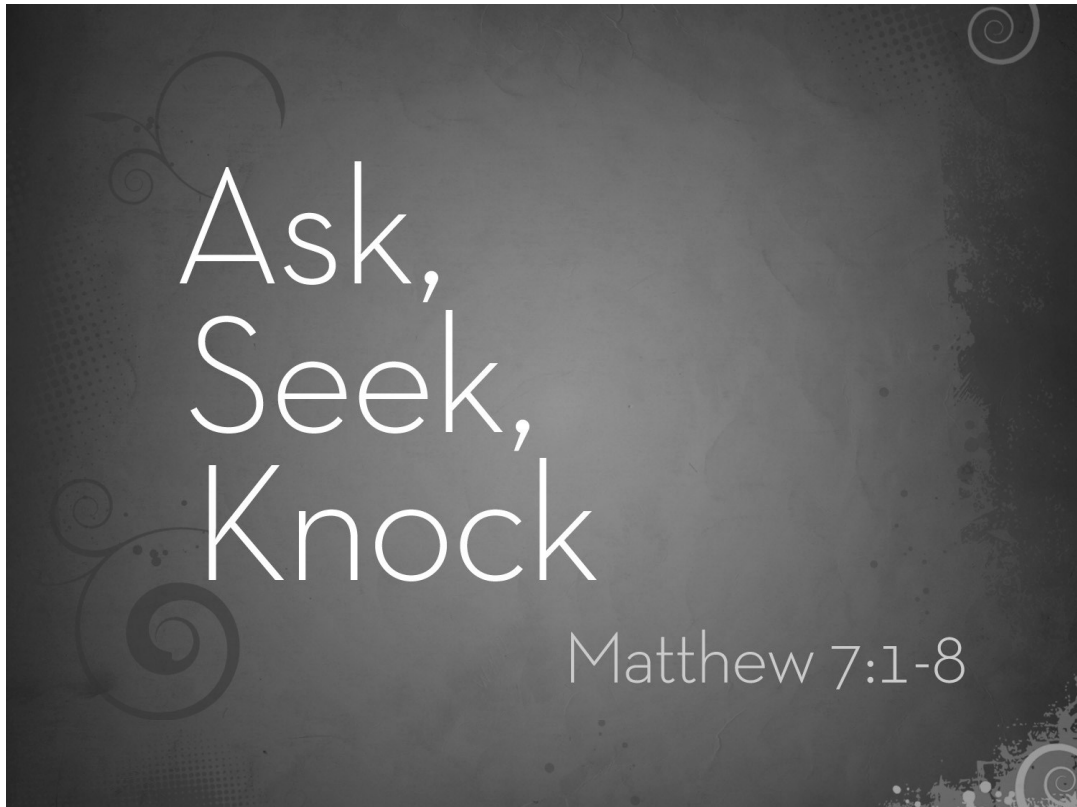


To Know Christ
&
Make Him Known



Laketon Bethel Reformed Church

November 27, 2011



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

Welcome

Worship in Song

Responsive Reading #768 - “A Song of Thanksgiving”

Hymn #769 - “Let All Things Now Living” - vs. 1,2

Hymn #770 - “Give Thanks” - vs. 1

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #766 - “Now Thank We All Our God” -vs. 1,2,3

Hymn #765 - “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” -vs.
1,2,4

Tithes and Offerings - Special Music

Opportunities for Service

Message: “Failure”

Hymn #771 - “Count Your Blessings” - vs. 1,3

Benediction

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE

Welcome

Worship in Song

“Some Kind of Wonderful”

“Did You Hear the Mountains Tremble?”

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

“Your Unfailing Love”

“Forever”

Tithes and Offerings - Special Music

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PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Jenna Abel, Cathy Adamzack, Charlie Balmer, Betty Bonneville,
Donna Fauble, Brad Foster, Amy Fredericks, Steve Ganos,
Paula Greeley, Ralph Gustafson,
Bob Hanson, Scott Hladki, Peter Hosko,
Sheri Johnson, Amy Lindenbaum, Avery Lynn,
Tom McKee Sr., Nancy McKinley, 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:

Donna Verschueren

***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 - November 27

9:00 am Coffee Servers: Laurin & Lois Berghuis

11:00 am Coffee Servers: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

9:00 am Greeters: Jill Fielstra & Karen Johnson

11:00 am Greeters: Bob & Sally Legard

NEXT SUNDAY - December 4

9:00 am Coffee Servers: Chad & Heather Brewer

11:00 am Coffee Servers: Steve & Maureen Mussman

9:00 am Greeters: Curt & Pam Converse

11:00 am Greeters: Larry Cone & Don Crider

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - November 27

Nursery: (1) Joann Petroski

Nursery: (2) Diana Wagbo, Scott & Amy Zonnebelt, Wendy Christensen

Activity Time: John Collier, Sue Erndteman, Patti Shavalier

Activity Time: Greeter: Mark Sweany

NEXT SUNDAY - December 4

Nursery: (1) Connie Reahm

Nursery: (2) Linda Evans, Chris Wilke, Sue & Lauren Erndteman,

Jen Cordle

Activity Time: Mike & Terri Forward, Wendy Christensen,

Brenda Kiracofe

Activity Time: Greeter: Mark Sweany

Thank-you to all our volunteers!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Thanks...

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, meals and support. My children, Scott and I appreciate you so much! Chrissie VanDyke

As many of you know, Scott VanDyke is recovering from a severe brain infection and is hospitalized in Grand Rapids. His wife, Chrissie and their 5 children could use some help over the next few weeks with meals. A quick and easy website has been set up that allows you to sign up to bring them a meal. The link is: <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=LQNG2379>. If you would prefer, volunteers will be in the entry area after each service and can assist you with sign up.

HomeTouch We meet today in the parlor following the first service. If you would like to be a volunteer and make a difference in the life of a special person, or if you are a homebound senior and would like visits from HomeTouch volunteers, please call Sharon at 744-5392, Gay at 755-0957 or Joann at 744-8286.

Wednesday “Get Connected” We have completed our fall session of “Get Connected.” Our winter session begins January 4th, 2012. Have a safe a wonderful holiday season!

Fusion We will have a pizza and jewelry-making party this Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00pm.. This is an excellent opportunity to make jewelry for Christmas presents. Bring your friends for this fun night!

Senior Ministries We will be hosting a Holiday Dinner December 8th with entertainment following. You will be receiving a postcard in the mail this coming week with more detailed information. ***Please RSVP by December 6th by calling the office at 744-1749.***

Pumped! & Fusion Students The Pumped & Fusion Youth Groups would like to go on a Mission Trip to Joplin, Missouri this summer. Any Jr. High and Sr. High school student interested, please see Sally Hendrixon, Tina Dadd or call the office at 744-1749.

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.

Women’s Guild December 15th is our annual Christmas luncheon. We will meet at the Main Street in North Muskegon at 12:00pm. Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 13th by calling Loann Oudsema at 744-1287 or Minnie Buter at 744-5191. Newcomers welcomed!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

OPERATING BUDGET DEFICIT

Our General Fund provides financial resources which support *Children & Adult Education, Congregational Care, Worship, Outreach, and Church Operations*. Our Building Fund provides financial resources for the *Mortgage*. Please consider serving through your financial gifts. Help us erase our deficit and keep our ministries alive and well.

2012 Commitment Cards. Tithing Commitment Cards are still available. They are located in the back of the chairs in the Worship Center. These Commitment Cards are a great way to plan out your tithing for 2012 and build it into your personal budgets.

The Outreach Committee We have adopt-a-family tags on the Christmas tree; each tag on the tree represents a needy Northside child who attends Reeths-Puffer, North Muskegon or Holton Schools. Our local schools make these referrals based on their knowledge of the family's needs. Please remember that when you take a tag, only purchase ONE gift per tag. If you can afford to purchase more than one gift, please take more tags. That way we can help many more children who are in need of some Christmas cheer. For those who like a spending guideline, we recommend a gift ranging from \$15-\$25. If you choose a child twelve years of age or older, we recommend considering a gift card as these are easy and very popular with the older age group. Wrapped gifts with the original tag taped on the front are due back by Wednesday, December 14. The church will be open until 8:00 that evening. If you would like to "adopt" an entire family this year, please see one of us stationed near the tree after today's service.

The Senior Ministries We will be hosting the annual Headstart "Secret Santa Shop" on Dec. 7 and 8. This fun-filled day allows our needy local Headstart children to Christmas shop here at church for their loved ones for free! If you have any small, unused gift items at home that you would like to donate, please bring them in by Sunday November 27th and place them in the donation basket located in the entry area. Gift wrap and gift bags are also accepted. Thank you!

HomeTouch Next Sunday, December 4th, there will be Christmas cards for the congregation to sign. These cards, along with poinsettias, will be delivered to our homebound seniors. We ask for volunteers to help deliver this Christmas cheer to our Special Seniors. If interested, please see Sharon Jacobs or 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

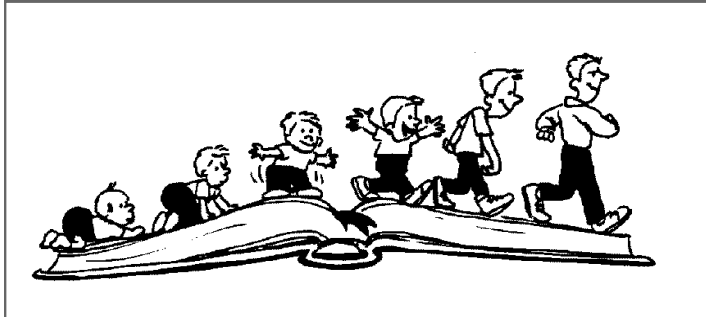
A “typical” Fusion night has students entering the Youth Center after dinner and being greeted by small group leaders. They will experience worship, drama, games, videos, visual arts and much more! For the last half hour, students will separate into small groups and talk with their leader and friends 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:

- ◇ Genesis 21:8-21
- ◇ God cares for Hagar and Ishmael

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

Fusion - 5th thru 8th Grades:

- ◇ Genesis 21:8-21
- ◇ God cares for Hagar and Ishmael

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

Pumped - 9th thru 12th Grades:

- ◇ No meeting today due to the holiday.

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

CALENDAR EVENTS

THIS WEEK

Monday	Ensemble at 6:30pm
Tuesday	Solid Rock at 6:30pm Consuming Fire at 7:00pm
Wednesday	Get Connected
Thursday	Volleyball at 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice at 5:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27	Family Promise
December 8	Senior Ministry's Holiday Dinner
December 18	Children's Choir & Bells Perform

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

- ♦ *The Circle Trilogy - Black* by Ted Dekker

The first story of the trilogy, it's a story of an unlikely hero living between two separate worlds. Dekker is able to create a world that brilliantly parallels ours while showing the love of God for mankind and the great romance a person has with God.

- ♦ *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero

This book offers a new take on spiritual growth and that is: it's impossible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature.

- ♦ *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

Deep Sheet, November 27. Failure.

What does God want us to be? What does he want us to be LIKE?

Genesis 21:8-21

8The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. 9But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham[†] was mocking,[†] 10and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”[†] 11The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son.[†] 12But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.[†] 13I will make the son of the maidservant into a nation[†] also, because he is your offspring.” 14Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the desert of Beersheba.[†] 15When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. 16Then she went off and sat down nearby, about a bowshot away, for she thought, “I cannot watch the boy die.” And as she sat there nearby, she began to sob. 17God heard the boy crying,[†] and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. 18Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation.[†]” 19Then God opened her eyes[†] and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. 20God was with the boy[†] as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer.

21 While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him† from Egypt.

The back-story. Abraham and Sarah. Sarah and Hagar.

The 2011 experience.

V 12-13. Abraham was _____, _____. He didn't know what to do.

V 16-18. Hagar was _____, _____. She didn't know what to do.

They both let go of _____.

God wants a relationship with us. To do that requires three things.

- 1.) _____ . We only have to recognize God's power.
- 2.) _____ . We only have to accept his leading.
- 3.) _____ . We only have to talk to him.

9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you;† seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Daily Bible Readings

DATE	DAY	OLD TESTAMENT	✓	NEW TESTAMENT	✓	SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST
27	SUN	Deuteronomy 24		Galatians 3		
28	Mon	Deuteronomy 25		Galatians 4		
29	Tue	Deuteronomy 26		Galatians 5		
30	Wed	Deuteronomy 27		Galatians 6		
1	Thu	Deuteronomy 28		Ephesians 1		
2	Fri	Deuteronomy 29		Ephesians 2		
3	Sat	Deuteronomy 30		Ephesians 3		
4	SUN	Deuteronomy 31		Ephesians 4		