



Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

Pastor Dennis A. Weeks

Week of August 24, 2025

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4180 2nd Street
Caledonia, MI 49316

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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, 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
Sunday, August 31	No Sunday School
Mon., September 1	Labor Day No Men's Basketball
Tues., September 2	Pastor's Café 2-3p Leadership Team Meeting 6:30p
Wed., September 3	Prayer Meeting 6:15p Men's Group 6:30p Praise Team Practice 6:30p
Thur., September 4	JOY (Just Older Youth) Lunch 1p



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

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.





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: September 4th & 18th 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



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.

**Moving to 7pm starting
September 10th**

Starting September 10th!
More will be coming for families!



5:45 – 7:00 p.m.
K-5th Grade



5:15 – 6:00 p.m.



5:45 – 7:00 p.m.
Jr. & Sr. High

Two Bible Study Opportunities Coming This Fall

There are two new Bible studies coming this fall; one on Tuesday mornings for men and women, and one on Wednesday nights for women & girls. Both studies are utilizing Answers in Genesis Bible Curriculum which equips you with truths from Scripture and facts from culture, history and science to defend the Bible against common skeptical questions. Both studies will be led by Cindy Herring. If you are interested, sign up in the Lobby or contact Cindy.

Tuesday Mornings

Men & Women

9:30-11:00 a.m.

September 23-November 18

Take a walk through Exodus
and study:

- God's protection over Moses
 - God calls Moses
 - God Part the Red Sea
 - God Gives the Ten Commandments
- God Dwells Among His People
 - And more.....

Wednesday Night Women's Study

High School age on up

Great for mother's & daughters!

5:45-7:00 p.m.

September 24– November 19

A study of "in the beginning"...

- The 7 C's of History
- God Creates the Universe
- Creation: Days and Kinds Animals and Man
- The Age of the Earth
- Corruption: Sin Enters the World
- And more....



You're Invited!

Youth Group Kickoff

Saturday, September 7th | 5:00 PM

Youth and family, come hang out with us **for an awesome evening of fun!**

We'll have plenty of **games**, delicious **grilled food**, and a great time connecting with **friends!**

Bring a friend, make new ones, and enjoy the night together.

Location: The Firepit (behind the Pastor's home)

4180 2nd St. Caledonia, MI 49613

Office Phone: 616-891-8028

Dennis' Mobile: 517-242-5581

Website: www.leightonchurch.org/youth-ministry

We can't wait to see you there!



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.

Church Produce Stand

The church produce stand is being well utilized. You'll find it located 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 or call the church office.

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, or visit grrtl.org/herstory

Operation Christmas Child

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, may this find you all doing well.

As we near the end of August and start September, we are still short on a few things if you would like to help. We still need kids silverware from Ikea, and single subject notebooks (they are still \$0.35 from Meijer and Walmart-Target is out already).

For the months of September and October we will focus on collecting small toys that will easily fit in a shoebox. I can still get the soccer balls and pump for \$5. Soccer is loved by kids in most countries and they love getting a new ball to play with all their friends.

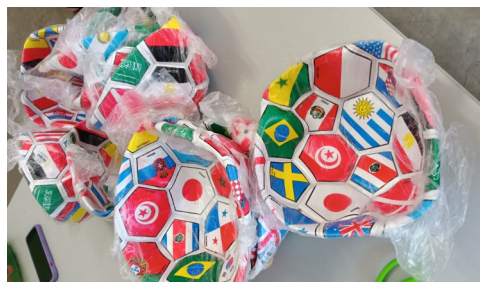
As we transition from summer to fall, stores will start to discount summer items. Keep an eye out for flip flops and blow up balls. Flip flops are easy to try on standing up and make a great barrier between the children's feet and the ground (much better than a 2 liter soda bottle and twine)!

If you would like to pack your own shoebox– there will be a sign up sheet on the Operation Christmas Child table. Make sure you grab a pamphlet when you sign up, to know what you can and can't put in.

The tentative date for the packing party is November 8th. Stay tuned as we work out all the details! There are several different opportunities to help out with packing shoeboxes such as putting items together and setting up for the packing party. If you are interested in helping out give me a call or send a text.

Blessings to you all as you pray and help with God's ministry of sending shoeboxes to the children.

Patty Hoekstra
Operation Christmas Child shoebox coordinator.





Mark & Heather Overbeek InterAct Ministries Kodiak Island, AK



Mark and Heather Overbeek have been living and serving as missionaries in Alaska since 2003. Mark was serving as a pastor at Frontier Baptist Church since 2017, but recently God has called him to a change his ministry. He was recently asked to serve in a leadership role for InterAct Alaska. At the InterAct Annual Conference in August, Mark was officially ratified as the new Field Director for InterAct Ministries' work in Alaska.

This is what Mark's new role will involve:

- Currently 14 missionaries serve with InterAct Alaska. He will oversee the work of these missionaries-offer help, support, encouragement, and accountability.
- Several missionaries serve remotely across Alaska as church planters. Mark will visit them in their village at least twice a year to go over 6 month goals and discuss with them how the work is going. Heather will join when she can.
- There are several villages in Alaska that need a missionary. Mark will be involved in placing missionaries in those villages as they are made available.
- There are churches in villages without a pastor. Mark will look for opportunities to serve them through personal visits or provide someone to come and preach as time and resources allow.
- Mark is also responsible for the development and implementation of the ministry vision for the Alaska field.
- InterAct has property in different villages that require maintenance and repair. Mark will plan how to best care for these resources God has given. When missionaries are available, the resources will be available to bless them.
- Mark will be directly responsible for the utilization and upkeep of the ministry campus outside of Palmer, AK.

Mark will receive help with the duties listed above from a team of dedicated people.

The Overbeeks will be selling their home in Kodiak Island, AK and moving to a short term house on the InterAct Campus. They are looking forward to living on campus for a while, in the community with their staff. Looking ahead, they plan to build a house. They have purchased a piece of land on Lazy Mountain, about 4 minutes away from InterAct's campus. A contractor friend of theirs has volunteered to help them build in the spring! Please pray for them as they work through these next few months, that through it all their eyes world remain fixed on Jesus.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Mark and Heather Overbeek. Thank you for giving!

If you would like to learn more about The Overbeeks visit <https://interactministries.org/overbeek-mark-heather>

Service in Action

How do I get involved?

GREETER MINISTRY: August 24: Butch & Joan Klooster August 31: Art & Connie Hooker September 7: Scott & Terri Farmer	Get involved: Diane Porter, Coordinator
Intercessory Prayer: August 24: Alverna Truax August 31: Drew & Jackie Corwin September 7: Mike & Christine Syswerda	Get involved: Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks. Contact Alverna Truax
Nursery: August 24: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak August 31: April & Olivia Taylor September 7: To Be Determined	Get Involved: Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Samantha Farmer, Coordinator
Coffee Bar: August 24: Diane Porter & Debi Warren August 31: Syswerda Family September 7: Debi Warren & John VanderMeer	Get Involved: Sign up at the Coffee Bar. Contact the Church Office if you are interested in serving.
Treats for Coffee Fellowship: August 24: Robbin Hilton & Patty Hoekstra August 31: Carol Hammond & Cookies in Cupboard September 7: Sally Smith & Jackie Corwin	Get Involved: Nona Steeby
Acolytes: August 24: Keagan Shanahan & Olivia Taylor August 31: Abbi Pollmann & Isabella Brandt September 7: Emilee Taylor & Helena Weeks	Get Involved: Luann Snyder
Children's Church: August 24: Christine & Ava Syswerda August 31: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak September 7: Christine & Ava Syswerda	Get Involved: Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Kelli Weeks, Coordinator
Mowing Teams: August 28-30: Church Yard—Butch Klooster Ball Field—C.J. Yarrington September 4-6: Church Yard—Clay Snyder Ball Field—John R Smith	