



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of July 20, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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Caledonia, MI 49316
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office@leightonchurch.org
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, July 20

Communion

Receiving New Members

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

Thursday, July 24

Worship Planning Team
Meeting 6:30p

Sunday, July 27

Gideon Presentation

Steven Forester Concert 6p

Monday, July 28

Gym in Use 5:30– 7p

Men's Basketball 7p



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

“Call to Holiness: Dynamic Life from Spiritual Disciplines”
John VanderMeer— Rooms 15/16

Sermon Recap Pastor Dennis—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

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.



Backyard Picnic Fellowship TONIGHT 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!

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.

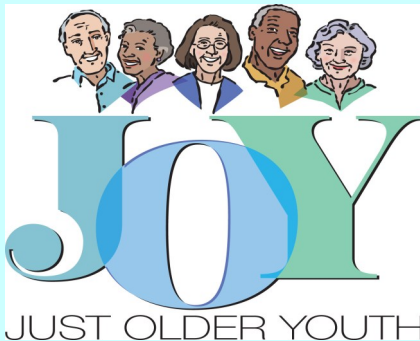


Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!

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



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: August 7 & 21 at 1:00p.m.

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

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



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

New Adult Sunday School Class Starting TODAY

Join John VanderMeer's Sunday School class today 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.



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

The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is meeting on
Monday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge.
All ladies are welcome to attend and listen to Judi Galloway
share about the writing and publishing process of her book.

Refreshments are provided.

Questions? Contact Jean Bender



ATTENDANCE

For the time being we will not be using the Attendance Pads that were placed at the end of the pews. We are trying alternative methods for attendance tracking.



A Baptism Service will be held on Sunday, August 17th during the church service. If you are interested in being baptized on this day please contact Pastor Dennis.



Are you interested in learning more about Leighton Church and what church membership is all about? Pastor Dennis is hosting a Church Membership class on Saturday, August 2nd from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Rooms 15/16.

If you are interested, please sign up at the information table in the Lobby or contact Pastor Dennis.



Can you give a bit of your time?

Is God calling you to get more involved in the ministry of the church? There are several opportunities where you can volunteer. Some of these ministries may take 15 minutes a week, others will require more time. Will you pray to see if God's speaking to you to serve Him in a new way?

Nursery Coordinator – while we don't have many children utilizing the nursery in recent weeks, the nursery needs to be staffed and ready for when children do come. This position involves creating a schedule for nursery workers, ensuring the toys and furniture are clean, and stocking the nursery with snacks/diapers, etc (which is reimbursable).

Children's Church Coordinator – Children's Church is for kids age 4 thru 2nd grade. This role involves creating a teacher/helper schedule for each week and seeing that curriculum and materials are available and ready.

Kids Activity Sacks – Sacks filled with coloring pages, small toys, and books are available at the Sanctuary main entrance for kids to take and enjoy during the service. Someone is needed to re-stock the sacks with fresh pages and ensure there are pencils, crayons, toys, books in each one each week.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these three positions, please contact Pastor Dennis.

THANK YOU to Rebecca Shanahan who has faithfully filled all 3 roles above and has done a marvelous job. Rebecca has asked to step down to focus more on her children and her job. If you see Rebecca, please thank her for the time she has given towards these ministries.

Wednesday Night ministries will be starting up in September. It is helpful to offer a meal on Wednesday nights for those bringing their kids or those attending Bible studies or praise team practice. We are looking for 4 or 5 people to plan and prepare meals for about 50 people and clean up afterward. Meals can be simple. For more information this ministry, see Valerie Lepeak.

thank you

Dear Leighton Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards and gifts celebrating my graduation from Caledonia High School. It was a wonderful afternoon and a really great opportunity to catch up with some of you that I haven't seen in a while. Your kindness and friendship are greatly appreciated.

Love you,

Simon Hilton

Dear Friends at Leighton Church,

Your prayers and partnership enable Pregnancy Resource Center to serve in the classroom, exam room, and counseling room where we live the truth that each person matters to God. Divinely located and reaching those most at risk, we see at least one life decision made each day Pregnancy Resource Center is open. We are deeply grateful for our faithful financial partnership, and we praise God for your role in this redemptive ministry, which brings both physical care and eternal hope.

May you be blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. (Ephesians 1:3)

With gratitude,

Pregnancy Resource Center

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.

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

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 17th, \$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 and select the **KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM** fund. Again, thank you, for your generosity and support.

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



Joe and Beth Batchelder Kenya, Africa



Joe and Beth Batchelder serve in Kenya, Africa with Africa Inland Mission. Joe is a pilot with the aviation ministry, and Beth is busy raising their 6 kids.

Joe and Beth are back in full swing, and God has provided many opportunities to serve both in the air and on the ground.

One of the highlights was a recent flight to Korr in northern Kenya, where they visited a thriving Christian community with a powerful story. Just 40 years ago, there were no known believers and no written language in the region. A missionary couple from South Africa began the hard work of creating a written form of the local language for the purpose of Bible translation. Today, the New Testament is complete, much of the Old Testament is translated, and nearly 1,000 adults have become literate through Scripture-based education. Korr now has both a Christian elementary and high school, drawing students far and wide—even from strict Islamic backgrounds. This small town is a beacon of light, and the transformation is undeniable: children are being educated, families are hearing the Gospel, and Christ is being made known.

Another significant mission this month was a medevac flight to the northeast corner of Kenya, near the Somali border. Early one morning, Joe was dispatched along with three other aircraft to evacuate injured Kenyan soldiers who had been ambushed by extremists during the night. He flew a doctor, nurse, and three wounded servicemen back to Nairobi for treatment. While these flights are classified as “commercial,” it gives them a unique chance to pray with medical teams and share Christ’s love in moments of real need.

Prayer Requests:

- **Vehicle Arrival:** After borrowing one for months, their Toyota Hiace finally arrived at the airport in Mombasa! Please pray that it gets to them soon.
- **Peace in Nairobi:** Political unrest has resurfaced, with riots, roadblocks, and tragic violence. Just recently, a stray bullet entered their compound and broke through a neighbor’s window. Pray for peace, justice, and God-honoring leadership in Kenya.
- **Support Needs:** Their monthly support needs have increased, due to the birth of their twins and policy changes. Please pray for provision.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Joe and Beth Batchelder. 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: July 20: Clay & Luann Snyder July 27: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender August 3: Mike & Linda Horton	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator
Intercessory Prayer: July 20: Mike & Linda Horton July 27: CJ Yarrington August 3: Debi Warren	Get involved: Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks. Contact Alverna Truax
Nursery: July 20: Mike & Christine Syswerda July 27: Justin & Amanda Brandt August 3: Robbin Hilton & Sally Smith	Get Involved: Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Coordinator Needed
Coffee Bar: July 20: Andy & April Taylor July 27: Servers Needed August 3: Jean McCaul & Debi Warren	Get Involved: Sign up at the Coffee Bar. Contact the Church Office if you are interested in serving.
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: July 20: Christine Syswerda & Jamie Shira July 27: Joane Bardwell & Jean McCaul August 3: Mark & Lucia Schiefla & Joy Rogers	Get Involved: Nona Steeby
Acolytes: July 20: Celia Weeks & Olivia Taylor July 27: Hollie Lepeak & Keagan Shanahan August 3: Helena Weeks & Isabella Brandt	Get Involved: Luann Snyder
Children's Church: July 20: Diane & Ian Norris July 27: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak August 3: Christine & Ava Syswerda	Get Involved: Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Coordinator Needed
Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams July 20: Abbi Pollmann & Celia Weeks July 27: Elijah & Celia Weeks August 3: Helena Weeks & Violet Rogers	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested contact the church office.
Mowing Teams: July 24-26: Church Yard—Colin Mead Ball Field—CJ Yarrington July 31-August 2: Church Yard—Clay Snyder Ball Field—John R Smith	