

To Know Christ
&
Make Him Known



Laketon Bethel Reformed Church

February 5, 2012



THE PURPOSE OF LAKETON BETHEL:

To Know Christ and Make Him Known

Laketon Bethel's Core Values:

A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

B. BIBLE:

The Bible is the final authority for faith and practice. We will study it with open minds and the best scholarship available.

C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 9:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

Hymn #419 - “Praise Him! Praise Him!”- vs. 1,2,3

Hymn #420 - “He Took My Sins Away”-vs. 1,3,5

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #344 - “The Love of God” - vs. 1,2,

Tithes and Offerings-Special Music

Opportunities for Service

Introduction of Consistory Nominees

Message: “The Communion Connection”

Communion

Hymn #748 - “Let Us Break Bread Together” - vs. 1,2,3

Hymn #753 - “Come, Share the Lord” - vs. 1,2,3

Benediction

Hymn #726 - “Fine Us Faithful” - vs. 1

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

“Of All the Things About You”

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

“The Heart of Worship”

“I Lift My Hands”

Tithes and Offerings - Special Music

Opportunities for Service

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House of Prayer

Do you struggle with prayer - feeling like you don't know how to pray? You are not alone. Prayer does not come naturally for most, and even the disciples pleaded in Luke 11:1 saying, "Lord, teach us to pray". When you do life without prayer, you will reap the best of *your* efforts. But when you pray, you reap the best of *God's* effort. If you don't have a solid prayer life right now, don't fret, start small. Before you get out of bed in the morning say, "Good morning Lord, thank you for today. I ask you to be with me and my family. Help me to be what you created me to be. Amen." Before you go to bed at night, let God know your thoughts of the day; what you are thankful for and what you hoped would have turned out differently.

Here are a few prayer requests that need our attention and will help you get started on your prayer journey.

- ◆ Request: For Wayne & Martha Moseler's healing and comfort concerning their medical problems.
From: Wayne & Martha Moseler
- ◆ Request: For my son to be a good father and respectful and kind son.
From: Deb Hendershot
- ◆ Request: For God's protective hand as my boyfriend travels from Georgia to Muskegon. Prayers for his grandparents, also.
From: Stacey Kesteloot
- ◆ Request: For the Lindenbaum family and friends following the loss of Amy Lindenbaum.
From: Collyn Deephouse
- ◆ Request: Prayers for those struggling with addictions.
From: Brian Adamczak
- ◆ Request: Prayers of thanksgiving for family and friends.
From: Dave & Becky Bennett and Chris & Heather MacPherson
- ◆ Request: Thanksgiving for attending worship and being with family celebrating Maddy's baptism.
From: The Kriger Family
- ◆ Request: Prayers for the Sobolish family following the loss of Joan. Continued prayers for Luis Ramirez and Delia Abila. I ask that God find loving homes for the animals without.
From: Zenaida Vasquez-Johnson

Please remember in prayer our friends who are battling long-term illnesses:

***Cathy Adamzack
Charlie Balmer
Betty Bonneville
Donna Fauble
Amy Fredericks
Steve Ganos
Paula Greeley
Ralph Gustafson***

***Bob Hanson
Kelly Hermanson
Scott Hladki
Peter Hosko
Sheri Johnson
Peter Luke
Avery Lynn
Tom McKee Sr.***

***Nancy McKinley
Aaron Rop
Gary Samples
Ida Shealy
Gavin Sima
Sandy Streeter
Janet Wegner
Theresa Zahrt***

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - February 5

9:00 am Coffee Servers: Tom & Pat Peterson

11:00 am Coffee Servers: Diane Brantsen & Family

9:00 am Greeters: Roberta Schneider

11:00 am Greeters: The Wolffis Family & Mark Cherney

NEXT SUNDAY - February 12

9:00 am Coffee Servers: Adonica Kunnen

11:00 am Coffee Servers: Tina Dadd & Family

9:00 am Greeters: Mick & Jackie Meyers

11:00 am Greeters: Rod & Pat Runyan

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - February 5

Nursery: (1) Heather Brewer

Nursery: (2) Janice Carrigan, Sami Kiracofe, Sara Kepner, Joann Petroski

Activity Time: Mike & Terri Forward, Wendy Christensen, Brenda Kiracofe

Activity Time Greeter: Mark Sweany

NEXT SUNDAY - February 12

Nursery: (1) Amy Kunnen

Nursery: (2) Sue & Lauren Erndteman, Michelle Smith, Candy Miller, Laura Moat

Activity Time: Kelly Toebe, Amy Kunnen, Mike & Jenny Lyons

Activity Time Greeter: Mark Sweany

Many thanks to all of our hospitality volunteers!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pumped! & Fusion Mission Trip Our Jr. and Sr. High youth groups will be going to Joplin, Missouri in June as their Mission Trip. The toll from the tornado that ripped through Joplin soared to 116 deaths tying it for the single deadliest twister to ever hit America. The tornado chewed through a densely populated area of the city, causing hundreds of injuries as well, as it tore apart homes and businesses, a high school and caused severe damage to one of the hospitals in the city. Much of the focus since the tornado hit in May has been to rebuild the hospital, leaving many homeless. Our youth groups will help rebuild homes and do necessary repairs. Your participation and involvement in the upcoming fundraisers is greatly appreciated!

Valentine's Day Gifts The Jr. & Sr. High youth groups are having a Valentine gift basket sale after both services. Available for purchase are cookie dough jars, candies, and massage gift certificates and the sale will continue for one more week after today. The gift table is set up in the entryway. Get your Valentine's Day shopping done early and conveniently, with no busy stores or over-priced gifts! All proceeds to help support the cost of the Joplin Missouri Mission Trip.

Spaghetti Supper & Pie Auction The Jr. & Sr. High youth groups will be hosting a Spaghetti Supper and Pie Auction *this* Friday, February 10th. The meal includes: spaghetti and meat sauce (meatless available), salad, garlic toast, dessert and beverage for \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. All proceeds will go to support the cost of the Joplin Missouri Mission Trip. Join us for a delicious meal and a fun night!

Food Truck We are now on the list for a Truck-a-Month. Our next Food Truck is Monday, February 13th and we welcome your participation. This ministry serves our community members in need and we served 109 people in January! Thank-you all so much for your participation in this outreach ministry!

Small Group Leaders Needed Small groups are a way to offer Christian love, friendship and support. Many are in search of meaningful relationships and with Christ as the center of small groups, a therapy can be provided that is not otherwise available. "Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, but encourage one another..." Hebrews 10:24, 25

Wednesday Night Bible Study We will be discussing Henry Cloud's book, "*The Law of Happiness*." This is a quick and easy read that will transform your life! Looking for that joy God promises? We will be discussing Chapters 9 & 10, so come to class and discover just how easy it is to embrace happiness.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Elder Delegate Needed The rotation for Elder delegate has come to LBRC and an elder, past or present, available for this position will meet at the General Synod at Trinity Christian College in Chicago, Illinois. This meeting is from June 21st thru June 26th and the term is for two years. If you are interested, please see Pastor Sherwin.

Calling All Bakers! Fusion & Pumped youth groups are hosting a Spaghetti Supper & Pie Auction this Friday, February 10th. Donated pies for the auction would be appreciated! For the dessert with the meal, we ask for six donated “dump cakes” please. All desserts may be dropped off beginning this Tuesday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. A BIG thank-you in advance! For any question, please call Tina at 744-1749.

Parlor Makeover Project Connie Maciejewski is leading a project to do a complete makeover of our Parlor. Plans are to update the carpet, paint, lighting, furniture and window treatments. The parlor is used by many groups along with wedding parties and Family Promise. It is time to bring a new refreshed look to this important room in our church. We need to raise \$7,000 for this project. If you would like to serve through giving to this project please designate your gift on your giving envelopes. Stop by the information table in the entryway and Connie and her team can fill you in on the plans. Also feel free to contact Gary Gifford at 286-0798 for any additional questions.

HomeTouch The HomeTouch meeting is the last Sunday of each month following the first service and we meet in the parlor. This ministry visits our homebound seniors and shut-ins. If you would like to volunteer or would like a visit from one of our volunteers, please call Sharon Jacobs at 744-5392, Gay Hudson at 755-0957, or Joann Petroski at 744-8286.

Attention All Family Promise Volunteers!

Our next hosting week begins February 26th and we are beginning to schedule our volunteers. To bring everyone up-to-date on this growing community outreach, Family Promise of the Lakeshore is offering a training date for all volunteers. This is a great opportunity to hear the latest news about the program, learn about the volunteer guidelines, and meet other volunteers from the host congregations. If you missed our initial training two years ago, are a new volunteer, or just want to hear more about the program, please plan to attend. Call Connie at 744-9414 to reserve a spot or to get more information.

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2012

Time: 9:30am - 12:00pm

Location: Lakeside UMC; 2160 Crozier Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441

Consistory Nominations 2012

Administrative Elder 2012 - 3 to be elected

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| 1. Scott Bodenber | 4. Adonica Kunnen - <i>Incumbent</i> |
| 2. Bob Buwalda | 5. Mike Lyons - <i>Incumbent</i> |
| 3. Gary Howard | 6. Pat Runyan |

Deacon 2012 - 7 to be elected

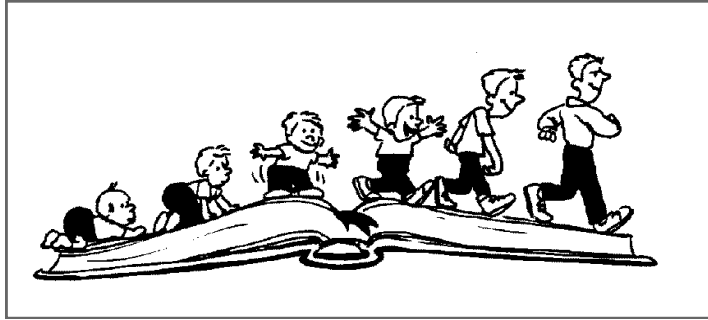
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| 1. Rick Anderson | 8. Bill Kiracofe - <i>Incumbent</i> |
| 2. Tim Bahorski | 9. Jason Peterson - <i>Incumbent</i> |
| 3. Art Balzar | 10. Mary Salter - <i>Incumbent</i> |
| 4. Shelly Berry | 11. Ellen Stibitz |
| 5. Scott Halterman -
<i>Incumbent</i> | 12. Deb Tilton - <i>Incumbent</i> |
| 6. Dawn Hooker | 13. John Wilke - <i>Incumbent</i> |
| 7. Gay Hudson - <i>Incumbent</i> | 14. Scott Zonnebelt |

Spiritual Life Elder 2012 - 4 to be elected

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| 1. Chris Briggs | 5. Brian Scott - <i>Incumbent</i> |
| 2. Nadine Collier | 6. Mark Sweany |
| 3. Connie Maciejewski -
<i>Incumbent</i> | 7. Amanda Westbrook |
| 4. Connie Reahm - <i>Incumbent</i> | 8. Vicky Wierengo |

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Faith Weavers-Weaving Faith Into Families



Children's Church - Preschool thru 4th Grades:

◇ Mark 1:29-39

◇ Jesus Heals, Prays, & Preaches

For any questions please contact Stefanie Sweany at 719-2252.

Fusion - 5th thru 8th Grades:

◇ Mark 1:29-39

◇ Jesus Heals, Prays, & Preaches

For any questions please contact Sally Hendrixon at 578-6247.

Pumped - 9th thru 12th Grades:

◇ Topic: How do I stop doing things I know I shouldn't do?

◇ Lunch: Soup & Subs

For any questions please contact Tina Dadd at 744-1749.

CALENDAR EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Monday	Ensemble at 6:30 pm Basketball at 7:30 pm
Tuesday	Solid Rock at 6:30 pm Consuming Fire at 7:00 pm
Thursday	Volleyball at 6:00 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 10	Spaghetti Supper & Pie Auction
February 13	Food Truck
February 26	Family Promise Week
March 11	Bake Sale
March 25	Pancake Breakfast

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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|------------------------------|------------------------|
| *Children's Ministry/Nursery | *HomeTouch Ministry |
| *Family Promise | *Food Truck Ministry |
| *Greeter/Coffee Server | *Small Group Leader |
| *Bulletin Crew | *Prayer Group |
| *Music Ministry | *Meal Ministry |
| *Prayer Warrior | *Jr./Sr. High Ministry |

Special Senior of the Week:

Dick Fiet

*Please show your support by signing the cards located
on the table in the entryway.*

Sherwin's Recommended Reading List and Podcasts

Books

◆ *Entre' Leadership* by Dave Ramsey

Your company is only as strong as your leaders. These are the men and women doing battle daily beneath the banner that is your brand. Are they courageous or indecisive? Are they serving a motivated team or managing employees? **Are they valued?** Your team will never grow beyond you, so here's another question to consider. **Are you growing?** Whether you're sitting at the CEO's desk, the middle manager's cubicle, or a card table in your living-room-based startup, *Entre Leadership* provides the **practical, step-by-step guidance** to grow your business where you want it to go.

◆ *48 Days to the Work You Love* by Dan Miller

48 Days to the Work You Love is not about finding a new job. It is about finding out what you are going to "be." According to Dan Miller, failing to make that fundamental discovery is why so many people find themselves in jobs they hate. But the great news is this book will lead you to the vocation you will love.

As a leading vocational thinker, Dan Miller helps you better understand and organize your God-given skills, personality traits, values, dreams, and passions. In turn, you'll see clear patterns forming from which you can make successful career and job decisions. With creativity, insight, and timeless wisdom, *48 Days to the Work You Love* presents a step-by-step process for creating a Life Plan and translating it into meaningful and fulfilling daily work.

◆ *The Law of Happiness* by Henry Cloud

This is a book that melds spiritual wisdom from the Bible and modern science to achieve a more fulfilling, happy, and peaceful life.

Podcasts

1. Timothy Keller Podcast. This comes from the author of *The Prodigal God*, a Presbyterian pastor in Manhattan.
2. Willow Creek Weekend Podcast.
3. Woodland Hills Church. This is from Greg Boyd of St. Paul, MN

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Celebrated the 1st Sunday in February, April, June,

August, October, and December

OUR STAFF

Pastor – Dr. Sherwin Brantsen (Rockingrev@comcast.net)

Director of Ministries – Gary Gifford (garygifford4@gmail.com)

Worship Team Leader for 9:00 Service – Jan Reahm

Worship Team Leader for 11:00 Service – Shelly Deblock

Children's Church Team Leader – Stefanie Sweany

Junior High Youth Team Leader – Sally Hendrixon

Senior High Youth Team Leader - Tina Dadd

Nursery Team Leader – Joann Petroski

Bookkeeper – Pat Peterson

Secretary – Tina Dadd

Administrative Assistant - Joann Petroski

Technical Support – Scott Johnson

Organist – Deb Kuhns

OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Back Pack team Leader - Maureen Mussman

Family Promise Team Leader – Connie Maciejewski

Senior Ministries Team Leader – Jill Verhulst

Meal Ministry Team Leader – Art Jacobs

Women's Guild Team Leader – Donna Doctor

Food Truck Team Leader – John Wilke

Small Group Team Leader – Brian Scott

Home Touch Ministry Team Leader – Sharon Jacobs

Facility Upkeep Team Leader - Vicky Wierengo

OUR CONSISTORY

Administrative Elders

Lee Andrews, Jerry Critchett,

Adonica Kunnen,

Mike Lyons, Tom Peterson

Carolyn Smith-Gerdes

Deacons

Bill Kiracofe, Deb Tilton,

Jason Peterson, Gay Hudson,

Mary Salter, John Wilke,

Scott Halterman, Ed Kendall

Spiritual Life Elders

Paula Scott-Stewart, Connie Reahm,

Maureen Mussman, Brian Scott,

Connie Maciejewski, Donna Spytma

THE COMMUNION CONNECTION

OPENING EXCOGITATION

What in the world is an “excogitation?”

What does God need from you?

Five things God needs from you:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING: MARK 1.29-39

²⁹After Jesus left the synagogue with James and John, they went to Simon and Andrew’s home. ³⁰Now Simon’s mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. ³¹So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.

³²That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. ³³The whole town gathered at the door to watch. ³⁴So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak.

³⁵Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. ³⁶Later Simon and the others went out to find him. ³⁷When they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.”

³⁸But Jesus replied, “We must go on to other towns as well, and I will preach to them, too. That is why I came.” ³⁹So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons. ¹

PAULA’S PRAYER PROJECT

THE COMMUNION CONNECTION

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DATE	DAY	OLD TESTAMENT	✓	NEW TESTAMENT	✓	SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST
5	SUN	1 Samuel 11		2 Peter 2		
6	Mon	1 Samuel 12		2 Peter 3		
7	Tue	1 Samuel 13		1 John 1		
8	Wed	1 Samuel 14		1 John 2		
9	Thu	1 Samuel 15		1 John 3		
10	Fri	1 Samuel 16		1 John 4		
11	Sat	1 Samuel 17		1 John 5		
12	SUN	1 Samuel 18		2 John		

¹ All Bible readings used today are from The New Living Translation.