



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of June 29, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Caledonia, MI 49316

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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 29

Praise Team Practice 8a

Backyard Picnic Fellowship
6p

Monday, June 30

No Men's Basketball

Tuesday, July 1

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Leadership Team Meeting
6:30p

Wednesday, July 2

Prayer Meeting 6:15p

Men's Group 6:30p

Praise Team Practice 6:30p

Thursday, July 3

JOY (Just Older Youth)
Lunch 1p

Friday, July 4

Happy Fourth Of July!

Monday, July 7

Gym In Use 5:30– 7p

Men's Basketball 7p

Tuesday, July 8

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Board Of Elders 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 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.





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

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



Praise Team Practice

6:30 p.m.



Backyard Picnic Fellowship TONIGHT at 6 p.m. 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

In case of rain, this event will be cancelled.



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.



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pastor@leightonchurch.org

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 6th if you are interested.

Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

~Nehemiah 8:10

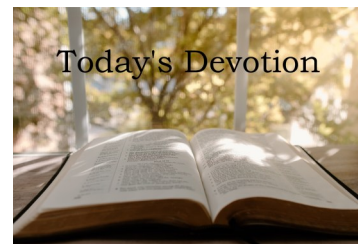
When we face various hardships, it does not mean that the Lord no longer loves us. In this life, troubles just mean that we are breathing!

Anything in this world that is worth possessing requires a struggle to lay hold of it. Behind every prosperous business, someone strived to succeed. Every great church has overcome obstacles of all sorts. Every loving couple has contended for their marriage. Every believer has fought the good fight of faith.

While we prefer the easier route- the road most traveled- God understands that the struggle is where we get the strength to grasp the blessing. Building spiritual muscles helps us gain the power to hold onto the things that God has promised us. And this is not a stress-free workout.

In the middle of the circumstances where we find ourselves, when we offer up praise and thanksgiving, the Lord makes that place His address. And when He arrives, He brings joy with Him. He gives us beauty for ashes and dancing for mourning.

When we lift up our thanks before the victory is won, we are not denying the reality of our situation: we are telling the situation about the reality of our great, big God! So, go ahead! Sing to Him in the middle of the storm. His joy becomes our strength even as the struggle is making us stronger.



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

Stay connected this summer through
the Grow App!

This Week's Grow Code is RH0W

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. A deposit has been paid, the system has been installed and is functional. Installation was done now to avoid a price increase. The total cost of the project is \$10,605. As of June 11th, \$8,468.76 has been given. 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 greatly 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.

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



United In Christ Ministry

Rebecca Getter



United In Christ Ministries (UICM) is a faith based organization serving the kids in the Black Hills and Roosevelt Park communities of Grand Rapids, Michigan. UICM over the years has found many unique opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ in this community. Their programs are diverse in reaching the youth in the community and equipping them to be leaders right where they are. They believe that the constant presentation of the Word of God serves as the real catalyst for impacting the youth in the community.

This month Rebecca Getter published a special report to highlight summer camp and say a heartfelt thank you to the church family. Your prayers, support, and generosity made a life-changing week possible for dozens of children.

One of Rebecca's favorite moments came from a 4th grader's journal, where they wrote: *"This is my favorite camp but we are going to leave tomorrow. I had a lot of fun here. This place was really fun I hope we can come here next summer. When we leave it will be sad because we have to leave early and I want to stay longer. Thank you Jesus. You die for our sins and I'm really really happy because you cared about us. You died on the cross for us. Thank you for keeping us from the devil. He is why we fight."*

The child's words are a sweet and powerful reminder that these kids are learning the truth at camp and it's sinking in.

Here are a few highlights:

\$30,000 raised to make camp possible-**80% of UICM campers attended completely free!**

69 campers experienced a week of love, fun, safety, and deep connection with Jesus.

10 kids were baptized, and 8 gave their lives to Jesus for the first time.

59 staff gave up PTO, comfort, and sleep to pour themselves out in service.

43+ individuals were praying for them from home-thank you!

4 campers went home without knowing where they would sleep that night. But for a week, they were safe, full, and able to just be kids.

UICM feels incredibly honored to go to camp every year and thankful for everyone that invests to make it possible.

Please keep praying for these campers and staff, and for Diallo. He is a young man from UICM who is heading to Belize next month on a mission trip. He's gone from being served to serving others-a beautiful example of lasting fruit.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Rebecca Getter-UICM. You can find more information at their website <https://unitedinchristgr.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 29: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender July 6: Andy & April, Olivia and Emilee Taylor July 13: Tim & Rebecca, Keagan and Larkin Shanahan	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator (616) 888-0071, dianepor93@gmail.com
Intercessory Prayer: June 29: Drew & Jackie Corwin July 6: Judi Galloway July 13: Mike & Christine Syswerda	Get involved: Alverna Truax, (616) 275-0061, truax616@gmail.com Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks.
Nursery: June 29: Kelli & Celia Weeks July 6: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak July 13: April & Olivia Taylor	Get Involved: Rebecca Shanahan (616) 312-3070, rebeccashanahan84@gmail.com Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done.
Coffee Bar: June 29: Larry & Diane Porter July 6: Servers Needed July 13: Jean McCaul & Debi Warren	Get Involved: Contact Connie Hooker (616) 891-8742 or sign up at the Coffee Bar
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: June 29: Jackie Corwin & Stacey Aman July 6: Nancy Slagh & Connie Hooker July 13: Kim Bender & Sharon Grinage	Get Involved: Contact Nona Steeby, (616) 890-4387
Acolytes: June 29: Abbi Pollmann & Isabella Brandt July 6: Emilee Taylor & Helena Weeks July 13: Celia Weeks & Isabella Brandt	Get Involved: Luann Snyder (616) 891-8348, luannlewis@yahoo.com
Children's Church: June 29: Christine & Ava Syswerda July 6: Britney Bredeweg & Violet Rogers July 13: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan	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 29: Violet Rogers & Ava Syswerda July 6: Gwenn & Xander Triick July 13: Ian & Rylee Norris	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested in helping, contact Brian Smith (616) 891-8028 ext. 2004 or youth@leightonchurch.org
Mowing Teams: July 3-5: Church Yard—Clay Snyder Ball Field—John R Smith July 10-12: Church Yard— Pastor Dennis Weeks Ball Field— Butch Klooster	