



# Leighton Church

Proclaiming New Life in Jesus Christ

**Pastor Dennis A. Weeks**

## Week of August 31, 2025

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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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

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
Sunday, September 7	Sunday School Promotion Sunday Youth Group Kickoff 5-7p
Mon., September 8	Men's Basketball 7p
Tues., September 9	Pastor's Café 2-3p Board of Elder's Meeting 6:30p



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.

## 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**

**There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL today due to the  
holiday weekend.**

Sunday School Promotion Sunday is September 7th. Kids may  
move up to a new class depending on their grade or age.

Below is the class list.

**Class Line Up Starting Next Sunday**

Toddlers-Preschool: Britney Bredeweg (Room 4)  
Young 5's-2nd Grade: Jan Geukes & Terri Farmer (Room 3)  
3rd-5th Grade: Sally Smith & Nancy Slagh (Room 2)  
6th-8th Grade: Cindy Herring (Room 9)  
9th-12th Grade: Butch Klooster (Rooms 10/11)

**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)



**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)

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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.

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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](mailto:pastor@leightonchurch.org)

# Starting September 10th!

## More will be coming for families!



Family Dinner is served in the gym from 5:15-6p.m. Everything is provided. There is no set cost but donations are appreciated. Watch for sign ups on how you can donate food items or help with cleanup.

Midweek Kids for K-5th Grade is from 5:45-7 p.m.

Boys will meet together and learn to Face the Giants in life just as David did with Goliath. John VanderMeer & Mike Reruink are leading this group.

Girls will discover how God used different women in the Bible.

Jamie Shira, Rebecca Shanahan, and Valerie Lepeak are leading this group.



5:45—7 p.m.  
Jr. & Sr. High





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**



# School is Back in Session

Barry County Christian School Middleville campus that meets at Leighton Church is starting a new school season on Tuesday, September 2nd. The school has a new principal this year, Stacy Palmer. Stacy worked at the school part-time last year.

Keep in mind that all the entry doors will be locked during school hours (7:35 a.m.- 2:45 p.m.) to comply with state regulations. If you do not have a key to enter the building, please go to the keypad at the main entrance and hit the intercom button (looks like a phone receiver) to let the church office staff know you are at the door and need to be let in.

Once you enter the building during school hours, you will need to check in either at the church office (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) or the school office, which is located in Room 14. You will be given a visitor pass which is to be worn while you are in the building. The pass is on a bright yellow lanyard which will be noticeable to school staff and students and signifies that you have checked in. This for the safety of the school staff, school students, and church staff.

If you encounter school staff or students, please extend a warm greeting to them. The way the church staff and congregation interact with the school staff, students, and parents is a great witness to who we are as the Body of Christ.

# 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

Sunday, 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

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Dennis' Mobile: 517-242-5581

Website: [www.leightonchurch.org/youth-ministry](http://www.leightonchurch.org/youth-ministry)

**We can't wait to see you there!**

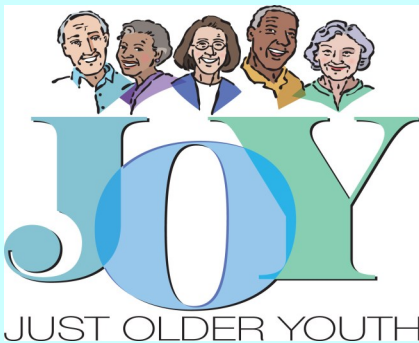






September 2nd at 6:30p.m.-Leadership Team Meeting  
September 9th at 6:30 p.m.– Board of Elders Meeting  
September 11th at 6:30 p.m.– Health & Safety Team Meeting  
September 25th at 6:30 p.m.– Mission Team Meeting  
September 29th at 6:30 p.m.– Worship Planning Team Meeting

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### **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

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# **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.



# Congratulations to Tyler Norris & Addison Harris

on their engagement!

A March 28, 2026

wedding is planned.

Pray for Tyler and Addison

as they prepare for their wedding and their life together.



## Donate Bibles/Christian Literature

Mission Cry has developed a new partnership with a ministry in Cape Town, South Africa to send at least four containers per year filled with Bibles and Christian material. The first container they received was distributed within two weeks to churches and ministries around Cape Town, and to surrounding counties of Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and the Congo's to name a few.

Many amazing testimonies have been shared since receiving the Bibles and Christian material. The impact of generations to come is too numerous to count. We have a chance to leave a legacy of faith across many generations beyond our lifetime.

Below are just a few of the testimonies from our missionary:

- A box of Bibles went to a police colonel that wanted them for his work in his prison ministry.
- Christian material was given to start a Christian library in the heart of the ganglands.
- A gang member recently released from prison was given a Bible. His mother was reading the Bible and explained that it came from American Christians just for him. Suspicious he wanted to know how much she paid for it. When he found out it was free he started crying, saying it was the first time a stranger had done anything for him. Now he is reading the Bible.
- A Muslim driver delivered the first and second container. He was offered a Bible on the first encounter but declined it. He did accept the next offer because he wanted to read what it said about our God. He gratefully accepted a box of children's books for his kids and grandkids at home.
- Christian material was used to supply two new community libraries.
- A former gang member gave his life to Christ and is now ministering in four prisons. He traveled almost 500 miles to pick up four boxes for his prison ministry.
- Boxes of Christian material is being shipped by bus to pastors in Harare.
- Bible study attendee was able to receive an answered prayer of Greek Interlinear Bible.
- Bibles are given to a day care center for street kids. This made them happy since they have never been given anything like this.
- A weekly soup kitchen saw dancing and singing due to people receiving Bibles.

The most valuable legacy we can pass on to others is a spiritual legacy, but we need to disciple them and provide resources necessary. Donate your unused Bibles, Bible study material, or Christian books/devotionals. The collection bin is located by the church office.



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

# 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.







# **Bob & Lisa Margaron Love Them All Resource Center Stockton, CA**



Bob and Lisa give faith, hope, and love to inner-city children, youth, and their families. Love Them All Resource Center offers alternative activities to kids who would otherwise be home alone or running the streets. These activities include Bible Club, recreation, crafts, snacks, camps, and the learning center. These programs are geared towards teaching kids the skills they'll need to be productive members in their community. More importantly, the kids are introduced to Jesus Christ, giving them a constant in their lives so they can make good decisions and live for Him. Since the children who come to The Center are often leery of accepting people, Pastor Bob and Lisa take the time to build relationships and lay the foundation of love and God's word, with firm but loving boundaries. Through programs at The Center, the kids learn that Christ is the One they can depend on because He will never leave them or forsake them.

The Margaron's are overjoyed to report the success of their June Summer Adventure Program. It's a three week initiative created to provide children and youth in Stockton with a safe, engaging, and joy filled summer experience. Through prayers, generosity, and support, the program exceeded all expectations and left a lasting impact on the community.

Each day, children were welcomed into an environment filled with love, learning, and laughter. Activities included art, team games, creative learning sessions, and Bible Club-offering not only fun but meaningful growth and connection. Despite the challenges many of the children face daily, Summer Adventure gave them a chance to simply be kids, to dream freely, and to know they are deeply loved.

Some highlights are listed below:

- They served numerous children and youth from across Stockton
  - Every child received daily nutritious meals
- They held three powerful chapel services each week, with many children responding to the hope in Christ
  - 5 to 8 volunteers showed up daily to serve, connect, and support the program

The most touching moments were when children would share how much they felt "at home" and "safe" during their time together. One young girl told Pastor Bob, "I feel safe here." Those words remind Bob and Lisa why they do what they do.

The Margaron's want to thank every donor, volunteer, and prayer partner, who help make this program possible. Their contributions provide meals, activities, and supplies that change lives.

Your gifts to the Faith Promise Missions Fund of Leighton Church supports the ministry of Bob and Lisa Margaron. Thank you for giving!

If you would like to learn more about The Margaron's visit <https://wgm.org/retiree/margaron>

# Service in Action

## How do I get involved?

<b>GREETER MINISTRY:</b> August 31: Art & Connie Hooker September 7: Scott & Terri Farmer September 14: Mike & Christine Syswerda, Jack and Ava	<b>Get involved:</b> Diane Porter, Coordinator
<b>Intercessory Prayer:</b> August 31: Drew & Jackie Corwin September 7: Mike & Christine Syswerda September 14: Mike & Linda Horton	<b>Get involved:</b> Pray during the worship service. Serve every 6-8 weeks. Contact Alverna Truax
<b>Nursery:</b> August 31: April & Olivia Taylor September 7: Mike & Christine Syswerda September 14: Kelli & Celia Weeks	<b>Get Involved:</b> Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Samantha Farmer, Coordinator
<b>Coffee Bar:</b> August 31: Syswerda Family September 7: Debi Warren & John VanderMeer September 14: Mike & Renee Reurink	<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 31: Carol Hammond & Cookies in Cupboard September 7: Sally Smith & Jackie Corwin September 14: Lori Haselden & Colin Mead	<b>Get Involved:</b> Nona Steeby
<b>Acolytes:</b> August 31: Abbi Pollmann & Isabella Brandt September 7: Emilee Taylor & Helena Weeks September 14: Abbi Pollmann & Olivia Taylor	<b>Get Involved:</b> Luann Snyder
<b>Children's Church:</b> August 31: Valerie & Hollie Lepeak September 7: Christine & Ava Syswerda September 14: Britney Bredeweg & Violet Rogers	<b>Get Involved:</b> Must attend Child Protection Class and have a background check done. Kelli Weeks, Coordinator
<b>Mowing Teams:</b> September 4-6: Church Yard—Clay Snyder Ball Field—C.J. John R Smith September 11-13: Church Yard— Pastor Dennis Weeks Ball Field— Doug Thaler	