



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of June 22, 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 22

Vacation Bible School

6:30–8:30p

VBS Prayer at Alverna Truax's House

6:30p

Monday, June 23

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30p

VBS Prayer at Alverna Truax's House

6:30p

No Men's Basketball

Tuesday, June 24

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30p

VBS Prayer at Alverna Truax's House

6:30p

Wednesday, June 25

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30p

VBS Prayer at Alverna Truax's House

6:30p

No Men's Group

No Praise Team Practice

Thursday, June 26

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30p

VBS Prayer at Alverna Truax's House

6:30p

Friday, June 27

Vacation Bible School Clean Up 8a



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: 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)

Bible Club

July 13th-August 24th

For kids up to 5th Grade

Led by Nancy Slagh

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 & Sally Smith (Room 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.

Sign up by July 5th if you are interested.



Vacation Bible School

Starts TODAY!

Join us today through Thursday June 26th for a Rootin' Tootin' Good Ole Time from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Kids age 4 through 6th grade are invited to come and discover the wonders of Jesus at Wonder Junction.

Didn't register yet? No problem!
Register when you get here!



No Men's Group this week due to VBS.

**No
Praise Team Practice on
Wednesday night but there
will be practice at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 29th**



All are welcome to come to pray over
Vacation Bible School
Sunday thru Thursday from
6:30-8:30 p.m.
At Alverna Truax's House
303 144th Avenue Caledonia MI 49316
616-275-0061



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 Luncheons: July 3rd and 17th 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.



Jr & Sr High Youth Group

There will not be a grow code this week due to the youth returning from the mission trip.

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



Ron & Melin

Southeast Asia



Ron and Melin have been serving in southeast Asia since 1997. They provide assistance in impoverished areas through community development projects to meet the needs of the people holistically which often provides an opportunity for sharing the gospel. Ron and Melin have three main areas of focused ministry: providing access to clean water, an agricultural demonstration farm, and support of a young fellowship.

Ron, Melin, and the clean water team are thankful to have Paul back helping them in the villages. Earlier this year, Paul had a violent attempt on his life, and his arm was nearly severed. Thankfully, Paul is healing well.

The demand for clean water systems continues to increase as other villages see the systems that have already been installed, and would like them to come to their village to do the same. The list continues to grow for villages, requesting new water filtration systems. Currently there are six community sized clean water filtration systems under construction and several more are being planned for the year. They have a year end goal of constructing 20 community sized clean water filtration systems in 2025.

The Agricultural Demonstration farm is benefiting from the new tractor in many ways, including the clearing of a new field which is now ready for planting eggplants. Another field is being prepared for peppers. Recently kalamansi (small, round citrus fruit) and corn were harvested.

The silage program at the farm is off to a good start. The farm staff chops greens and corn stalks in preparation of the fermentation process. With the changing climate, it's difficult to get enough forage for the cattle during the extended and intense dry seasons. The silage produced will provide the needed forage during the sparse times of the dry season.

Family Updates. Eliza and Caleb welcomed baby Percy into the world on April 30th. All are doing well.

Emily and Charlie are serving this summer at Naramore Christian Foundation's MK ReEntry Seminar.

Prayer and Praise

Pray for transformation of the hearts of those in SE Asia that are without God and far from God.

Praise and prayer for Paul's continued healing and recovery. Pray that he and his family will fully receive and accept the Lord.

Praise for the two completed community-sized clean water filtration systems and the six that are in the midst of construction. Pray for the building of trusting relationships and Kingdom conversations.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Ron and Melin. 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 22: Andy & April, Olivia and Emilee Taylor June 29: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender July 6: Andy & April, Olivia and Emilee Taylor	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
Intercessory Prayer: June 22: Alverna Truax June 29: Drew & Jackie Corwin July 6: Judi Galloway	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: June 22: Justin & Amanda Brandt June 29: Kelli & Celia Weeks July 6: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: June 22: Mike & Renee Reurink June 29: Larry & Diane Porter July 6: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: June 22: Valerie Lepeak & John and Joyce Gacker June 29: Jackie Corwin & Stacey Aman July 6: Nancy Slagh & _____	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: June 22: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor June 29: Abbi Pollmann & Isabella Brandt July 6: Emilee Taylor & Helena Weeks	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: June 22: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak June 29: Christine & Ava Syswerda July 6: Britney Bredeweg & Violet Rogers	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 22: Elijah & Helena Weeks June 29: Violet Rogers & Ava Syswerda July 6: Gwenn & Xander Triick	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org
Mowing Teams: June 26-28: Church Yard—Paul Edwards Ball Field—Brian Smith July 3-5: Church Yard— Clay Snyder Ball Field— John R Smith	