



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Pastor Dennis A. Weeks**

## Week of July 13, 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

Monday, July 14	Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, July 15	Pastor's Café 2-3p Discipleship Meeting 6:30p
Wednesday, July 16	Prayer Meeting 6:15p Men's Group 6:30p Praise Team Practice 6:30p
Thursday, July 17	JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch 1p
Sunday, July 20	Communion Backyard Picnic Fellowship 6p
Monday, July 21	Gym in Use 5:30– 7p Men's Basketball 7p Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship 7p
Tuesday, July 22	Pastor's Café 2-3p
Wednesday, July 23	Prayer Meeting 6:15p Men's Group 6:30p Praise Team Practice 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

## **Bible Club**

Now—August 24th  
For kids up to 5th Grade  
In Room 4  
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

Sermon Recap Pastor Dennis—Rooms 7/8

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

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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



**Praise Team Practice**

**6:30 p.m.**



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## **Backyard Picnic Fellowship July 20th and August 17th at 6:00 p.m.**

An informal backyard cookout for all ages at  
Art & Connie Hooker's.

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 or the Church Office

In case of rain, this event will be cancelled.



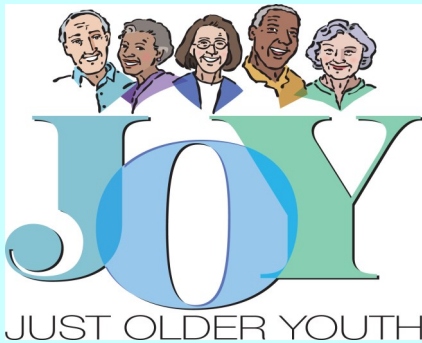
**Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!**

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](mailto:worship@leightonchurch.org)

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## **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: July 17th at 1:00p.m.

Meet at Curley Cone  
12850 W. M-179 Hwy, Wayland  
Questions? Contact Luann Snyder

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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  
[pastor@leightonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@leightonchurch.org)





## **Music \* Puppets \* Inspirational Message For All Ages**

Sunday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m.

A great opportunity to invite family and friends to a fun evening of great music, a dynamic message, and the ventriloquism talent of Stephen Forester.

Free admission. A love offering will be collected to support Stephen's ministry.

Afterward, enjoy ice cream outside under the carport!

Visit [www.leightonchurch.org/events](http://www.leightonchurch.org/events)

# **New Adult Sunday School Class**

## **Beginning July 20th**

Join John VanderMeer's Sunday School class on July 20th as they begin a new Bible Study titled, "Call to Holiness: Dynamic Life from Spiritual Disciplines." During this study you will learn that our hearts need warming, not just in acknowledgement of our forgiven sins, but in an ongoing relationship with God that keeps our hearts warm with His love. It's all too easy to shift away from that kind of spiritual intensity. We can find ourselves becoming cold toward spiritual matters, but God is still perfecting our hearts.

A few of the lessons include: Christianity at Work, Why Believers Need to Repent, Snapshots of the Holy Spirit, Bowing Down and Banding Together, and many more.

John's class meets in Rooms 15/16 from 11:00 a.m.-Noon.

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## **Upcoming Men's Bible Study on Revelation**

For those of you who have attended our Wednesday evening meetings, I thank you for coming. For those who have not yet attended, I would like to extend an invitation to you. It does not matter your age or your knowledge of the Bible, we are all there to grow our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are currently in the book of Hebrews, but will soon be starting a new study in Revelation. We will be using Bible Study Fellowship material for this study. This study will last approximately 30 weeks. The notes on this study read like a commentary and the questions are designed in such a way as to deepen your relationship to Christ and gently challenge yourself. I promise you will be blessed by this study. In Revelation 1:3 it says, "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophesy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near." If God promises a blessing, I don't mind repeating His promise to you. The cost of the book for this study is \$18.00 each. Please let me know by **July 13** so I can get the books ordered.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you and I hope to see you there.

C.J. Yarrington

# Keyless Entry System Update

The new Keyless Entry System has been installed and activated. The front door has a reader along with intercom, camera, and a keypad. Entry doors by the gym and at the end of the children's wing have readers only.

Key fobs and cards are now available. For those who currently have a physical key to the building, you can return your key to the office during office hours and request either a key fob or card (your choice). In the month of July all exterior doors will be rekeyed and current physical keys will no longer work to open the door(s).

**VERY IMPORTANT:** The marked door by the gym and at the end of the children's wing must remain unlocked. The crash bar must be pushed in. If these doors are locked from the inside, the key fob and cards will not work. This is the opposite of how the doors have operated over the years.

If you have any questions on this new procedure, please feel free to ask when you exchange your physical key for the key fob or card.



Wayne and Noreen Ingersoll  
Health & Safety Chairpersons

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## 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 July 6th, \$8,568.76 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 \$1,071.24 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](http://www.leightonchurch.org/give) and select the KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM fund. Again, thank you, for your generosity and support.





Meeting on July 24th at 6:30 p.m.  
If you cannot attend please notify Jerry  
Slagh.

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# 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.



Thank you, Leighton Church, for the beautiful floral hanging basket in memory of Ruth Geukes. Thank you also for all the prayers, cards, and support you gave to the Geukes Family. She was a very special sister-in-law, aunt, friend, and a loved member of the community. You are a blessing to all. Your kindness and concern have meant so very much and will always be remembered.

~Jan Geukes and the Geukes Family

# Thank You

Leighton Church,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Our deepest thanks,

The Nelson Appelman Family -Matt & Cassie Heinze

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Hey,

So, it looks like I've graduated high school (believe it or not). It's been a wild ride. Thank you for being with me through all of it. On top of the normal good and bad parts, I also had to deal with moving around a whole lot and being at four different schools.

This summer I get to work at Gull Lake Ministries as a summer staffer doing maintenance in order to get experience working with kids, serve Jesus, and make a little money for college on the side. I'm very excited to be around so many people who genuinely love Jesus. This fall I am going to start at Spring Arbor University. I plan on either studying Math or Math Secondary Ed. (Yes, I'm one of those freaks that actually **like** math. Horror!)

Thank you to all of you who have been in my life all these years. From Michigan, to Costa Rica, to Massachusetts, and back to Michigan again. Thank you for teaching and leading me, and for investing time and money into my life. Thank you for all your prayers. Pray for me as I start on a new phase of life, at college. I'm excited to see where God nudges me next.

Sincerely,

Forrest D. Kamper (Son of Noah and Liz Kamper)

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Dear Leighton Church,

Thank you!

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Colossians 3: 15

Thank you for your generous gift to our ministries in SE Asia! We are grateful. The clean water ministry, the agricultural sustainability ministry and demonstration farm, and the young church and outreach ministry are meeting needs and building trusting relationships so that ministries are sustainable and provide avenue and opportunities to share of our Lord and his great love for all of us.

God is good and faithful! We are filled with thankfulness for our Lord's many blessings and opportunities to meet needs and serve in SE Asia. Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and support. Thank you! We are grateful!

Blessings,

Ron and Melin Green, Missionaries in SE Asia

# Operation Christmas Child

Welcome to Christmas in July!

For many children around the world they do not receive gifts. Here in America there seems to be a reason for gift giving all the time: birthday's, Christmas, Easter, and so forth. So please pray for the gifts we are collecting and making to go to just the right child God has already picked out.

Yes, that's right. God already knows what will go in each and every shoebox that is packed, not just the ones we do. I am in awe of how much our God knows.

So with all that said. I would like to see if anyone is interested in a crafting day?

Since I was sick the month of June, there has been a lot to get caught up on!

The items we are collecting for this month will be yellow number 2 pencils, zipper pencil pouches, 24 count boxes of crayons, color pencils, kid scissors, and 6 inch rulers.

We have already received plenty of cap erasers, large erasers, and pencil sharpeners.

Be sure to pick up a card or two at the Operation Christmas Child table and write a message to a child. Let's make sure all the shoeboxes have a card in them to let the children know of God's love and ours.

Soon I will be back to cutting t-shirts. If you would like to help braid them, it will be at least a week before they are ready.

If you have any ideas or know of any great deals, please feel free to share on my Facebook page "Patty Watkins Hoekstra." At the top of my page I have a post pinned for Amazon items and as I find great deals I will share on there as well.

If you would like to give through Amazon follow these steps on a desktop:

1. Create or sign in to your Amazon.com account
2. Click on Accounts & Lists
3. Select "Find a List or Registry"
4. Click the arrow next to FIND A REGISTRY
5. Under Registrant's Name enter: Patty Hoekstra
6. Click the arrow by Select an Occasion
7. Select Gift List and Search

Let's bless a child with the Gospel in their language and a gift to show our love for them.

Blessings,

Patty Hoekstra, Operation Christmas Child shoebox coordinator



## *"Will-I"*

*By Mary Hanna*

There were two sisters that were about 2 years apart, that loved each other right from the start. Grandpa had told them that their dad had gone to heaven to be with Jesus, they loved and believed Grandpa so they accepted his simple explanation as the absolute truth without any arguments or fuss. Their mom and Grandpa took them to church every Sunday, Mom took Candy, the baby, to the nursery where she helped every week. And Grandpa took Cathy with him to listen to the pastor and the sermon he would speak. Cathy would listen very carefully and tried to remember questions and answers as she was too young to write them down, but she loved to stump Grandpa and turn his thoughtful face to a frown. At home Grandpa took care of Candy and Cathy so Mom could work 3 days a week, and Mom would take care of them the other three days so Grandpa could work at the lumber yard by the creek. Their life had just settled down when Mom got a telephone call, Grandpa had taken a very bad fall.

From that time on, Grandpa stayed home because the lumber yard offered Mom a job in their office all week, Grandpa could hardly say "Thank you," as his eyes filled with tears, he could barely speak. At home Grandpa took care of Cathy and Candy full time, and he would tell the girls many stories. There were animal stories, fish stories, and Bible stories from a church that years ago he had taught. Their family room was full of thousands of pictures of animals or fish, and a picture of Grandpa and his dad with Grandpa holding up the biggest fish (the mounted fish was right beside the picture) he had ever caught!

Just before Christmas Mom came home from work looking very, very tired, so Grandpa knew she had been thinking about what they had talked about just before breakfast that morning. There was always the usual thoughts of what to buy the girls, but this year they had just noticed the roof over the attic and the girls room needed repairs. Grandpa went outside a few days ago and had taken the ladder and told Mom the whole roof needed new shingles otherwise it would be leaking all over upstairs. Grandpa told her they would all pray at the supper table, which they always did, and ask God what they could do. After supper an answer came so fast they could hardly believe it was true! Candy pointed and shouted "Will-I, Will-I, Will-I" (Walleye) as that old fish came crashing to the floor. Thousands and thousands of dollars came spewing out, some even landing as far away as the front door! Grandpa was shocked as Mom and the girls as he remembered his dad's words about that old "Walleye" fish: God will lead you back to your fish some day when HIS LOVE is really NEEDED, He knows YOUR LOVE for HIM is STRONG and deeply seeded!!!



## Brierly and Mackenzie Kuhudzayi Zimbabwe, Africa



Brierly and Mackenzie Kuhudzayi live in Zimbabwe with their two daughters. They support the mission Made in Matobo, which works to improve the quality of life for people in southern Africa through agriculture.

Brierly, Mackenzie, and the girls had a wonderful trip to the U.S. this Spring. They feel it was a joy to spend Easter with Mackenzie's family in Michigan, as well as connect with friends and new ministry partners. The visits were full of encouragement, meaningful conversations, and opportunities to share the vision that God has placed on their hearts.

A big part of their trip was focused on fundraising-and they are thankful to report that they have reached their one-time giving goal for the next two quarters. Praise God!

In May they returned to Zimbabwe, and were excited to see the team thriving. At the farm base, they celebrated a successful first harvest of heirloom maize-an exciting step toward producing more sustainable feed for the animals and food for the community. Their first dairy calf was born while they were away, and fresh milk is now blessing both their family and team.

The chicken operation is doing great! Their most recent batch of 6,000 boilers finished very well, with low losses and solid weights-even in a tough market. Another batch is now in place.

They also installed a drip irrigation in the garden and micropasture-a huge step in conserving water and increasing efficiency.

The men's ministry and Bible studies are back in full swing. Brierly hosted a meaningful men's outreach meal and they were very encouraged when one young man prayed out loud to Jesus by name-a powerful moment there.

One of the most fun developments is their new mud hut guest room. It was built by local builders and ladies who are experienced at finishing mud huts and it is nearly done. The hut offers a unique and authentic space to host visitors.

**Prayer Requests:** With unreliable water and electricity, they have applied for a grant for solar power. Please pray that the application is accepted and process moves swiftly.

Pray over the construction of another chicken house in Ukuthula. They are working on a design using local materials and hope to build in a way that inspires community members to consider an enterprise of their own.

Mackenzie is pregnant and due in November! They had a healthy report at their 20 week scan, and continue to pray for a healthy second half of pregnancy.

They plan to host a small group of visitors from South Africa in August. They will be painting the exterior of their house and spend time encouraging one another in ministry. Pray for safe travels.

Please pray over the 6,000 chickens that will be placed at the Anglesea location and the team that takes care of them.

*Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Brierly and Mackenzie Kuhudzayi. You can find more information at their website [www.madeinmatobosociety.org](http://www.madeinmatobosociety.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?

<b>GREETER MINISTRY:</b> July 13: Tim & Rebecca, Keagan and Larkin Shanahan July 20: Clay & Luann Snyder July 27: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender	<b>Get involved:</b> Diane Porter, Coordinator
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b> July 13: Mike & Christine Syswerda July 20: Mike & Linda Horton July 27: CJ Yarrington	<b>Get involved:</b> Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks. Pastor Dennis
<b>Nursery:</b> July 13: April & Olivia Taylor July 20: Mike & Christine Syswerda July 27: Scott & Terri Farmer	<b>Get Involved:</b> Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Rebecca Shanahan
<b>Coffee Bar:</b> July 13: Jean McCaul & Debi Warren July 20: Servers Needed July 27: Servers Needed	<b>Get Involved:</b> Sign up at the Coffee Bar. Contact the Church Office if you are interested in serving.
<b>Treats for Coffee Fellowship:</b> July 13: Kim Bender & Sharon Grinage July 20: Christine Syswerda & Jamie Shira July 27: Joane Bardwell & Jean McCaul	<b>Get Involved:</b> Nona Steeby
<b>Acolytes:</b> July 13: Celia Weeks & Keagan Shanahan July 20: Celia Weeks & Olivia Taylor July 27: Hollie Lepeak & Keagan Shanahan	<b>Get Involved:</b> Luann Snyder
<b>Children's Church:</b> July 13: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan July 20: Diane & Ian Norris July 27: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak	<b>Get Involved:</b> Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Rebecca Shanahan
<b>Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams</b> July 13: Ian & Rylee Norris July 20: Abbi Pollmann & Celia Weeks July 27: Elijah & Celia Weeks	<b>Get Involved:</b> Jr & Sr High Students interested contact the church office.
<b>Mowing Teams:</b> July 17-19: Church Yard—Pastor Dennis Weeks Ball Field—Andy Taylor July 24-26: Church Yard—Colin Mead Ball Field—CJ Yarrington	