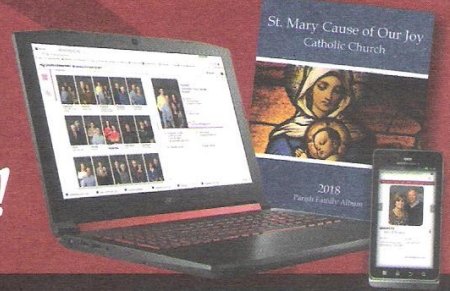
If you wish to contribute toward this need, you may make checks payable to Leighton Church and designate your gift SIGN or give safely and securely online and select the Sign Upgrade Fund. www.leightonchurch.org/give

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 11: Scott & Terri Farmer
September 18: Michael & Christine Syswerda
September 25: Randy & Sharon Grinage

Intercessory Prayer:

September 11: Alverna Truax
September 18: Michael & Christine Syswerda
September 25: Kim Bender

Nursery:

September 11: Sarah & Makiah Geers
September 18: Christine & Ava Syswerda
September 25: Cindy Herring & Karyn Blank

Coffee Bar:

September 11: Tena Vander Schuur &
Lori Haselden
September 18: Andy & April Taylor

Provide Treats for Coffee Fellowship:

September 11: Kim Bender & Sarah Geers
September 18: Christine Syswerda & April Taylor
September 25: Cindy Thaler & Nona Steeby

Candle Lighters:

September 11: Makiah Geers & Anabelle Hilton
September 18: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor
September 25: Anabelle Hilton & Abbi Pollmann

Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

September 15: CHURCH—Bill Aman
BALLFIELD—Tyler/Ian Norris
September 22: CHURCH—Mike Punt
BALLFIELD—Todd Galloway
September 29: CHURCH—Bill Aman
BALLFIELD—Dave Kaechele

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 Luann Snyder
(616) 891-8348 or
luannlewis@yahoo.com

