



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Rev. David W. Meister

Week of September 25, 2022

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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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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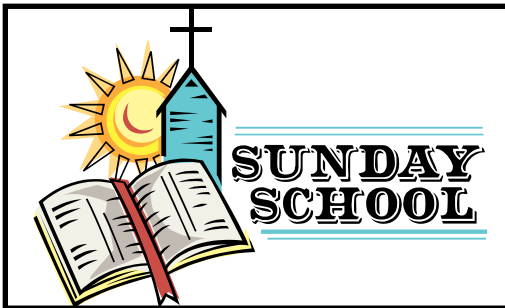
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Sunday, September 25	Information Session Concerning the Future of the UMC 10:45a Youth Group 4:45-7:00p Ballfield in Use 6:30-8:00p
Monday, September 26	Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, September 27	OFFICE MANAGER OFF Adult Bible Study 9:30-11a
Wednesday, Sept. 28	Praise Team Practice 6:30p Church Membership Class 6:30p
Thursday, Sept. 29	Church Directory Pictures 3:00-8:30p
Friday, September 30	Church Directory Pictures 3:00-8:30p
Saturday, October 1	Church Directory Pictures 10:30a-4:00p
Sunday, October 2	<i>World Communion Sunday</i> Service of Communion Youth Group 4:45-7:00p Ballfield in Use 6:30-8:00p

INFORMATION SESSION CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Board of Elders is hosting a second session, Sunday, September 25th, to provide information from the Good News organization about the current state of the United Methodist Church and what the future holds. The Good News organization has been the classical evangelical witness and ministry for renewal and reform within the United Methodist Church since 1967. The videos that will be shown on the 25th are not the same as the ones that were shown on the 18th.

All adults and high school students are invited to attend the session:
Sunday, September 25th at 10:45 am in the Sanctuary
Questions can be directed to Scott Pollmann, Board of Elders Chairman
(616) 438-5360 or scott.pollmann@gmail.com



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, TEACHERS & LOCATIONS

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 & Annah Smith (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) - Studying the Book of Revelation
Bill & Stacey Aman (Rooms 7/8) - Studying the Book of Genesis
Doug Thaler (Lounge) - Studying the Book of Acts

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.





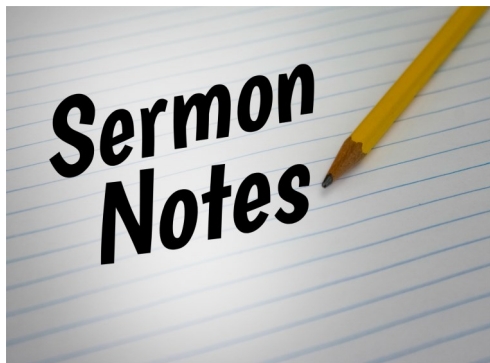
"God's Word is the Foundation of Our Faith"

**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.

It's not too late to join the study! If you would like to participate, but didn't sign up, please contact Cindy Herring at (616) 299-0083 or bigcowdoc@yahoo.com



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.

A new season of youth group is underway!



For Jr & Sr High Youth
Sundays 4:45-7:00 pm

Sept. 25 Topic: Real Friends
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



Outdoor Movie Night For Jr & Sr High Youth

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 6:30-9:45 P.M.
AT BRIAN & JILL SMITH'S HOME
11924 SAPLING DRIVE, MIDDLEVILLE

"American Underdog"

The inspirational true-story of Kurt Warner and his journey from stocking shelves at the supermarket to becoming a legendary two-time NFL MVP, Super Bowl MVP and Hall of Fame quarterback. Rated PG.

Popcorn, hot dogs, snacks and drinks provided.
Dress accordingly to be outside. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on.
In case of rain, this event will be moved to the church.
Questions? Contact Brian Smith 616-881-1488

Pastor Dave is 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.



The second class will be held on
Wednesday, September 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



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.

Only 2 more ushers needed for October!!

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

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS MONTH IS COMING IN OCTOBER

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY—OCTOBER 2ND

KIDS WORSHIP FALL FUN FIESTA KICK OFF—OCTOBER 5

BIBLE STUDY FOR PRE-TEENS (4TH-6TH GRADES) - OCT. 12

FAMILY DINNERS 5:30-6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS OCTOBER 12-MARCH 29

YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT—OCTOBER 14

CHILI COOK-OFF/TRUNK OR TREAT—OCTOBER 29





FALL FUN FIESTA KIDS WORSHIP KICK-OFF

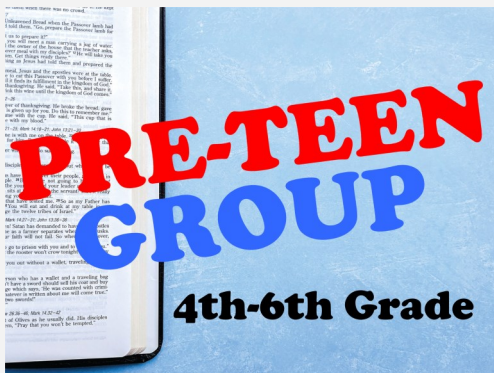
A new season of Kids Worship is kicking off on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH FROM 5:30-7:00 PM
With a Fall Fun Fiesta for kids in Kindergarten—5th Grade and their families.

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.



Wednesday Nights
6:00-7:00 pm
Room 9

A mid-week ministry just for pre-teens!
Students in 4th-6th grades are invited to meet
in Room 9 to hang out and refine their faith
through



Forged will sharpen your pre-teens worldview
according to Biblical principles.
Questions? Contact April Taylor
(616) 293-0514 or hafpints@yahoo.com

THANK YOU for your generous giving to the Good Samaritan Fund of Leighton Church.

Good Samaritan Fund



Last Sunday, \$1,947.18 was given to provide financial assistance to those in our church and community who need help with rent/mortgage payments, utility bills, food, gas, medical bills, etc.

Having funds on hand enables us to help those who contact the church for assistance.

Thank you for your faithful and loving giving.

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.



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

Leighton Church is providing food on the weekends for 10 children with food insecurities who attend Paris Ridge Elementary School in the Caledonia School District.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food to get us started for the year. The food pantry is well stocked, but **fruit cups are still needed.**

Donations may be placed in the designated box in the Lobby. Monetary donations are also appreciated and are used to buy food items needed. Just mark your gift "Hand2Hand"

Questions about Hand2Hand and how you can get involved may be answered by contacting Lori Haselden, Coordinator. (269) 838-5941 or lghaselden@gmail.com



Family Dinner is back on Wednesday Nights! 5:30-6:30 pm in the gym

Take the night off from cooking dinner and doing dishes and gather around the table in the gym at Leighton Church on Wednesday nights
5:30-6:30 p.m. October 5-March 29 (with some weeks off over the holidays).

Great fellowship and friendships are made around the table.
Everyone is welcome! All food and beverages are provided.

There is no set cost, but donations are appreciated to help off-set expenses.
Whether or not you have kids that will be involved with Kids Worship or the Pre-teen Group, come and enjoy dinner!

If you are interested in helping with Family Dinner in any way, contact Robbi Hilton
(616) 217-7532 or rhilton@bethany.org



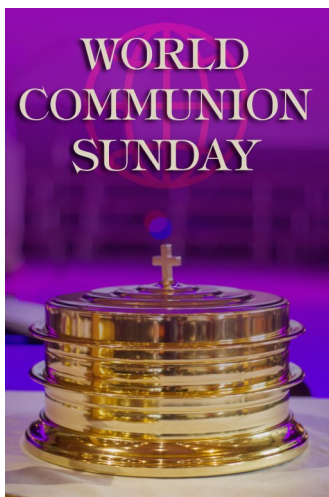
The Family Dinner Weekly Menu:

October 5 Fall Fun Fiesta: Pizza, Doughnuts, Ice Cream

October 12: Enchiladas, Rice, Cookies

October 19: Pasta Bakes, Garlic Bread, Cupcakes

October 26: Cheeseburger Sliders, Ham & Cheese Sliders,
Fries, Pie & Whipped Cream



Sunday, October 2nd is

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.

A service of communion will be held during
the worship service that morning.



Bibles for the World

Bibles for the World, based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, works to put the Gospel into the hands of people of all walks of life around the world.

Last year, TransWorld Radio contacted Bibles for the World asking them to partner with TransWorld Radio to reach men with the Gospel; men incarcerated in some of the worst prisons in Kenya, Africa.

The project is called “Every Man a Warrior,” which is a special Bible study designed for men in prison, but TransWorld Radio asked Bibles for the World to provide copies of God’s Word to go along with the study guides.

Bibles for the World provided more than 2,000 Bibles, both in the Swahili language and English to help fuel this amazing outreach to inmates in the Kericho, Kabarnet, and Eldama prisons.

“Every Man a Warrior” is designed to transform the misery of inmates into spiritual freedom in Christ and the hope of new life that will follow them upon release. “Every Man a Warrior” addresses the root cause of evil by helping men come to God and later disciple others.

Bibles for the World hopes to further the outreach and partner with TransWorld Radio to provide “Every Man a Warrior” to other prisoners in other countries. There is potential to reach inmates in Mongolia.

Will you pray for all of the details to fall into place for the life-changing message of the Gospel to get into the hands of inmates in Mongolia and other prisons around the world?

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” ~Hebrews 4:12

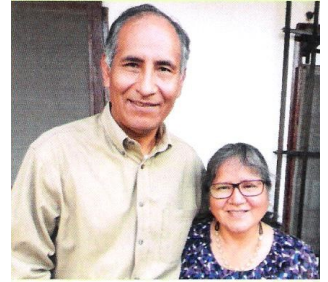
Your gift to the Leighton Church Faith Promise Mission Fund supports the ministry of Bibles for the World and 11 other faith-based organizations around the world. Thank you for giving!



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** and **Mark & Heather Overbeek** 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. The Overbeeks' are reaching the people of Kodiak Island, Alaska, where Mark is a pastor.



Stop by the display table in the Lobby to sign the pillowcases. **This is the last Sunday to sign pillowcases for the Martinez's and there aren't many signatures on the pillowcase.**



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, **\$4,590 has been given.**

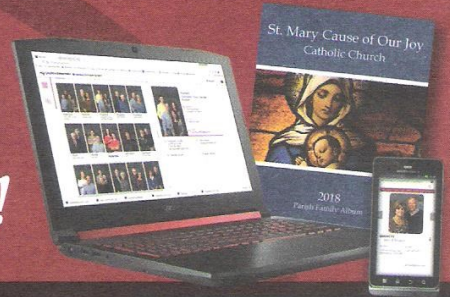
If you wish to contribute toward this need, you may make checks payable to Leighton Church and designate your gift SIGN or give safely and securely online and select the Sign Upgrade Fund. www.leightonchurch.org/give

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

How do I get involved?

Greeter Ministry:

September 25: Randy & Sharon Grinage
October 2: To Be Determined
October 9: To Be Determined

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

Intercessory Prayer:

September 25: Kim Bender
October 2: Drew & Jackie Corwin
October 9: 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:

September 25: Cindy Herring & Karyn Blank
October 2: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak
October 9: Robbi & Anabelle Hilton

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

Coffee Bar:

September 25: Mark, Ronda & Luke Kaechele
October 2: Scott & Terri Farmer
October 9: Lori Haselden & Colin Mead

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:

September 25: The Truax Family
October 2: Tena Vander Schuur
October 9: The Steeby Family

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

Acolytes:

September 25: Anabelle Hilton & Abbi Pollmann
October 2: Makiah & Amelia Geers
October 9: Amelia Geers & Olivia Taylor

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

October Ushers:

Brian Smith, Jack Syswerda, Scott Farmer
2 MORE NEEDED

Sign up in the Lobby or contact Wayne Ingersoll (616) 550-5995

Church Yard & Ball field Mowing:

September 29: CHURCH-Bill Aman
BALLFIELD—Dave Kaechele
October 6: CHURCH-Eddy Landon
BALLFIELD—Tyler/Ian Norris
October 13: CHURCH—Josh Aman
BALLFIELD—Drew Corwin

