



AUGUST 2026

MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD

A MESSAGE FOR MICHIGAN

AUGUST 20,
2026

Mark Leonhardt,
Administrative Bishop,
Michigan Church of God

Hello Michigan Church of God! Al'Lora and I are honored and excited to serve the great state of Michigan. So many of you have already reached out to us and made us feel so welcome.

We are settling in and look forward to

meeting each of you. We believe the Lord has ordered our steps and brought us to Michigan. As we move forward together, the Lord has placed a clear burden on my heart with four high priorities that will shape the health and future of our churches across Michigan. These priorities will be the focus of ministry during my time as your leader.



FOUR PRIORITIES FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

1. Ministers who intentionally invest in their marriage and family.
2. Ministers who are relentlessly committed to growing as leaders.
3. Ministers and laity striving to stay connected to one another.
4. An urgent, Spirit-inspired effort to reach the lost.

I believe these are the foundations for lasting Kingdom impact. A leader whose home is neglected, whose personal growth has stalled, one who chooses isolation, or whose passion for the lost has become apathetic will eventually limit what God can do through the local church.

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1. Invest in Your Marriage and Family – Marriage/Family FIRST, then ministry.

Your first congregation is the one that lives under your roof.

Seek a strong marriage and healthy family with great diligence.

When the home is in order, the church is positioned for greater blessing.

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2. Commit to Growing in Leadership – Never Arrive, Always Advance

God does not call us to plateau.

We must ADVANCE.



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LOVING MICHIGAN TOGETHER
TOGETHER, WE DISCOVER THE EXTRA.

SHARE THE
HOPE. BE THE
EXTRA. SERVE.

ISAIAH 61

BISHOP'S LETTER



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER



Stagnant leaders produce stagnant churches. Growing leaders create atmospheres where people encounter the living God and are equipped to serve.

3. Connectivity on every level - No Lone Rangers.

If I've noticed anything through the years, those who do ministry alone are unhappy, disgruntled, and prime targets for the enemy. Isolation is never an option.

WE ARE MICHIGAN COG! We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers.

4. Urgent Effort to Reach Unbelievers - The Great Commission Is Not Optional

Michigan is filled with people who do not know Jesus. The harvest is plentiful, and the time is NOW. We cannot be content with maintenance. The urgency of eternity demands that we go after those still outside the Kingdom.

I am asking every minister in Michigan to examine these four areas honestly before the Lord. Where adjustments are needed, make them. Where strength already exists, build upon it. Let us labor side by side so that the Church of God in Michigan becomes known as a movement of strong homes, healthy leaders, a unified church, filled with a passionate commitment to reaching the lost. The best days are ahead if we prioritize what God prioritizes.



Here to serve,
Mark Leonhardt
Administrative Bishop
Michigan Church of God

May the Lord go before us and follow us. May His hand of blessing be on our heads.
Psalms 139:5 (paraphrased)

LOVING GOD. LOVING PEOPLE. TOGETHER
ON MISSION FOR HIS GLORY.



MICHIGAN COG: BATTLE TESTED



Spiritual Results:

Restored--94

Saved--26

Sanctified--89

Holy Ghost
Baptism--35

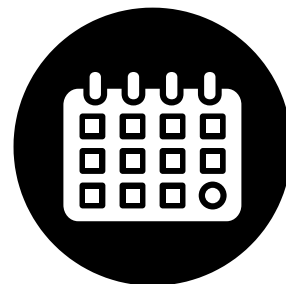
Healed--94

Called to
Ministry--41



WHAT'S AHEAD IN MICHIGAN

UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK
ON YOUR CALENDAR.



MINISTER'S

OCTOBER
8-9, 2026



DEXTER
LAKE
BATTLE
CREEK

MEETING

UPPER PENINSULA



testimonies of God's

Harbor Lights Church of God

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MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP

YOUNG ADULTS

One Night's



YOUNG ADULTS ONE NIGHTS

September 18 – Dexter Lake, Battle Creek
November 20 – Church Alive, Kalkaska
Summer 2027 – Grace Point, Riverview



JOIN
ALLORA LEONHARDT
FOR

Just breathe
MICHIGAN
FOR WOMEN PASTORS, PASTOR'S WIVES,
CREDENTIALLED WOMEN AND STAFF

WOMEN IN MINISTRY MENTORING,
SHARING, AND ENCOURAGING ONE
ANOTHER

7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom
Oct 26 and Nov 16
Winter & Spring dates TBA
Zoom links will be emailed.

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JUNE 2026 TITHE REPORT		
Church and Pastor	Tithes	Worship
Stewart Road Church of God, Mark Ingram	90,262.44	472
Dexter Lake Church of God, Paul Tindall	37,982.00	209
Victorious Life, Scott Weaver	27,117.00	114
Oak-Crest Church of God, Richard D. Rogers	23,981.72	177
The River, William E. Wahl	23,148.00	181
Family Worship, Eric Rogers	17,873.33	91
Grace Point Church, Jeff McNally, Jr.	17,615.00	201
New Hope Community, Victor Williams	17,577.00	76
Hill Creek, Wesley Hunter	14,803.42	92
Walton Blvd Church of God, M. Tony Barbour	14,746.60	116
Power & Praise, Christopher Blankenship	14,529.57	160
White Cloud Church, James Fader	14,130.47	75
Genesee Rd Church of God, Vaughn Eller	11,693.21	86
International Church of God, Joy John	11,000.00	100
Restoration Pointe, Gregory Gitter	10,876.40	42
Abundant Life, Richard South	10,450.44	107
Big Jackson, John McGhee	9,496.00	94
LifePoint, Ronald Schubert	9,411.00	145
Durand Church of God, Mark Fernandez	9,367.00	113
Heritage Community Church, Adam Schultz	9,078.85	56
Houghton Lake Church of God, Jacob Nicoletti	7,271.00	52
The Point, Ellis Fortune	7,040.49	115
Heritage Park, Robert Rennie	6,893.00	60
Hope Community Church, Glenn Gilman	6,715.10	10
Lapeer Church of God, Dakota Leming	6,510.00	60
Grand Haven, Nathan Strom	6,463.60	49
Connection Point, Thomas E. Rea	6,379.11	47
Lighthouse Church of God, Matthew West	6,340.00	56
New Harvest	5,805.00	30
Kingdom Life Church of God, Steven Bishop	5,551.70	120
Lighthouse Worship, Roger Fleming	5,399.87	68
Kalkaska, Church Alive, David Morrison Jr.	5,392.96	32
Holly Church of God, Eugene Blankenship	5,315.00	42
Redemption Outreach, Scott Tysick	5,000.00	70
Harvest International, Frederick Nichols	4,886.00	25
West Branch Church, Tom Plashek	4,842.00	25
Redemption Place, Deborah Leshner	4,637.24	38
Family Life Center, Ryan Snyder	4,497.27	90
Upper Room Church of God, Alex Fernandez	4,391.00	88
North Point Worship Cntr, Michael B. Arp	4,254.00	45
Central Church of God, Chris Johnson	4,130.00	70
Victory Temple, Dennis Wick	4,085.25	30
Highest Praise, Wesley Starr	4,052.01	47
Trinity Church of God, Mark Wellhousen	4,025.00	21
Harvest Intern'l Min., Michael Czarnik	3,932.00	38
Harrison Church of God, Willis Pilman	3,566.00	25
City Church, Steve Totten	3,500.00	77
Family Tabernacle, Jeffrey Howard	3,435.00	38
Sandusky Church of God, Jeffrey Noble	3,402.57	26
Sebewa, Thomas Jablonski	2,973.95	20
Renew Church, Justin Candela	2,874.00	21
Garden City Church of God, John H Stamper, III	2,754.00	27
Christian Church for all Nations, Danielle Andre	2,687.52	33
Family Life Worship, Charles Kiesgen	2,495.30	35
New Hope Ministries, J. Ron Dunn	2,396.00	14

New Covenant, Ronald Jacobs II	2,323.30	60
Crossroads Church of God, Daniel W Blankenship	2,225.00	15
Inland Lighthouse, Darius Walden	2,169.00	0
Lawton Church of God, David R. Cripps	1,886.00	15
Living Word, Frankie Lucas	1,884.26	0
Fountain of Praise, Debra Schilling	1,786.00	0
No Limits Ministries, Robert Renfro	1,753.00	3
Trenton, Donald Drews	1,744.00	10
Faith Community, Curtis Ashmore	1,738.66	26
Living Word, Jephtha Bryant	1,690.00	22
Lighthouse Village, Anthony M. Fields	1,505.00	24
Harbor Lights, Anthony Morrison	1,141.71	24
Zeeland Church of God, Brandon Arp	1,084.00	18
Strong Tower, Doug Trudell	1,067.00	35
House of Hope God's House, Tom Coppens	745.00	7
Hastings Church of God, Jeremy Singleton	482.20	12
Faith Chapel, Betty Marlow	150.00	23
Sheridan Church of God	0.00	0
Andrus Street Church of God	N/R	0
Clinton Church of God, Gary Adams	N/R	0
Cornerstone, Warren R. Davis	N/R	0
Flat Rock Church of God, James Williams	N/R	0
Lake Orion Church of God, William S. Curnell	N/R	0
Ray of Light, Mary Hoots	N/R	0
Redford Church of God, Shirley Stafford	N/R	0
Revival Center, Greg Casto	N/R	0
Riverhills Church Detroit, Ryan Sharpe	N/R	0
Solid Rock, Wayne Ramey	N/R	0
The Church, Nick Heine	N/R	0
The Harbor Church of God, Frederick Weaver	N/R	0
The Summit, Jim Morrison	N/R	0