

To Know Christ
and
Make Him Known



Laketon Bethel Reformed Church

Feb. 19, 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 in all that we do.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 9:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

Hymn #272 - “Crown Him With Many Crowns”-vs. 1,3,4

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #569 - “My Anchor Holds” - vs. 1,2

Hymn #570 - “I’ve Anchored in Jesus”-vs. 1,2,3

Tithes and Offerings-Special Music

Consistory Election for Confessing Members

Opportunities for Service

Message: “Spiritual Metamucil”

Benediction

Hymn #7 - “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”-vs. 1

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

“Let It Rise”

Congregational Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

“Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone”

“I Am Free”

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House of Prayer

Jesus said in Matthew 11:28 , "Come to me all who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." 1 Peter 5:7 says, "Give all your worries and cares to God for he cares about you." We all have burdens that we are carrying around, so why is it that when we give Jesus our burdens in our nightly prayers, we rest and then when we wake up...we pick our burdens back up - lugging them around and letting them bring us down. I can't find anywhere in the bible where we are told to pick them back up. Lets practice casting your cares and burdens to the Lord and when you feel that you are picking them back up, stop what you are doing and give them back. God's shoulders are much larger than ours...lets let Him do the carrying!

This weeks prayer requests from the congregation are for wisdom, illness, addictions, finances, relationships and prayers of thanksgiving. If you would like someone to pray with you or you want to join the Prayer Warriors, fill out a prayer warrior card in the entryway or you can contact me at scottie1983rp@comcast.net.

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

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 19

9:00 am Coffee Servers: Jack & Jean Moore

11:00 am Coffee Servers: Mike & Jenny Lyons

9:00 am Greeters: Laurin, Lois & Elaina Berghuis

11:00 am Greeters: Rod & Pat Runyan

NEXT SUNDAY - February 26

9:00 am Coffee Servers: Laurin, Lois & Elaina Berghuis

11:00 am Coffee Servers: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

9:00 am Greeters: Jill Fielstra & Karen Johnson

11:00 am Greeters: Bob & Sally Legard

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - February 19

Nursery: (1) Adonica Kunnen

Nursery: (2) Kelly Toebe, Scott & Amy Zonnebelt, Mia Gonzales

Activity Time: Diana Wagbo, Hannah & Shelly Berry, Kerri Bernhardt, Patti Shavalier

Activity Time Greeter: Mark Sweany

NEXT SUNDAY - February 26

Nursery: (1) Joann Petroski

Nursery: (2) Vicki Evans, Keth & Brianna Heimiller, Shawna Plouhar

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

Activity Time Greeter: Mark Sweany

Many thanks to all of our hospitality volunteers!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With Thanks

Many thanks to all of our Laketon Bethel family for your support at the Spaghetti Supper and for your purchase of our Valentine's Day gifts! The youth groups have met the goal set and we are already a third of the way there!

HomeTouch Five Year Anniversary! Come celebrate with us for five wonderful years of dedicated service with Laketon Bethel's Special Seniors! Cake is served after both services.

Many Thanks! We appreciate all those who have accepted the nomination of holding a consistory office. Your dedication to "Know Christ and Make Him Known" are greatly appreciated!

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 13 & 14, so come to class and discover just how easy it is to embrace happiness.

Family Fun Movie Night Our movie this month is scheduled for this Saturday, February 25th. Snacks and soda available for purchase. Bring the whole family and friends for this fun night! The movie is "*Puss in Boots.*"

Women's Guild The Women's Guild will reconvene Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 1:00pm in the gym. New members are welcomed to join our Bible study and fellowship. For questions, please call Donna Doctor at 744-3792.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Family Promise Laketon Bethel will be welcoming four more Family Promise families during the week of February 26-March 4! Family Promise provides temporary housing to homeless families with children (18 years and younger) who are working towards securing permanent housing. Family Promise is funded entirely through your donations so stop by our table in the entryway after today's services to see how you can help. We are in need of financial donations and a variety of items that will be needed during our hosting week. We are also still looking for volunteers to fill our nearly 70 volunteer positions. Please stop by and talk to us about how you can help support this important community outreach!

Parlor Makeover Project. The Family Promise team 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 Family Promise as a key room for the family during our hosting week. Also this room is used for many ministry meetings, special gatherings, and wedding. 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. *Thanks to gifts received of \$1,400 the balance needed is \$5,600.* Please consider serving through giving to this project. Please designate "Parlor" on the Special Offering section of your giving envelopes. If you have any questions please stop by the information table and talk to one of our Family Promise team members.

Food Truck We are now on the list for a Truck-a-Month. Monday we served 113 people! Thanks to those who helped make this possible. Our next Food Truck is March 19th and we welcome your participation. This ministry serves our community members in need. Please get the word out to anyone you know who would benefit from this aid. Thank-you!

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.

Consistory Nominations 2012

Administrative Elder 2012 - 3 to be elected

1. Scott Bodenber
2. Bob Buwalda
3. Gary Howard
4. Adonica Kunnen - *Incumbent*
5. Mike Lyons - *Incumbent*
6. Pat Runyan

Deacon 2012 - 7 to be elected

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

Spiritual Life Elder 2012 - 4 to be elected

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Faith Weavers-Weaving Faith Into Families



Children's Church - Preschool thru 4th Grades:

- ◇ Mark 2:1-12
- ◇ Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man

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

Fusion - 5th thru 8th Grades:

- ◇ Mark 2:1-12
- ◇ Four Friends Help a Paralyzed Man

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

Pumped - 9th thru 12th Grades:

- ◇ Topic: Teen's Choice
- ◇ Lunch: Goulash

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 26 **Family Promise Week**
March 11 **Bake Sale**
March 25 **Pancake Breakfast**
April 22 **Membership Class**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

*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:

Dorothy Bacheller

*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 – Amy Kunnen

Bookkeeper – Pat Peterson

Secretary – Tina Dadd

Administrative Assistant - Joann Petroski

Technical Support – Scott Johnson

Organist – Deb Kuhns

OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS

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

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

SPIRITUAL METAMUCIL

AN OUTLINE FOR NOTE TAKERS

PART ONE: EXPOSITION

A. Who was Jesus?

⁵So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful. [Jude 5.]¹

⁴and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ. [1 Corinthians 10.4]

B. Today's Main Passage: Mark 2.1-12

¹When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. ²Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, ³four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. ⁴They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. ⁵Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

⁶But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, ⁷"What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!"

⁸Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? ⁹Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? ¹⁰So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ¹¹"Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!"

¹²And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!"

C. Jesus' use of teaching moments:

D. What causes spiritual paralysis?

¹ All Bible readings are from the New Living Translation.

PART TWO: APPLICATION

A. Forgive others? How easy is that?

B. Forgive God? But I'm afraid to admit my anger toward him...

C. Forgive myself? Why?

PART THREE: ILLUSTRATIONS

A. The wheelbarrow:

B. Repercussions of actions and forgiveness of self:

C. Funny bags for horses:

D. Metamucil for the soul:

CONCLUSION

How to actualize forgiveness:

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DATE	DAY	OLD TESTAMENT	✓	NEW TESTAMENT	✓	SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST
19	SUN	1 Samuel 25		Revelation 5		
20	Mon	1 Samuel 26		Revelation 6		
21	Tue	1 Samuel 27		Revelation 7		
22	Wed	1 Samuel 28		Revelation 8		
23	Thu	1 Samuel 29		Revelation 9		
24	Fri	1 Samuel 30		Revelation 10		
25	Sat	1 Samuel 31		Revelation 11		