



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Pastor Dennis A. Weeks**

## Week of August 17, 2025

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street

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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, August 17

Outdoor Worship Service &  
Baptism 9:30a

Backyard Picnic Fellowship  
6p

Monday, August 18

Circle of Joy Women's  
Fellowship 7p

Men's Basketball 7p

Tuesday, August 19

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Wed., August 20

Prayer Meeting 6:15p

Men's Group 6:30p

Praise Team Practice 6:30p

Thursday, August 21

JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch  
1p

Monday, August 25

Men's Basketball 7p

Tuesday, August 26

Pastor's Café 2-3p

Wed., August 27

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.

## my SERMON NOTES

### 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

There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on August 31st due to the holiday weekend.

### Adults:

“Wisdom of Jesus: Studies in the Gospel of Matthew” 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 Revelations.  
Led by C.J. Yarrington



**Praise Team Practice**  
**6:30 p.m.**



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## Backyard Picnic Fellowship TONIGHT 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.



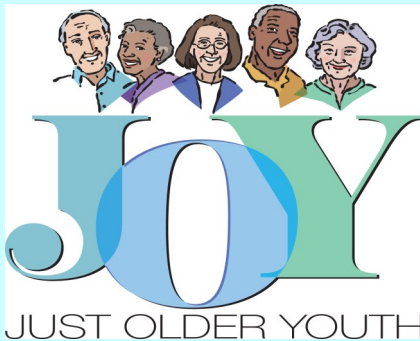


**Are you unable to attend services on Sunday because you are ill, unable to get-out or out of town? Now you don't have to miss a worship service!!**

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](mailto: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: August 21 at 1:00p.m.

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

***The group's favorite waitress, Bella, is celebrating her Golden (21st) Birthday on August 21st! Could we get at least 21 people there to help wish her a Happy Birthday?!***

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.

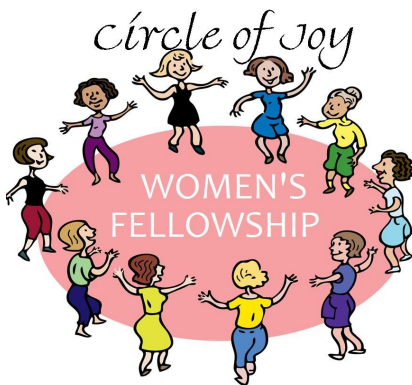
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[pastor@leightonchurch.org](mailto:pastor@leightonchurch.org)

# Keyless Entry System Update

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the new keyless entry system. It is working wonderfully! Having the ability to unlock the door without fumbling for keys while your hands are full is very convenient. Also having the ability to unlock the door remotely has come in handy several times for folks who need to come after office hours to pick something up or take care of items within the church. If you need to get into the church and don't have an access card or key fob, please keep this in mind. It's just a matter of pressing the phone receiver icon on the keypad at the main entrance to alert us that you need to get in, and wait a moment for those with access to unlock it for you.

The last payment has been made in full utilizing the donations you gave towards the project, along with memorial gifts, and building improvement funds. Thank you for your contributions and your support for this update to our facility.

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The Circle of Joy Women's Fellowship is meeting on Monday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. All ladies are welcome to attend and hear Daniel Schutte from Inner City Church Planting Missions speak about what they do.

Refreshments are provided.

Questions? Contact Jean Bender

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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.





Please welcome our new  
Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinators!

Cindy and Doug Thaler have graciously  
stepped up to plan and prepare meals on  
Wednesday nights!

If you are interested in helping them out  
let Cindy know!



Diane and Rylee Norris have kindly  
volunteered to make the desserts for  
Wednesday Night Dinners!

Thank you to each one for giving their time to  
serve the Lord and our church.



## Please welcome our new volunteers!

**Samantha Farmer** will be our new Nursery Coordinator! She will be in charge of the scheduling for the nursery workers.

If you are interested in working in the nursery talk to Samantha today!



**Kelli Weeks** is our new Children's Church Coordinator! She will create the teacher/helper schedule for each week, and see that the curriculum and materials are available and ready.

If you are interested in teaching or helping out in Children's Church see Kelli today!





The start of the school is quickly approaching and with that brings the start of another season of Hand2Hand ministry. Hand2Hand is an organization that partners with local churches and schools to provide a backpack filled with supplemental food that bridges the gap of weekend hunger.

Leighton Church provides food for students who sign up to participate in the Hand2Hand ministry at Paris Ridge Elementary School, part of Caledonia Public Schools.

Last year, you helped feed 14 students on the weekends throughout the entire school year. At this point, we don't know how many students will be participating this year.

Help us get a head start by donating any of the following food items or monetary donations are also helpful to buy the groceries needed. There is \$703.28 in the Hand2Hand account to start the season with. Please mark your monetary donations: Hand2Hand. Food donations may be placed in the designated bin in the Lobby. Please make sure food donations are not past the "Best By" date. Expired food cannot be used according to Hand2Hand's policy.

Questions concerning Hand2Hand can be directed to  
Carol Hammond, Hand2Hand Coordinator

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Applesauce Cups
- Flavored Oatmeal Packets

# "A Life After Breath Experience"

## Widow's Retreat 2025

### October 17-19

Susan VandePol is a nationally-renowned speaker at this one-of-a-kind, annual widow's retreat. The weekend will feature invaluable resources, special vendors, and even surprise guests, all specifically designed to minister to your unique needs and concerns as a widow, all set alongside beautiful Lake Michigan.

Time will be rich with encouragement, comfort, revelation from God's Word, uplifting praise and worship, inspirational speakers, and informative sessions.

This is an opportunity to break away, breathe, be refreshed and meet other widows who are walking a familiar road of grief, as well as learn some Biblical truths about your sacred calling as a widow that you may have never heard before. All age ranges are welcome, with losses as fresh as a week to several decades gone by. You will find hope, renewed purpose, and the abundant healing Jesus readily offers.

And.... you'll laugh too!

The retreat is held at Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference Ground  
4759 Lake Harbor Road Muskegon MI 49441

**Registration is NOW OPEN!** Register soon-spaces fill up fast!!

For more information about scholarships, registration, and lodging go to  
[www.mattersoflifeandbreath.com/retreat](http://www.mattersoflifeandbreath.com/retreat) or call the church office.

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## Melissa Ohden's Story.



Melissa's life is marked by her survival of a failed saline abortion. At this powerful event, she will share her story, which speaks to the beauty of God's grace. This is a free event on Saturday, August 30 at 6:15 p.m. at St John Vianney Parish (4101 Clyde Park Avenue SW in Wyoming). You will be able to visit the Pellets of Life display and booths with life-affirming information. A freewill offering will be collected for Ohden's organization. The Abortion Services Network. For more information contact 616-532-2300. [info@grrtl.org](mailto:info@grrtl.org), or visit [grrtl.org/herstory](http://grrtl.org/herstory)

# Operation Christmas Child

Hello and Blessings to Everyone,

I want to celebrate God, and share about how good and faithful He is! God provided so many things this week. This last week I shared with three different people about Operation Christmas Child and the shoeboxes, and how Christ is working through this ministry. One lady shared that she feels God telling her to go back to church. She hasn't felt the need until now to return to church (and she lives right across the street from a church). Praise God!

Another couple shared that they are happy to see someone doing so much for children. I explained that it is God working through me because without Him, I couldn't do a tenth of what I do on my own. The couple filled my car and told me to come back-they had more! They also shared they would make me some great deals to help out.

The last lady was so overwhelmed at how God works through a simple shoebox that she took a brochure and told me she would be in touch because she wants to help as well!

Update: I still have the opportunity to get soccer balls at \$5 each! We still need a few things to make the pencil pouches: zipper pencil cases, kids scissors, and 6 inch rulers. These can be bought in bulk on Amazon. Single subject notebooks can be found at Meijer, Target, and Walmart for 35 cents, but they are selling fast. Finally, kids silverware is needed. Ikea is a great place to purchase these. I also still need helpers to braid jump ropes!

Blessings to each of you,  
Patty Hoekstra

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

**From Coconuts  
or tied up  
plastic bags:**



**To Soccer balls  
and a pump:**



# This is the ministry of Nick Harp, the gentleman who led Youth Archery at Leighton Church this year.

6th Annual



## Benefit Shoot

Hosted By:



23093 Junction Rd Bellevue, MI 49021

**Buckle Only Classes** (must have 3 people in the class to receive buckle)

### \$25 Entry Fee

Young Adult Boys Ages 15-17  
Young Adult Girls Ages 15-17  
Youth Open Boys Ages 12-14  
Youth Open Girls Ages 12-14  
Traditional (any age)  
Genesis Male Ages 8-17  
Genesis Female Ages 8-17

### Money and Buckle Classes

#### \$50 Entry Fee

Open Pro  
Known Pro  
Men's Known 40  
Women's Known 40  
Men's Hunter  
Women's Hunter

### MONEY CLASS SHOOT TIMES

SHOTGUN START FRIDAY 5PM

SHOTGUN START SATURDAY 9AM & 1PM

**SHOOTDOWN FOLLOWING 1PM LINE  
FOR OPEN PRO, KNOWN PRO, MEN'S &  
WOMEN'S K40**

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
AUGUST 22 & 23**

ARRIVE 30 MIN EARLY TO  
REGISTER

**COME SHOOT FOR**

**FUN \$15**

**FRIDAY: 5PM-8PM**

**SATURDAY:**

**9AM-2PM**



**LONG SHOT CONTEST, MATHEWS BOW  
GIVEAWAY, RAFFLE TABLE AND MORE**

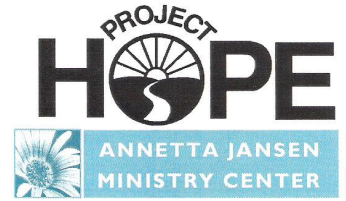






# Project Hope

## Dorr, Michigan



Project Hope is located in northeast Allegan county. Their goal is for people to experience Jesus Christ through love and hope, as they provide necessities for daily living. They also encourage people to take steps toward self sufficiency in order to realize their value as a unique individual created with purpose. The Project Hope facility includes a thrift store, food pantry, compassionate care program, and a community room. This year they are celebrating 27 years of serving in God's love. Many groups donate time and money to help Project Hope provide food and other daily essentials for people in need.

Project Hope is very thankful for the community and groups that have helped them throughout the year:

In May, Project Hope held a cereal drive. They are grateful to the community for donating 260 boxes of cereal and \$414 in monetary donations. This helped ensure children had breakfast throughout the summer.

On Saturday, May 10th they had the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive. The Dorr Post Office gathered an outstanding 2,154 pounds of food from the community. Project Hope is thankful for the community and post office workers for all their hard work through this event.

The Moline Christian 2nd Graders picked Project Hope as their class project. They learned how to bake with their parents, then sold the baked goods to raise money. In class they learned how to put together a balanced meal, then went to Leppinks to purchase the food items with the money raised from the bake sale. Finally, they visited Project Hope to learn about the community and donate the food they purchased. They donated a whopping 457 pounds of food!

A few needs met throughout the summer included: Corinth Reformed Church Quilting Circle donated lots of quilts, volunteers from Friendship CRC and Life Change Church worked on the gardens around the building, and Highpoint Community Bank deep cleaned the food pantry.

Project Hope is looking for volunteers in the following areas: cashiers, website design/support, and garden maintenance.

Also, calling all Deer Hunters! They are asking for donations of extra meat to the food pantry. You would need to contact Marlene Schaendorf, 616-681-4673 ext 14 Food Panty Director for processing requirements.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Project Hope. Thank you for giving!

If you would like to learn more about Project Hope visit <https://projecthope-dorr.org>

# Service in Action

## How do I get involved?

<b>GREETER MINISTRY:</b> August 17: Debi Warren & Diane Porter August 24: Butch & Joan Klooster August 31: Art & Connie Hooker	<b>Get involved:</b> Diane Porter, Coordinator
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b> August 17: Chris Herring August 24: Alverna Truax August 31: Drew & Jackie Corwin	<b>Get involved:</b> Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks. Contact Alverna Truax
<b>Nursery:</b> August 17: Kelli & Celia Weeks August 24: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak August 31: April & Olivia Taylor	<b>Get Involved:</b> Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Coordinator Needed
<b>Coffee Bar:</b> August 17: John R & Sally Smith August 24: Diane Porter & Debi Warren August 31: Syswerda Family	<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> August 17: Diane Norris & Joan Klooster August 24: Robbin Hilton & Patty Hoekstra August 31: Carol Hammond & Cookies in Cupboard	<b>Get Involved:</b> Nona Steeby
<b>Acolytes:</b> August 17: Celia Weeks & Hollie Lepeak August 24: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor August 31: Abbi Pollmann & Isabella Brandt	<b>Get Involved:</b> Luann Snyder
<b>Children's Church:</b> August 17: Rebecca & Keagan Shanahan August 24: Christine & Ava Syswerda August 31: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak	<b>Get Involved:</b> Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Coordinator Needed
<b>Mowing Teams:</b> August 21-23: Church Yard—Don Hilton Jr Ball Field—Scott Farmer August 28-30: Church Yard— Butch Klooster Ball Field— C.J. Yarrington	