



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of June 15, 2025

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: 9:30a

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, June 15

Father's Day

Youth Depart for Mission Trip

Monday, June 16

Circle of Joy Women's
Fellowship Picnic at
Jean Bender's 6p

Ballfield In Use 5:30-8:30p

Men's Basketball 7p

Tuesday, June 17

Finance Committee Meeting 9a

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Ballfield In Use 5:30-8:30p

Wednesday, June 18

Ballfield In Use 5:30-8:30p

Prayer Meeting 6:15p

Men's Group 6:30p

Praise Team Practice 6:30p

Thursday, June 19

JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch 1p

Ballfield In Use 5:30-8:30p

Saturday, June 21

Youth Return from Mission Trip

Sunday, June 22

Vacation Bible School
6:30- 8:30p

Monday, June 23

Vacation Bible School
6:30- 8:30p

No Men's Basketball



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 4.

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 4 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 Spirit of the Law: Life Lessons from Desert Wandering" John

VanderMeer— Rooms 15/16

"Decision Making by the Book" Jerry Slagh—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.

Cedar Lake Ministries

MAN CAMP

Interest Sign-Up

Man Camp is a time just for men to come together and connect with friends. There will be a weekend full of Biblical teaching, delicious food, and time to relax around the campfire.

Who: For men 15 years and older.

When: September 12th-14th, and includes 2 nights and 5 meals

Cost: Ranges from \$190- \$250 depending on housing preference

For more information go to <https://cedarlakeministries.org/man-camp>

This sign up is to gauge interest, not sign up to attend camp.

Please sign up soon if you are interested.



Summer Sunday School Update

Thru July 6th

Toddlers-Preschool: Britney Bredeweg (Room 4)

Young 5's-2nd Grade: Stacey Aman & Amanda Brandt (Room 3)

3rd-5th Grade: Luann Snyder & Christine Syswerda (Room 2)

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

9th-12th Grade: Kelli Weeks (Room 10/11)

All Belong Special Needs Adults: Connie Blain & Sally Smith (Room 12/13)

Adult Classes Will Remain The Same

Bible Club

July 13th-August 24th

For kids up to 5th Grade

Led by Nancy Slagh



Praise Team Practice

6:30 p.m.



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

For men of all ages and phases of life.
The group is studying the book of
Hebrews.

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



Backyard Picnic Fellowship June 29th, July 20th, and August 17th

An informal backyard cookout for all ages at
Art & Connie Hooker's home 4456 Patterson Ave, Middleville.

All food and beverages are provided. Just bring a lawn chair if you want
to sit by the fire. There are wagon rides through the field and woods,
and sometimes, live music!

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and family to
experience the fellowship of the Body of Christ.

Questions? Contact Connie Hooker at 616-891-8742

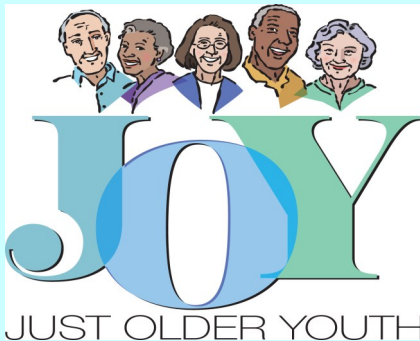


Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!

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



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: June 19th at 1:00p.m.

Meet at Curley Cone
12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland
Questions? Contact Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348

Would you like to get more acquainted with Pastor Dennis? Perhaps you have a theological question or would like to talk more about his sermon from the previous Sunday or you'd just like to sit and talk.

You can do just that on Tuesdays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Pastor Dennis' office is open to anyone who would like to come in and talk. No appointment needed!

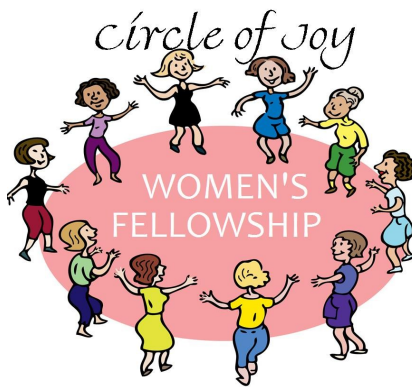
Tuesday afternoon doesn't work for you? Contact Pastor Dennis to set up a time in the evening to meet with him.



Office: (616) 891-8028 ext. 2001
Cell: (517) 242-5581
pastor@leightonchurch.org

Church Produce Stand

The church produce stand is ready for the 2025 growing season near the north entrance on 142nd Avenue. If you have extra garden produce, please place it on the stand for others that are in need.



The Circle of Joy Ladies Picnic will be held on June 16th at 6:00 p.m. Please meet at Jean Bender's home 3050 N. M-37 Hwy Middletown.

Bring a dish to pass. All table service will be provided. Bring your own beverage if other than iced tea, coffee, and water.

All ladies are welcome to attend.

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

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

The Hilton Family invites you to celebrate the graduation of



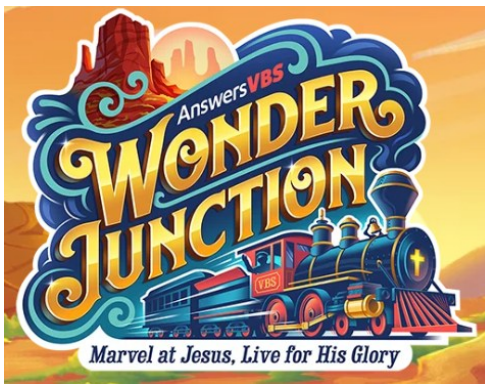
SIMON HILTON
(grandson of Don Hilton Sr)



Simon is going to Lawrence Tech University in the fall and will be on their men's soccer team!

An open house is being held in Simon's honor on
Saturday, June 21st from 1:00—4:00 p.m.
2775 108th Street SE, Caledonia

Questions or directions can be obtained by calling/texting 616-325-8633



Register Online for Vacation Bible School by June 20th!

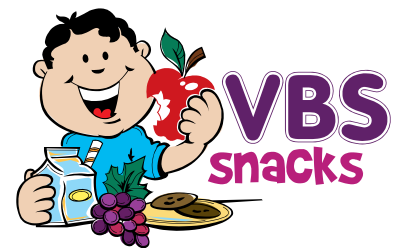
Online registration is open for Vacation Bible School. Kids age 4-6th Grade (entering in the fall) are invited to come for a fun filled week of discovering the wonders of Jesus! Each night, kids will come to Wonder Junction and take a journey through Christ's life marveling at the wonder of His birth, the wonder of His childhood, the wonder of His ministry years, the wonder of His death and resurrection, and the wonder of His return.

Grab a postcard from the information table in the Lobby and invite family, friends, and neighbors!

VBS is Sunday, June 22-Thursday, June 26th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Register at [www. leightonchurch.org/vbs](http://www.leightonchurch.org/vbs)

Items Still Needed for VBS Snacks



If you signed up to donate items for Vacation Bible School they are due back **TODAY**.

These are the remaining items needed for VBS. If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact Terri Farmer, VBS Snack Coordinator and let her know.

Call or text her at (616) 780-8444.

- 13 packages Premade Dessert Shells (6 count)*
- 3 Cans Reddi Whip (or similar)*
- 4 Boxes of Chocolate Chex Cereal (at least 13 oz boxes)*
- 4 Boxes of plain Cheerios Cereal (at least 13 oz boxes)*
- 3 -4 Qt Pails of Vanilla Ice Cream*

Pray for Vacation Bible School



Alverna Truax will be hosting a prayer time for the kids, volunteers, and VBS program every night during VBS. They will meet at Alverna's house 303 144th Ave Caledonia at 6:30 p.m.

From Sunday, June 22nd thru Thursday, June 26th.

All are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact Alverna Truax 616-275-0061



Jr & Sr High Youth Group

Stay connected this summer through
the Grow App!

This Week's Grow Code is HBKU

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

Keyless Entry System Fundraiser Update

THANK YOU..... To all who have contributed towards the keyless entry system fundraiser. The goal is \$10,605. As of June 11th, \$8,468.76 has been given towards this project. On top of that, there is \$965 available from undesignated memorial gifts, which when added to the amount donated so far, totals \$9,433.76. We are just \$1,171.24 away from the goal! Your generous contributions towards this project are great appreciated. If you have not yet given, you may do so by placing your donation in the offering boxes in the Lobby and clearly mark them KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM. Donations may also be made safely and securely online at www.leightonchurch.org/give and select the KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM fund. Again, thank you, for your generosity and support.

T.H.I.N.K.

Before You Speak

Use these five filters to examine your words before you speak-especially in times of tension or conflict:

T-Is it TRUE? Are my words grounded in truth, or are they based on assumptions, gossip, or half-truths?
(*Ephesians 4:25– Speak the truth in love....*)

H- Is it HELPFUL? Will this contribute to the growth, healing, or clarity of the situation?

I- Is it INSPIRING? Do my words build up others and reflect Christ's heart, or do they tear down?
(*Ephesians 4:29- "Only what is helpful for building others up.... That it may benefit those who listen."*)

N- Is it NECESSARY? Is this the right time to say this? Does this need to be said, or should I wait and pray?
Am I encouraging people to talk with each other or am I meddling or speaking negatively just because I can.

K- Is it KIND? Are my words marked by gentleness, compassion, and humility?
(*Proverbs 15:1—"A gentle answer turns away wrath...."*)

Matthew 18: 15-17

Jesus' Steps for Restoring Relationships with Grace and Truth

Conflict is inevitable– but bitterness isn't. Jesus outlines a clear, restorative path for dealing with personal offenses.

1. Go Privately

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone...."

-Matthew 18:15

- ◆ No gossip. No group texts. Just honest, loving conversation. It should be a direct and detailed interaction addressing the heart of the issue.

2. Take One or Two Others

"But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you...."

-Matthew 18:16

- ◆ Being wise, neutral believers to help restore– not necessarily escalate.

3. Bring it to the Church

"If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church...."

-Matthew 18:17

- ◆ Involve spiritual leadership when necessary, with the goal of reconciliation.

Final Thought: "Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

The goal of every conversation is to not win an argument, but to win a brother or sister back and glorify God.

Update on Operation Christmas Child

Leighton Church Family,

I was hoping to bring you more exciting news, but unfortunately, I have shingles on my face and by my eye that is causing excessive pain. To all those helping with shoebox projects, there will be a pause in getting more supplies to you until I am able to get more together when I am feeling better.

What can you do until God has restored my health? There are lots of yard sales this time of year. Please look for kids' toys still in the packaging from fast food kids' meals. Ask about t-shirts to use for jump ropes. Look for small tote bags that will fold up small. Sometimes you can find a lot of new things at garage sales and when you tell them about a shoebox and how it is used to tell kids about Jesus, they will give you items for free!

Not sure what can and what cannot go into a shoebox? Stop by the display table in the Lobby for a list of items suggested by Samaritan's Purse. You can also find this list online at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/>

Other sources are Dollar Tree or Amazon. I have a gift list on Amazon.com Just search for my name (Patty Hoekstra) under Amazon lists. The list title is OCC Shoeboxes.

Items needed are: toothbrushes (not pre-pasted), boxes of 24 crayons, single subject notebooks, kids' silverware (IKEA has 6 packs for a good price), 6" rulers, kids scissors, and zippered pencil pouches. School sales will start soon so keep an eye out for these items!

Any questions, please reach out to me. It might take a little longer for me to respond, but I promise I will. Please say a prayer for my husband, Wayne. He is a champ when things happen, but he is lost because he knows I usually deal with pain and this is a whole new level for us to deal with.

Blessings and love to you all,

Patty Hoekstra, Operation Christmas Child shoebox coordinator
(269) 804-7887 or pcookies68@gmail.com



Amy Galloway

Kenya, Africa



Amy Galloway lives in Kijabe, Kenya where she serves as a missionary and educator at Rift Valley Academy. She teaches Chemistry, AP Chemistry, AP Calculus, and a class called "Comparative Religions: Islam and the Christian Response." Working at a boarding school Amy has the opportunity to walk alongside her students and point them toward Christ in every aspect of life, not just in the classroom.

Amy feels there is something deeply special about the Rift Valley Academy community. They all live closely-sharing life, ministry, laughter, and even the hard moments. Recently, that closeness has shone through as people that have no time in their schedule still carve out time to help one-another in a time of need.

Amy was in need herself a couple weeks ago when she came home to an isolated power outage and sewage overflowing out of the culverts built into her front porch. When she called the maintenance on call number, five different men were at her home within minutes, lifting sewer covers, opening electrical boxes and testing them, breakers were flipped, and more. Then a ladder appeared, men climbed up to the electrical lines, and a metal rod was stuck through the culvert as a snake to break up the buildup on blockage. After assessing how bad the outage was with the neighbors, monkeys were finally to blame for the disconnected wire. After all that, the problem was still not fixed! Another hour of hard labor, the clog cleared up and began to drain.

The next week, Amy was able to give back to her community by setting up a meal train for several different families in need. Yet, despite the overwhelming number of requests for meals, every slot was filled. Meals were delivered, classes were covered, and the community showed up to help one another.

Lately, it has been exhausting for the community at Rift Valley Academy. Please join them in prayer:

For health— especially for our youngest community members and those recovering from illness.

For rest and strength— for those who are giving so much to hold up others.

For the students— that they would feel supported during this full season.

For continued willingness- that God would stir generosity in those who have the space to give.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Amy Galloway. You can find more information at their website

<https://faithful-footsteps.com>. 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: June 15: Clay & Luann Snyder June 22: Andy & April, Olivia and Emilee Taylor June 29: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
Intercessory Prayer: June 15: Chris Herring June 22: Alverna Truax June 29: Drew & Jackie Corwin	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: June 15: Robbin Hilton & Sally Smith June 22: Justin & Amanda Brandt June 29: Kelli & Celia Weeks	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: June 15: Scott & Terri Farmer June 22: Mike & Renee Reurink June 29: Larry & Diane Porter	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: June 15: Renee Reurink & Diane Porter June 22: Valerie Lepeak & John and Joyce Gacker June 29: Jackie Corwin & Stacey Aman	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: June 15: Celia Weeks & Hollie Lepeak June 22: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor June 29: Abbi Pollmann & Isabella Brandt	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: June 15: Diane & Ian Norris June 22: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak June 29: Christine & Ava Syswerda	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams June 15: Abbi Pollmann & Celia Weeks June 22: Elijah & Helena Weeks June 29: Violet Rogers & Ava Syswerda	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org
Mowing Teams: June 19-21: Church Yard—Bill Aman Ball Field—Doug Thaler June 26-28: Church Yard— Paul Edwards Ball Field— Brian Smith	