

To Know Christ
&
Make Him Known



Laketon Bethel Reformed Church

January 1, 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

Happy New Year!

Worship in Song

Hymn # 58 - “Stand Up and Bless the Lord” - vs. 1,2,4,5

Hymn # 25 - “He Has Made Me Glad”- vs. 1

Hymn # 26 - “This Is the Day”-vs. 1

Hymn # 27 - “Bless His Holy Name” - vs. 1

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn # 91 - “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord” - vs. 1,2,3,4

Hymn # 202 - “We Three Kings” - vs. 1,2,r,3,4,5,r

Tithes and Offerings-Special Music

Opportunities for Service

Message: “Choosing To Be Lucky”

Benediction

Hymn # 785 - “God Be With You”-vs. 1,2

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE

Happy New Year!

Worship in Song

“Hosanna”

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

“Be the Center”

“I Will Never Be”

“All to You”

Tithes and Offerings - Special Music

Opportunities for Service

Baptism

Message: “Choosing To Be Lucky”

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the Foster & Vanderwall families in your prayers following the loss of Brad Foster.

Please Remember in Prayer our Friends and Members who are Battling Cancer:

Cathy Adamzack, Charlie Balmer, Betty Bonneville, Donna Fauble, Amy Fredericks, Steve Ganos, Paula Greeley, Ralph Gustafson, Bob Hanson, Scott Hladki, Peter Hosko, Sheri Johnson, Amy Lindenbaum, Peter Luke, Avery Lynn, Tom McKee Sr., Nancy McKinley, Aaron Rop, Gary Samples, Ida Shealy, Gavin Sima, Sandy Streeter, Janet Wegner, Amy Yarian, and Theresa Zahrt.

If you would like to include a loved one on this list, please call the church office at 744-1749

Prayer Warriors available after each service for any prayer need or you may fill out a prayer request card.

Special Senior of the Week:

Robert Bell

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - January 1

9:00 am Coffee Servers: Adonica Kunnen

11:00 am Coffee Servers: Tina Dadd

9:00 am Greeters: Jill Fielstra

11:00 am Greeters: Mike & Terri Forward

NEXT SUNDAY - January 8

9:00 am Coffee Servers: Jack & Jean Moore

11:00 am Coffee Servers: Mike & Jenny Lyons

9:00 am Greeters: Curt & Pam Converse

11:00 am Greeters: Ted & Cheryl Love

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - January 1

Nursery: (1) Amy Kunnen

Nursery: (2) Candy Miller, Michelle Smith, Joann Petroski, Kelly Toebe

Activity Time: Pat Peterson, Diane Brantsen, John Collier, Sue Erndteman

Greeter: Mark Sweany

NEXT SUNDAY - January 8

Nursery: (1) Adonica Kunnen

Nursery: (2) Keith & Brianna Heimiller, Michelle Smith, Joann Petroski, Kelly Toebe

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

Greeter: Mark Sweany

Thank-you to all our volunteers!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Laketon Bethel's newest members, Emilio and Myah Silva, children of Monica Domico!

Congratulations Jason and Stacy Peterson on the birth of your baby boy, Mason James Peterson!

Fusion -Winter Blast Is Just Around the Corner! We will be going to Camp Grace in Mears, MI on January 13th thru January 15th. The cost for the whole weekend is \$97. Please sign your child up across from the office. For any questions, please see Sally Hendrixon.

Pumped! & Fusion Students The Pumped! & Fusion Youth Groups are going on a Mission Trip to Joplin, Missouri this summer, June 17th-23rd, 2012. Any Jr. High and Sr. High school student interested, please see Sally Hendrixon, Tina Dadd or call the office at 744-1749. We have only four available spots left!

LBRC Snowbirds We are updating our system and ask those who leave for the winter to contact the office at 744-1749 with your winter address and any mailing requests to be sent; tithing box, bulletin and/or CD of the service.

2012 Tithing Envelopes The 2012 Tithing envelopes are available in the entryway. Also be sure to pick up a copy of the letter that outlines the envelope changes for 2012. If you currently do not have tithing envelopes and would like to receive your own please contact the church office. The benefit of having the numbered tithing envelopes is that we will track your giving and send you a statement at the end of the year for tax purposes.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

New Year's Resolutions

It's that time of year to set new goals for ourselves. It's a time to reflect on the changes we want to make and *resolve* to follow through on those changes. This year, consider setting your goals for Christ and His ministry. There are several opportunities for service that are in need of volunteers. It is a known fact that when quitting one habit, another must be available to take its place. What better "habit" than loving God, others, and our community by serving in any of these ministries:

Senior Ministry

Music Ministry

Meal Ministry

Prayer Warrior

Family Promise

Janitorial Services

Food Truck

Small Group Leader

Bulletin Folder

Pumped or Fusion Leader

Children's Church Teacher

Nursery Care

Greeter

Coffee Server

Home Touch

Bulletin Folder

Snow Removal

Yard Work

Activity Time

Sound Booth

If you are interested in growing spiritually through any of these service opportunities, please circle "A" on the fellowship pad and note which group you would like to participate in or you may call the office at 744-1749.

FUSION

Each Sunday

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fusion, a ministry for students in 5th-8th grades, is a great place for students to learn how to walk more closely with God, grow in a deepening relationship with Jesus, and having fun with their friends. Students come together in a large group setting for a message and then separate into small groups for a deeper discussion. The curriculum used is *Faith Weavers* and the scripture and topic is the same throughout the church, giving families the opportunity to discuss all that they have learned in church.

Wednesday nights: Dinner: 6:00-6:30 pm; Fun & Learning: 6:30-7:30 pm/ **Jewelry Party November 30th!**

Winter Session beginning January 4-February 22, 2012

A “typical” Fusion night has students entering the Youth Center after dinner and being greeted by small group leaders. They will experience worship, drama, games, videos, visual arts and much more! For the last half hour, students will separate into small groups and talk with their leader and friends about life questions related to the evening’s message. The curriculum is *Sparkhouse Re:form* that encourages Biblical growth and allows the students to ask tough questions and receiving honest, Biblical answers.

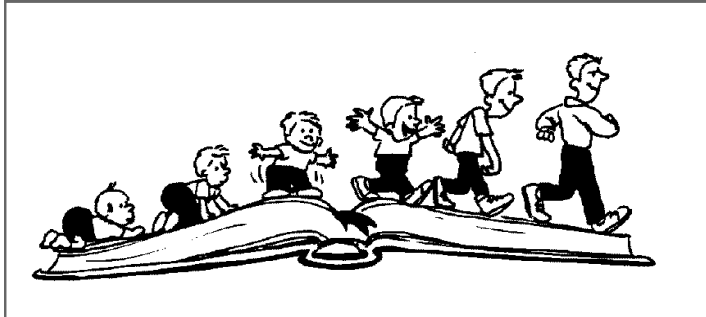
Words from the Director of Fusion

We, the Leaders of Fusion, are dedicated to help lead the children to God in a fun, loving way. We are here because we enjoy working with this age. It gives us great joy to watch and see them growing in God’s Word.

Sally Hendrixon

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Faith Weavers-Weaving Faith Into Families



Children's Church - Preschool thru 4th Grades:

- ◇ Matthew 2:1-12
- ◇ Wise Men Find Jesus

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

Fusion - 5th thru 8th Grades:

- ◇ Matthew 2:1-12
- ◇ Wise Men Find Jesus

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

Pumped - 9th thru 12th Grades:

- ◇ We will resume youth group January 8th
- ◇ Happy New Year!

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

CALENDAR EVENTS

THIS WEEK

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23 **Food Truck**

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 |

“...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve...” Matthew 20:28

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.

◆ *Necessary Endings* by Henry Cloud

To quote Cloud, "Endings are a part of every aspect of life. When done well, the seasons of life are negotiated, and the proper endings lead to the end of pain, greater growth, personal and business goals reached, and better lives. Endings bring hope."

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

Decide to be Lucky

Decide to Seek Wisdom (New Year's Day, 2012)

7 Decisions for a Better 2012

1. Decide to accept responsibility for your past. (12/4)
2. Decide to trust Jesus. (12/11)
3. Decide to be happy. (12/18)
4. Decide to persist; the ultimate Christmas gift. (12/25)
5. Decide to seek wisdom. (1/1)
6. Decide to take action. (1/8)
7. Decide to forgive. (1/15)

Bible Reading #1: Matthew 2.1-12

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory—this was during Herod's kingship—a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East. ²They asked around, "Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We're on pilgrimage to worship him."

³When word of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified—and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem as well. ⁴Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests and religion scholars in the city together and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

⁵They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory. The prophet Micah wrote it plainly:

⁶It's you, Bethlehem, in Judah's land,
no longer bringing up the rear.
From you will come the leader
who will shepherd-rule my people, my Israel."

⁷Herod then arranged a secret meeting with the scholars from the East. Pretending to be as devout as they were, he got them to tell him exactly when the birth-announcement star appeared. ⁸Then he told them the prophecy about Bethlehem, and said, "Go find this child. Leave no stone unturned. As soon as you find him, send word and I'll join you at once in your worship."

⁹Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered

over the place of the child. ¹⁰They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time!

¹¹They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.

¹²In a dream, they were warned not to report back to Herod. So they worked out another route, left the territory without being seen, and returned to their own country.^a

Bible Reading #2: Proverbs 2

- ¹ My child, listen to what I say,
and treasure my commands.
- ² Tune your ears to wisdom,
and concentrate on understanding.
- ³ Cry out for insight,
and ask for understanding.
- ⁴ Search for them as you would for silver;
seek them like hidden treasures.
- ⁵ Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD,
and you will gain knowledge of God.
- ⁶ For the LORD grants wisdom!
From his mouth come knowledge and understanding.
- ⁷ He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest.
He is a shield to those who walk with integrity.
- ⁸ He guards the paths of the just
and protects those who are faithful to him.^b

January 2012 Daily Bible Readings

DATE	DAY	OLD TESTAMENT	✓	NEW TESTAMENT	✓	SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST
1	SUN	Judges 1		1 Timothy 4		
2	Mon	Judges 2		1 Timothy 5		
3	Tue	Judges 3		1 Timothy 6		
4	Wed	Judges 4		2 Timothy 1		
5	Thu	Judges 5		2 Timothy 2		
6	Fri	Judges 6		2 Timothy 3		
7	Sat	Judges 7		2 Timothy 4		
8	SUN	Judges 8		Titus 1		

^a From The Message.

^b From the New Living Translation.