

Welcome to



*Growing devoted followers of Jesus
who share his love*

**SUNDAY – MAY 10, 2026
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**

Today's Worship Services

Pastor Henry Admiraal will bring the message this morning.

Large-print bulletins are located on the coat rack on the east side of the sanctuary entrance.

If you use a hearing aid, our LOOP system will connect to your device.

Children's Ministries

Nursery for babies and toddlers during the morning service.

Children's bulletins and activity bags are available in the back of church.

Children's Worship – Dismissal during the service to Room #4 downstairs.

Sunday School classes for grades 1-12 is on seasonal break until September.

To Our Guests

If you are a guest today, we extend a very warm welcome to you. Our prayer is that you will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in this place and among God's people gathered here. Please do us the favor of completing a yellow card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate as you leave, and please join us again soon!

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Sunday Worship Services:

9:30 a.m.

Live stream and recorded morning services can be found on our YouTube channel.

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MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand where indicated with *.*

Call to Worship: Lamentations 3:22-26

*Opening Songs: "Great Things"
"How Great Is Our God"

*Welcome

*God's Greeting and Greet Each Other

*Scripture: Verse of the Month:
Psalm 145:21

*Song of the Month: "The Chorus"
(*Please be seated.*)

A Time of Confession and Assurance
Song: "Lord, I Need You"

Prayer from Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

* Our Assurance: Romans 8:38-39
(*spoken in unison*)

* Song: "Love of God"

Children dismissed for Children's Worship.

Morning Prayer

Scripture: John 14:15-26

Message: **Promises of the Ascended Lord:
The Gift of the Holy Spirit**

Prayer

*Songs of Response:

"There Is a Redeemer"

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"

*God's Parting Blessing

*Parting Song: "My Life Is In You"

Minister – Rev. Henry Admiraal

Worship Leader – Sue VanderMeer

Singers – Melody Flanders, Linda Rienstra

Accompanist – Laurie Hinken

Drummer – Ben Wiersma

Sound Technician – David Vander Velde

Live Stream – Alex Flanders

TODAY AT WEST LEONARD CHURCH

Fifth Sunday After Easter – For the month of May, Pastor Henry will be preaching a short series of sermons entitled "Promises of the Ascended Lord." Each of the promises is taken from John 14.

Ascension Day is celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday. Ascension Day is this Thursday May 14.

Your offering can be placed in the plates as you leave the sanctuary. Offerings today not designated for another cause will be for Church Operating Expenses.

Thank you to those helping today:

Greeters: Ken & Joanne Vander Slik.

Prayer Team: Bob & Karen Hengeveld.

Children's Worship: Diane Hamstra.

Nursery: Paul & Rachael DeKorte, Liz Nguyen.

Floating Helper: Natalie VanderMeer.

Security: Brian Veenstra.

NEXT WEEK

May 17 – Pastor Henry will preach at morning worship. We will celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper.

Offering: Church Operating Expenses.

Greeters: Mike & Rachel Vander Wall.

Prayer Team: Bob & Karen Hengeveld.

Children's Worship: Lisa VanderMeer.

Nursery: Lisa Wisneski.

Floating Helper: Mason VanderMeer.

Sound Technician: Cory McCallum.

Live Stream – Andy Pastars.

Security: Karen Hengeveld.

CHURCH NEWSLETTER

A new edition of *The Vine* is tentatively scheduled for May 17 with content due by **this Monday, May 11.**

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT

Next Sunday we will be celebrating the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper. Please take some time this week to prepare and to meditate on the great sacrifice of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins.

DIAPER DEPOT

CONSESSIONS FOR A CAUSE AT THE WEST MICHIGN WHITECAPS

We have another opportunity to serve food and beverages at a White Caps game, this time on Wednesday, May 20, from 9:15 – 1:15. There are a couple of spots available. If you are interested, please contact Dan Wisneski for more information.

NORTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Essentials Drive for May: For the month of May, the pantry will be celebrating Mother's Day by collecting personal care items that will bless the moms and women who come to the Northwest Food Pantry. These items are especially needed: **shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, bar soap and toothpaste.**

Note from the pantry: To say we are grateful for all the support from the members of West Leonard CRC is not even enough to express our gratitude. Without the support of your church and your willingness to partner with us, we could not effectively serve those clients who come to us in need.

FARMER'S MARKET

Todd Quick from Peach Ridge Farms is back on Thursdays for another season of bringing produce for sale in our church's front parking lot. This early in the season, his time will be limited, from 9 a.m. to no later than noon. Stop by to purchase something or just to say hello!

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The report as of April 30, 2026, is in your church mailbox today.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

NW FOOD PANTRY SORTING EVENT

Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 12 – June 11

Our NW Food Pantry benefited from the US Postal Workers annual food drive on May 9. Because of the scope of the project of sorting and processing the food received by the pantry, they are in need of volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday from May 12 through June 11. A flyer about this is available on the shelf below the mailboxes.

The pantry requests that volunteers sign up.

Signup sheets are available today at the cookie table. There are two different sheets stapled together: one for Tuesdays and Thursdays in May, and one for Tuesdays and Thursdays in June. Questions? Call the pantry at 616-300-5079 or email:

northwestfoodpantry@gmail.com

**THRIVE FAITH FORMATION TIP:
MOTHERS DAY**

Women were the first to witness the resurrected Jesus, and they told others the good news of the living God. When you think about your faith journey, who are the women who have told you about God? This week take some time to journal, draw, or share with a friend or family member stories about the women who have had an impact on your faith. Consider writing a note to one of them or, if possible, visiting them and thanking them in person. Brought to you by Thrive: crcna.org/Thrive

A THANK YOU FROM GEMS GIRLS CLUB

Thank you for your recent monetary donation. We are grateful for the ways you choose to invest in girls through the ministry of GEMS. Because of your generosity, girls are being mentored, disciplined and reminded of their God-given worth. Your support helps place caring Christian women in girls' lives, equips leaders with a strong biblical curriculum and training and ensures girls around the world hear the truth of the gospel in meaningful, age-appropriate ways. GEMS exists to help girls know Jesus, grow in faith and live out Micah 6:8 in everyday life. Your church's partnership makes that possible – one girl at a time. Thank you for standing with us in this ministry. We are honored to serve alongside you and grateful for your prayers and support.

– Jill Postma, GEMS Director of Finance

THIS WEEK AT WEST LEONARD CHURCH

Today, May 10, 2026

- 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship – sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. River PC – Sunday School classes – Activity Center
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship Time – upper narthex
- 11:00 a.m. River Presbyterian Church
Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. River Presbyterian Church
Evening Worship

Monday, May 11

- 6:30 p.m. Executive Committee

Thursday, May 14

- 9:00 – noon Farmer's Market – front parking lot

MAY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Psalm 145:21

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.

Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

MAY SONG OF THE MONTH: "The Chorus"

GIVING: If you wish to give online to the ministries of our church, you may do so by scanning this QR code or go to <https://givewestleonard.churchcenter.com/home>

