



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of April 6, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Caledonia, MI 49316

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www.leightonchurch.org

Office Hours: 9a-3p

Tues/Wed/Thurs

Sunday Worship: 9:30a

Nursery provided for infants-age 3

Sunday School: 11:00a

Classes for children, youth & adults

Board of Elders:

Scott Pollmann (Chairman),

Todd Galloway, Wayne

Ingersoll, Jerry Slagh, Doug

Thaler, Pastor Dennis Weeks

Hearing assist system

*available from the sound booth
at the back of the Sanctuary.*



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Worship Services on YouTube

@leightonchurch7311

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jerry Slagh Preaching

No Youth Group

Monday, April 7

Men's Basketball 7p

Wednesday, April 9

Family Dinner 5:15p

Wednesday Night Kids 5:45-7p

Prayer Meeting 6:15p

Men's Group 6:30p

Praise Team Practice 7p

Friday, April 11

Women's Retreat Through
April 13th

Saturday, April 12

Spring Clean Up 8a

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

No Youth Group

Monday, April 14

Men's Basketball 7p

Tuesday, April 15

Pastor's Caf  2-3p

Board of Elders Meeting 6:30p



Would you like prayer for healing? Prayer for struggles in your life? Prayer for wisdom and discernment?

The Board of Elders are available for prayer at the end of the worship service each Sunday. Just come forward to the altar or to the front pew.



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

Here's a fun way to tune in to what is being taught during the worship service, get into the music, and learn about Jesus and God's Word.

Pick up a clipboard out of the blue tub in the Lobby, fill out the sermon notes paper and turn it in to Rebecca Shanahan or Valerie Lepeak after the service to get a prize.

There's a spot for you to write the name of the sermon, 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.

Immediately following the children's message, kids age 4 thru 2nd Grade are dismissed to go to Children's Church, which meets in Room 3.

In Children's Church, kids have their own time of worship, Bible lesson, craft and more!

PARENTS....after the worship service, please proceed to Room 3 to get your children and take them to their Sunday School class.



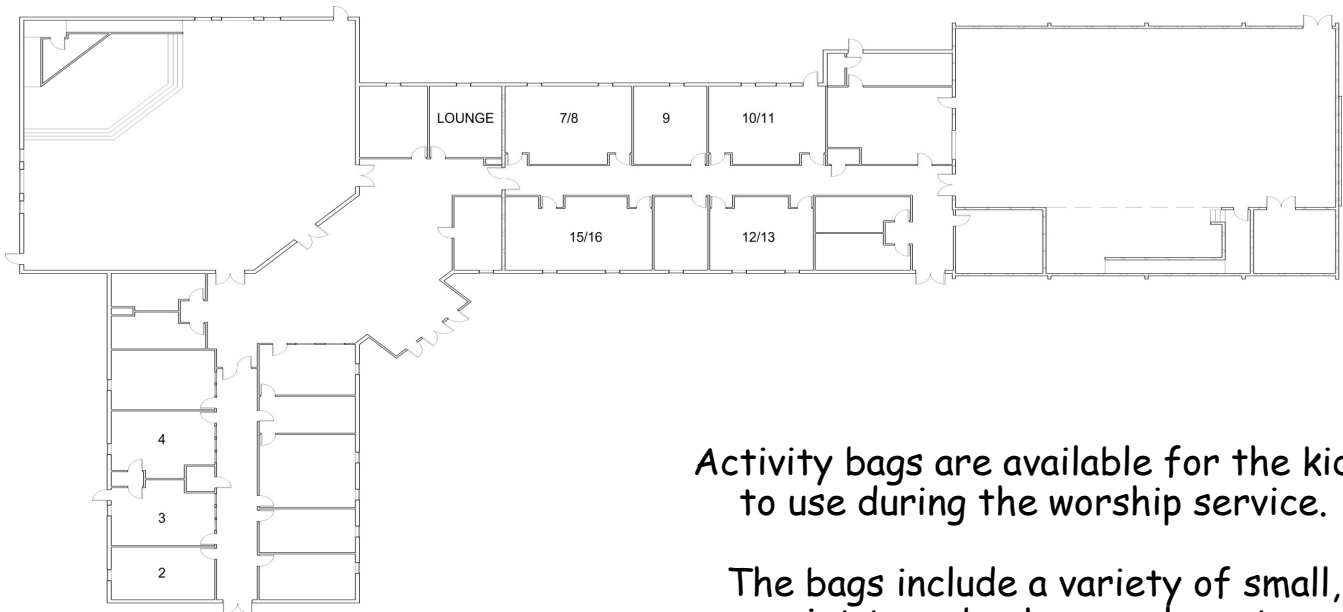


Sunday School Classes For Children, Teens & Adults 11:00-Noon

Toddlers-Preschool: Britney Bredeweg (Room 4)
 Young 5's-2nd Grade: Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer (Room 3)
 3rd-5th Grade: Nancy Slagh (Room 2)
 6th-8th Grade: Cindy Herring (Room 9)
 9th-12th Grade: Butch Klooster (Youth Room—Rooms 10/11)

Adults:

"Calling, Character, Conviction: Lessons on Leadership in the Historical Books"
 Doug Thaler—Lounge
 "The Body of Christ Alive" John VanderMeer—Rooms 15/16
 The Book of Galatians Pastor Dennis—Rooms 7/8
 All Belong Special Needs Adults: Connie Blain (Rooms 12/13)



Activity bags are available for the kids to use during the worship service.

The bags include a variety of small, quiet toys, books, puzzles, etc.

The bags are on a rack near the main entry to the Sanctuary. There are blue bags for boys and pink bags for girls.

Please place the bags in the white return basket after the worship service. Return all contents with the bags.





Good Friday Service of Communion & Worship
April 18th at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to come and remember Christ's suffering on the cross to redeem each one of us.
Nursery services are not provided.

Sunrise Service at
7:00 a.m.
Hallelujah! Christ
has defeated death!
All are invited to
come and celebrate
our risen Savior!!



Easter Breakfast
Served at 8:00a.m.
in the
Fellowship Hall
Pancakes, Eggs,
Sausage, Juice,
Coffee & Hot Tea

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Worship Service
9:30 a.m.

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!! Join us to worship Him! Join
us to celebrate Him! Join us to honor and glorify Him!
All are welcome!

If anyone would like to donate eggs towards Easter Sunrise breakfast, please
contact Mike Lepeak (616) 322-3565. It is estimated that 12 dozen eggs are
needed.

Come And Make A Joyful Noise On Easter Sunday



Jerry Slagh is putting together a choir to lead worship on Easter Sunday instead of the usual 4-5 person praise team. The songs will be familiar ones. Learning parts won't be necessary. This is open to ages 12 on up.

In addition to vocalists, Jerry is also seeking band instrumentalists to play along with the congregational songs and perhaps a special number or two.

If you would like to be a part of the choir or play with the band, see Jerry today after the service or contact him during the week. Practice for instrumentalists and vocalists will be on
Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Jerry Slagh: 616-891-8028 ext 2003 or jdsmusic@aol.com



New Sunday School Topic

Starting April 20th, John VanderMeer will begin a new Sunday School Class topic in Rooms 15/16 about Guidance. We all have a free will and like to exercise that freedom—it's how God created us. This study of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy represents a portrait of how God guides people. Learn how we should be guided personally by him, and according to his will. If you aren't part of a class already, you're welcome to join this class.

Questions? Contact John VanderMeer 616-292-2683 or malibuskipro@gmail.com



Jr & Sr High Youth Group Sunday Nights 4:45-7:15p

Games...Snacks...Relevant Bible Teaching

No Youth Group Sunday, April 6th, 13th, and 20th.
Youth Group Resumes April 27th
Year End Party is May 4th
Invite your friends to come along!

Kids can access the lesson for the week of April 6th by
using the
GROW CODE VCGA

Questions? Contact Brian Smith
(616) 881-1488 or Youth@leightonchurch.org

Youth Group Snacks

Youth Group meets on Sunday nights from 4:45-7:15 p.m.
Part of the weekly meetings is snack time.

The Youth Group is seeking donations of snacks or folks to bring in snacks for the group. You are also welcome to stay and serve the group to get involved and connected with them.

Sign up in the Lobby **only 1 more Sunday night is needed-April 27!**. A reminder will be emailed to you the week before. If you deliver snacks, please arrive by 5:15

Snack suggestions include: Fruit, Ice Cream, Chips, Doughnuts, Cookies, Veggies & Dip, etc. Provide enough for 20 people.



Questions?

Contact Terri Farmer
(616) 780-8444



Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!

Sunday morning worship services are recorded and posted on the church YouTube channel on Mondays.

Subscribe to the church's YouTube channel and get notifications when the sermons are uploaded OR visit the church website to be directed to YouTube to watch services.

Questions? Contact Jerry Slagh
worship@leightonchurch.org



It's time for the annual Spring Clean Up!

Saturday, April 12th

Breakfast will be provided starting at 8 a.m. Bring your yard tools (shovels, rakes, leaf blower, etc.) to help spruce up the church and parsonage yards after a hard winter. There will also be interior jobs , too

(window cleaning, wash walls, clean in the kitchen, etc.) All ages are welcome! It's a great project for families to come and work together. With enough help, all jobs will be finished by Noon.

**Questions? Please contact Chris Herring, Board of Trustees Chairman
(616) 437-3484**

Pastor Dennis is hosting the Pastor's Café every Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and visit with Pastor Dennis. It's an informal time to get acquainted, ask theological questions, or just chat. No appointment is necessary. If Tuesday afternoon doesn't work for you, contact Pastor Dennis to set up another time that is more convenient for you.

Office 616-891-8028 ext. 2001

Cell: 517-242-5581

Email: pastor@leightonchurch.org

No Pastor's Café April 8th



Next Steps & Membership Classes

Hello All,

In the coming weeks, the first set of Next Steps and Membership Classes will be implemented since Leighton Church has become an independent church. Here is some information about these classes.

The Next Steps class is an introductory class that will help attenders of the church to learn more about Leighton Church and help to become more familiar with ways to connect with the Leighton Church family. Attenders will be exposed to some of the different ministries of the church, the sacraments, the bylaws, and so on. An important component of this class will be the Spiritual Gifts survey. Through the prayer and discussion surrounding it, my hope is to help connect people together in ministries in which God has prepared them as well as to help me better understand the gifting of our church.

The Membership Class will be for those that are interested in learning about becoming members of Leighton Church. This class will focus on what membership *is* and what it *is not*. The faith statement of the church will be reviewed and any questions regarding the bylaws will be addressed. Some of this information will overlap with the Next Steps Class. By the end of the course, the hope is that people will feel more confident about their decision to join the church.

Dates and times for these classes are listed below. These will be taught in lieu of my normal Sunday School class, but I believe they will be helpful and encouraging for those that choose to attend. If you find it difficult to fit these times into your present schedule, please contact me and we can plan to review the material independently. Also, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these classes or the material in them.

A sign up sheet to attend the April/May Next Steps Class and May membership is in the Lobby. Pre-registration is not required, but it is helpful.

Next Steps Class (2-week course)	Membership Class (1 session)
Room: 7/8	Room:7/8
Dates: April 27 & May 4 August 17 & 24 December 7 & 14	Dates: May 3, August 2, December 6
Time: 11am-12pm(ish)	Time: 10am-11:30am

Thank you and God bless,

Pastor Dennis Weeks

Pastor Dennis is going on Vacation!



Pastor Dennis will be taking vacation time April 6th-10th. If you have an urgent matter you are welcome to contact Pastor Dennis while he is away. Otherwise, you may also contact any member of the Board of Elders. Jerry Slagh will be filling the pulpit on April 6th.



**WANTED:
Men, Women,
& Teens to
Volunteer and
Help with
Vacation Bible
School!**

Sign up today to help with Vacation Bible School!

Sunday, June 22-Thursday, June 26

6:30-8:30 p.m. for Preschool-6th Grade

Many open positions available!!

See the list below and the sign up in the Lobby TODAY!

Sign up sheets are located at the VBS display!

Assistant Director

Music Coordinator

Sound/AV Coordinator

Carpenter Joe's Craft Assistant

Toddler 4Y-Young 5's Assistant

K-1 gr Truth Teacher

4-6 gr Teacher Assistant

K-1 gr Group Guide

Group Floater (3)

Water Helper

Substitute (3)

Drama (3) 1 Adult 2 Teens or
College Age

As Needed if Available (2)

Sheriff & Deputy Memory Verses



**The Last Wednesday Night Supper and Wednesday Night Kids Program
will be April 16th!**



5:15-6:00 p.m. in the gym

All are welcome!

April 9th Menu:

**Pizza
Salad and Breadsticks
& Dessert**

Donations appreciated to help off-set
expenses.



For kids age 4 on up
5:45-7:00 p.m.

This week's topic is:

"What We Believe"

Apostles Creed



6:30 p.m. in Rooms 15/16

For men of all ages and phases of life.

The group is studying the book of
Philippians.

Led by C.J. Yarrington
616-366-3387



All are welcome to
come to pray over the
needs in the church,
community and
around the world.

6:15-7:00 p.m.

In the Prayer Room
Led by Pastor Dennis
& Kelli Weeks



JOY Lunch (Just Older Youth)

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
Everyone age 50 on up is welcome!

Invite a friend or two.

Next Luncheon: April 17th at 1:00p.m.

Meet at Curley Cone
12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland

CPR/First Aid Class



Leighton Church is offering a CPR and First Aid Class to anyone who would like to attend. You will learn the proper techniques for administering CPR, using an AED, and providing First Aid to someone in need.

WHEN: April 26th 9a.m.- 2p.m.

COST: \$75 per person Cash or Check made out to Lacey Bartz (Pay the day of)
Coffee/Water/Lunch Provided (Pizza)

RSVP-Sign up on the sheet in the Lobby by April 16th

If you have any questions contact Noreen Ingersoll 616-550-3999 or
ingerwn@yahoo.com

Dear Leighton Church Family.

Thank you for coming out to the 50's diner fundraiser and supporting the upcoming youth mission trip to Lake Traverse, South Dakota.



Thanks to your generous donations we were able to raise \$1350. This money will go towards reducing the amount the students owe to go on the trip, as well as help with some of the logistics. Thank you to all of those who let us use their card tables and to Jerry for once again being the auctioneer. Your ongoing support of the youth group means a lot to us.

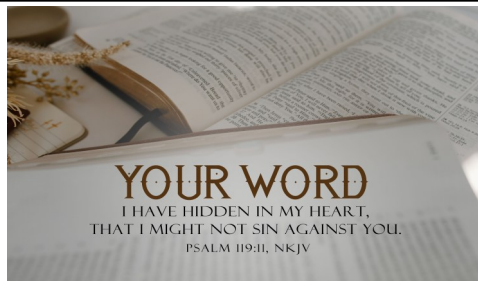
Blessings
Brian and the youth group.

From this To this

Patty Hoekstra is collecting old t-shirts to make into jump ropes to put in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. If you have old t-shirts that you'd like to get rid of, please put them in the designated box in the Lobby.

The shirts can have holes and stains on them.

Questions? Contact Patty at 269-804-7887 or pcookies68@gmail.com



"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."
~Romans 8:37

The day Jesus died on the Cross looked like a day of total defeat, when in fact it was a day of total victory! From a human perspective, it looked as if the enemy had won. The soldiers were mocking Him, His robe was torn and sold. The sky was gray and dismal. All hope seemed lost.

What appeared to be utter defeat was actually the portrait of sheer victory on a grand scale that the world had never before seen. That was the day you and I were set free from death, hell, and the grave, from sickness and disease. It was the day we were liberated from the chains of the past, from addiction, from every kind of hindrance that would defeat us in our daily lives.

On this day, Jesus descended from the Cross into the bowels of the earth and shook His finger in the face of the prince of darkness. He gave us all authority, on earth and in heaven. No matter what we ask for in His name, we can now have it because of the complete victory that was won on the darkest day the earth has ever known.

Think of the chains that bind you today and then look in the mirror. You are now face-to-face with your worst enemy. Yet the person you see in the reflection has been completely liberated, set free to live a life of abundance. Calvary made that possible! Today, whatever chains have shackled you to the past, whatever controls you and manipulates your life, keeping you from enjoying the goodness of the Lord.... Let it go in Jesus' name. You are more than a conqueror. Live like it. Act like it. Think like it. That is what Calvary did for you.

THE BLESSING

May you so walk in the Word of God that it brings you love, joy, and peace of God to you. May your days be filled with health and prosperity because the blessing of the Lord is upon the righteous. In Jesus' name we pray and ask. Amen!



pregnancy resource center



The Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) of Grand Rapids is committed to providing answers, cost free services, and practical support to women and families experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. The PRC gives women free pregnancy testing, STD testing or treatment, medical consultations, ultrasounds, abortion education, adoption education, and medical referrals. They also provide parenting classes, community referrals, after abortion support, and more.

Reach her first. The Pregnancy Resource Center knows this incredible truth. If an abortion advertisement reaches her first, she is likely to choose abortion. But, if PRC's advertisement reaches her first, she is just as likely to continue her pregnancy. Because of faithful support, the PRC is able to reach her first and the impact is undeniable. An incredible milestone of 290 life decisions were made last year! This surpasses the previous high of 214 the prior year, and is a testament to Gods faithfulness and the power of this life-saving work God is doing.

This remarkable impact is possible because the Pregnancy Resource Center is reaching her first, right where she is, and most often online. Through digital marketing efforts, the PRC connects with women at the very moment they are searching for answers, offering them eternal hope and real options before they ever step into an abortion clinic. Pregnancy Resource Center is located right next door to the Planned Parenthood of West and Northern Michigan, and PRC remains a beacon of light in the midst of darkness. PRC offers women support, truth, and life affirming care-right next door.

Pregnancy Resource Center's work does not end the moment she chooses life. Sadly, in Michigan abortion is legal through all nine months of pregnancy. A woman can change her mind at any point, especially if the very challenges that made her consider abortion persist, or even intensify. This is why the PRC will stand with her not just in the decision to carry but beyond, walking alongside her through her pregnancy and through the first two years of her child's life. The road isn't always easy, but with continued support she is never alone.

Your investment in this ministry saves lives and changes futures. Please continue to give to help stand with the PRC in this life-saving mission. Every life saved, every heart changed, and every mother empowered to choose life happens because of partners like Leighton Church.

The PRC must reach her first. Together, they are joining the Great Commission to make disciples and grow the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for supporting this ministry! It fuels their work and they can't do this alone. Pray that the PRC reach even more women, save more lives, and transform the future for the Kingdom.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of the Pregnancy Resource Center. You can find more information at their website www.prcforlife.org. Thank you for giving! Check out the literature rack in the Lobby for newsletters from missionaries and mission organizations.

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: April 6: Art & Connie Hooker April 13: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender April 20: Mike & Christine Syswerda, Jack and Ava	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
Intercessory Prayer: April 6: Chris Herring April 13: Alverna Truax April 20: Drew & Jackie Corwin	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: April 6: April & Olivia Taylor April 13: Scott & Terri Farmer April 20: Robbin Hilton & Lauren Risner	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: April 6: Jean McCaul & Debi Warren April 13: Servers Needed April 20: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: April 6: Keith Pratt & Patty Hoekstra April 13: Lauren Risner & Sharon Grinage April 20: Noreen Ingersoll & Robbin Hilton	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: April 6: Emilee Taylor & Abbi Pollmann April 13: Celia Weeks & Hollie Lepeak April 20: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: April 6: Lauren Risner & Britney Bredeweg April 13: Diane & Rylee Norris April 20: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Youth Group Snacks: April 27: Snacks Needed	Get Involved: Sign up in the Lobby or contact Terri Farmer (616) 780-8444 or farmert7796@gmail.com
Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams April 6: Not Needed April 13: To Be Determined April 20: To Be Determined	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org