



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of July 6, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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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

Monday, July 7

Gym in Use 5:30– 7p

Men's Basketball 7p

Tuesday, July 8

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Board of Elders Meeting
6:30p

Wednesday, July 9

Prayer Meeting 6:15p

Men's Group 6:30p

Praise Team Practice 6:30p

Thursday, July 10

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 12

Kitchen & Gym In Use 9a-9p

Monday, July 14

Men's Basketball 7p

Tuesday, July 15

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Discipleship Team Meeting
6:30p

Wednesday, July 16

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

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

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



Praise Team Practice

6:30 p.m.



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.

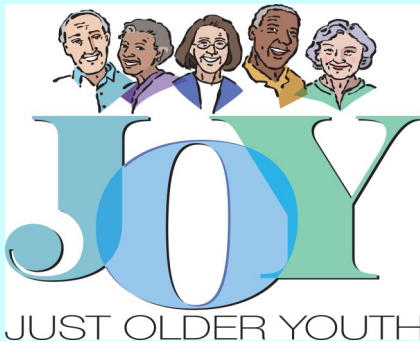


Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!

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



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

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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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. The glass entry door by the gym and the glass entry door at the end of the children's wing have readers only.

Key fobs and cards are now available. For anyone who currently has a physical key to the building, you can return your key to the office 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 doors 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

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.

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.

Men of Leighton Church

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 12** 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

Update on 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.

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



Prison Fellowship believes every person is made in the image of God. No life is beyond His reach. It was founded in 1976, and it is the nations largest Christian nonprofit equipping the Church to serve currently and formerly incarcerated people and their families. They advocate for justice and human dignity both inside and outside of prison.

Mark's story is featured in this months issue of *Jubilee*. From a young age Mark had many different childhood traumas. He grew up with an alcoholic mother, and an abusive father. As a child Mark started lashing out and his behavior spiraled into stealing and drug use. Drugs consumed him and before long he found himself in juvenile detention. Then in jail. And finally, prison. He was in and out of prison several times, but his fifth sentence would be his last.

When a Prison Fellowship volunteer came to lead a Bible study and shared Revelation 3:20 with him, Mark realized Jesus was knocking on the door to his heart. On April 20, 2005, God touched his hardened heart. Through his years of darkness, a glimpse of light came into his life, like Angel Tree during the Christmas season. Through Angel Tree, Mark could let his kids know that he still loved them and wanted to be a part of their lives.

During Mark's parole, he started living by the words of his mentor: "You can't keep what you have unless you give it away." Partnering with his church's Angel Tree ministry it became one of the many ways Mark put these words into practice-both volunteering at a sports camp and helping at Christmas.

One powerful moment with a family made Mark realize that none of his time behind bars was wasted. He was at a family's door holding gifts for three children, their guardian was on the phone with the kids' dad. They put the phone on speaker and prayed with him. He was delivering the presents to the kids when their dad was right there on the phone.

God started opening doors for Mark again-but this time, to go back in and bless men who are behind bars. He volunteered at Hope Events and spends every Friday at the local prison sharing hope with incarcerated men.

Mark believes that some of the best servants and pillars of the community are people coming out of prison. So many people that are locked up feel their hope is gone. Don't give up on the person that's behind the walls. They need you more than anything right now.

Today, Mark is 18 years clean and sober. He is active in his church and oversees 29 Celebrate Recovery groups across his state.

Mark is full of blessings now-a happy marriage, good relationships with his adult children, and grandchildren, a thriving career, and a court-approved dismissal of every case on his record. He said, "it's amazing to know that my past doesn't define who I am today."

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Prison Fellowship. You can find more information at their website prisonfellowship.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?

GREETER MINISTRY: July 6: Andy & April, Olivia and Emilee Taylor July 13: Tim & Rebecca, Keagan and Larkin Shanahan July 20: Clay & Luann Snyder	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator
Intercessory Prayer: July 6: Judi Galloway July 13: Mike & Christine Syswerda July 20: Mike & Linda Horton	Get involved: Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks. Pastor Dennis
Nursery: July 6: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak July 13: April & Olivia Taylor July 20: Mike & Christine Syswerda	Get Involved: Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Rebecca Shanahan
Coffee Bar: July 6: Art & Connie Hooker July 13: Jean McCaul & Debi Warren July 20: 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 6: Nancy Slagh & Connie Hooker July 13: Kim Bender & Sharon Grinage July 20: Christine Syswerda & Jamie Shira	Get Involved: Nona Steeby
Acolytes: July 6: Emilee Taylor & Helena Weeks July 13: Celia Weeks & Keagan Shanahan July 20: Celia Weeks & Olivia Taylor	Get Involved: Luann Snyder
Children's Church: July 6: Britney Bredeweg & Violet Rogers July 13: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan July 20: Diane & Ian Norris	Get Involved: Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Rebecca Shanahan
Sermon Notes Hand Out Teams July 6: Gwenn & Xander Triick July 13: Ian & Rylee Norris July 20: Abbi Pollmann & Celia Weeks	Get Involved: Jr & Sr High Students interested contact the church office.
Mowing Teams: July 10-12: Church Yard—Pastor Dennis Weeks Ball Field—Butch Klooser July 17-19: Church Yard—Pastor Dennis Weeks Ball Field—Andy Taylor	