



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of July 27, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street
Caledonia, MI 49316
(616) 891-8028
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 27	Gideons International AM Worship Stephen Forester Concert 6p
Monday, July 28	Gym in Use 5:30– 7p Men's Basketball 7p
Tuesday, July 29	Pastor's Café 2-3p
Wednesday, July 30	Prayer Meeting 6:15p Men's Group 6:30p Praise Team Practice 6:30p
Thursday, July 31	Finance Committee Meeting 6:30p
Saturday, August 2	Church Membership Class 10-11:30a Gym & Kitchen in Use 11a-3p
Monday, August 4	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 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.

Following the prayer time, 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

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.





Music * Puppets * Inspirational Message For All Ages

TONIGHT 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 in the gym!

Visit www.leightonchurch.org/events



Hello Everyone,

I know everyone has begun hearing more about restructures and things of that sort related to the church. The biggest focus right now is moving forward to begin the search for an additional full time associate level pastor to assist in the ministry endeavors of the church. For the last month, several elders have begun calling people from within our personal networks to see if there are possible candidates that are both qualified and interested in applying to such a role. Additionally, we are addressing the financial feasibility of the role so we may best understand how this impacts our budget and allow us to communicate better with the prospective candidates that will be brought before the church. At this time, no agreement has been made with Shepherd's Staff to assist in the search though that may be a future possibility.

Please pray for your leaders at every level as we work through this.

Thank you,

Pastor Dennis



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

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.

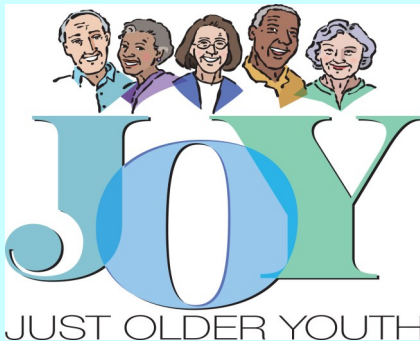


Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!

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.

Office: (616) 891-8028 ext. 2001
pastor@leightonchurch.org



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.

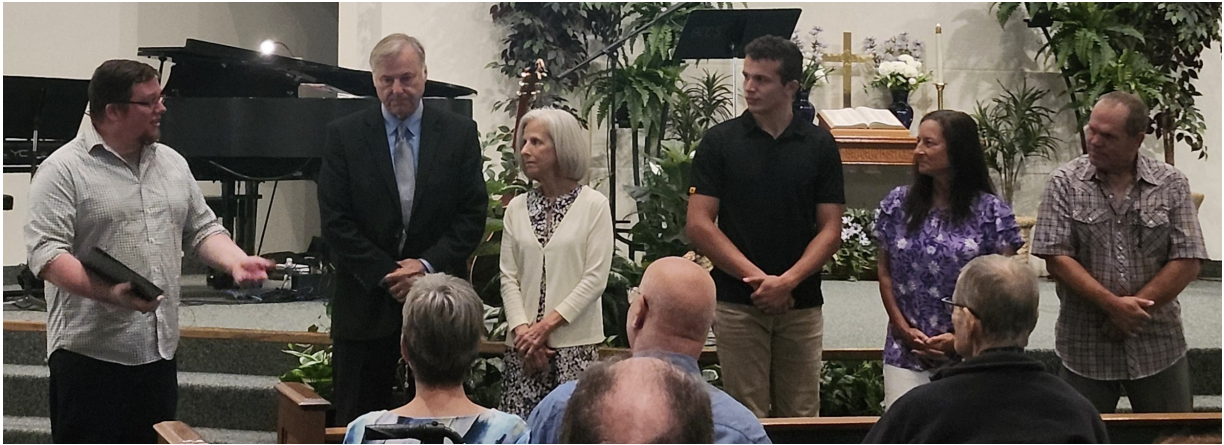


A Baptism Service will be held on Sunday, August 17th during the church service. If you are interested in being baptized on this day please contact Pastor Dennis.



Leighton Church is blessed with great musicians, singers, and tech volunteers and we are in need of additional team members to serve in the sound booth. If you are interested in learning/training on the computer to run slides or would like to learn how the soundboard works, some training sessions will be held in August. The goal is to get the tech team to three sound techs and three or four computer techs. This is a great ministry position across all ages! See Jerry at church or give him a call (616) 891-8028 option 4.

WELCOME *New Members*



Butch Klooster, Joan Klooster, Devin Marcott, Renee Reurink, Mike Reurink

Joined Leighton Church on July 20th.

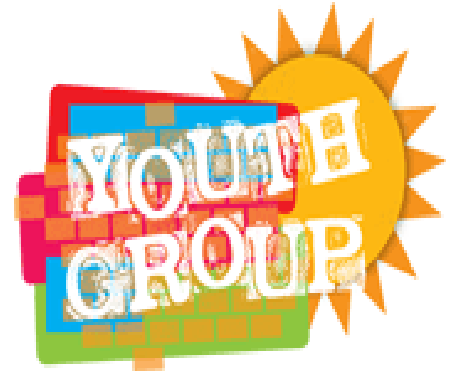


Are you interested in learning more about Leighton Church and what church membership is all about? Pastor Dennis is hosting a Church Membership class on Saturday, August 2nd from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Rooms 15/16.

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

Youth Group Meeting for Parents and Kids!

On Sunday, August 10 at 11:00 a.m. (during Sunday School) we will meet in Room 7/8 to talk about the program for the next year, where we are now, and the volunteers we will need. If you have any questions contact Pastor Dennis.



Thank You

Dear Leighton Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and visits over the past couple of months when I was in the hospital and rehab facility. I am so grateful for my church family and all the support I received during this difficult time. I am feeling much better and look forward to seeing everyone again soon at church!

Sincerely,

Elda Jackson

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.



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.

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 24th, \$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

You are helping take the hope of the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

We praise God that this past November and December, over 11.9 million Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were collected across the United States and seven other countries! Each prayerfully packed box was prepared for the journey to one of more than a hundred countries throughout the world.

Right now, over 80,000 ministry partners and volunteers are working alongside local churches, holding outreach events where children receive a gift-filled shoebox and hear the Good News of the Gospel. After each event, children are invited to participate in *The Greatest Journey* to learn more about developing their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are also continuing Operation Christmas Child's mission to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In recent years, Samaritan's Purse has engaged more than 800 hard-to-reach groups in which most of the population has never before heard the Name of Jesus!

We saw a lot of joy and happiness as the children were receiving the gift of the love of God," said pastor Ramon Hernandez. "We are determined to take the Good News to the hearts of the people so they might know Christ and be saved."

Thousands of gift-filled shoeboxes are shared each day. With every child who receives a gift, another seed for the Gospel is planted. We ask that you join us in prayer that our ministry partners will be presented with more outreach opportunities, that we will successfully and safely deliver shoeboxes and discipleship materials into over a hundred countries, and that children and their families will be receptive to the Gospel, which will result in a bountiful harvest for God's Kingdom.

Items we are collecting this month include:

- yellow number 2 pencils
- zipper pencil pouches
- 24 count boxes of crayons
- color pencils
- kid scissors
- 6 inch rulers

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

There are different opportunities to help with crafts:

- 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.
- Let Patty Hoekstra know if you are interested in braiding t-shirts into jump ropes.

If you have any ideas or know of any great deals, please feel free to share on Patty Hoekstra's Facebook page "Patty Watkins Hoekstra." At the top of her page she has a post pinned for Amazon items and as she finds great deals she 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

If you have any questions or would like to help contact Patty Hoekstra, Operation Christmas Child shoebox coordinator.



Bibles For The World



Bibles for the World (BFTW) shares God's love in Jesus Christ to unreached peoples, the church, and Christian leaders in developing nations. While the Bible remains the most popular, most read book across the globe, more than 2 billion have never had the chance to read God's Word. BFTW provides Scripture in regions where there is little or no access to the Bible.

Bibles for the World focuses strongly on the spiritually vulnerable slice of the human race. The highest reason is the Great Commission: the fact that reaching an unreached world was our Lord's last and greatest imperative. One statistic states that only 2% of missions' spending is directed at reaching Unreached People Groups-the remaining 98% goes to evangelize cultures where the Gospel's light has already been illuminated. It's far more work and expense to identify and reach these harder-to-reach communities. Bibles for the World means the entire world-not the world most easily reached.

On a global scale, Bibles for the World is the founding member of The Alliance for the Unreached: a coalition of worldwide ministries sharing in BFTW commitment. Together, they promote an International Day for the Unreached as well as the "Third of Us" initiative: a movement to help Christians understand that while the Unreached People Group may seem remote and isolated, they actually compromise one-third of the world's population. Bibles for the World provides scriptures and network with local leaders and volunteers, and they keep their "ministry radar" ever searching for avenues to reach the Unreached. This has led them primarily to Asia and Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, Mongolia, and China.

Over time, they have discovered that reaching Unreached Groups are usually unreached for a clear reason: because of barriers either geographical, political, social, linguistic or cultural. But, they are developing strategies to overcome them. Prayer is the first step. Quietly, they have been working in Bhutan since 2006. One of the world's most isolated and restricted Communist countries, and now they have found local believers with a passion for reaching their nation's 140 plus people groups. When they entered Nepal, the entire country was considered Unreached. BFTW printed 3 million Gospels of John and created a network of 2,200 frontline workers-pastors, evangelists and missionaries. The Nepalese church grew faster than any other Christian minority on earth.

All of these first-generation believers are on fire with passion for the Gospel. In many of these countries, the spiritual passion is so fresh you feel like you're in the book of Acts. However, there are times, such as in Nepal, when the fear that Unreached communities are too sparse and isolated for meaningful evangelism. But, there is a greater story now that He is pouring out today.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Bibles For The World. Thank you for giving!

If you would like to learn more about Bibles For The World visit www.biblesfortheworld.org

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: July 27: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender August 3: Mike & Linda Horton August 10: Jan Geukes & Kim Bender	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator
Intercessory Prayer: July 27: CJ Yarrington August 3: Debi Warren August 10: Jean McCaul	Get involved: Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks. Contact Alverna Truax
Nursery: July 27: Justin & Amanda Brandt August 3: Robbin Hilton & Sally Smith August 10: Scott & Terri Farmer	Get Involved: Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Coordinator Needed
Coffee Bar: July 27: John R & Sally Smith August 3: Jean McCaul & Debi Warren August 10: Servers Needed	Get Involved: Sign up at the Coffee Bar. Contact the Church Office if you are interested in serving.
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: July 27: Joane Bardwell & Connie Blain August 3: Mark & Lucia Schiefla & Joy Rogers August 10: Kelli Weeks & Debi Warren	Get Involved: Nona Steeby
Acolytes: July 27: Hollie Lepeak & Keagan Shanahan August 3: Helena Weeks & Isabella Brandt August 10: Emilee Taylor & Abbi Pollmann	Get Involved: Luann Snyder
Children's Church: July 27: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak August 3: Diane & Rylee Norris August 10: Britney Bredeweg & Violet Rogers	Get Involved: Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Coordinator Needed
Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams July 27: Elijah & Celia Weeks August 3: Helena Weeks & Violet Rogers August 10: Ava Syswerda & Celia Weeks	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested contact the church office.
Mowing Teams: July 31-August 2: Church Yard—Clay Snyder Ball Field—John R Smith August 7-9: Church Yard— Todd Galloway Ball Field— Doug Thaler	