

# LIGHT OF THE TIMES

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## LBC Family Announcements

**Birthdays:** Maxine Pulsipher is turning 90 on June 27<sup>th</sup>! Happy Birthday!

*Please keep the families and friends of our members who have passed in your prayers:*

Ellie Anderson - March 20

Muriel Buys Wiser - March 22

Laurin Berghuis - March 27

Beverly Kendall - March 30

Sharon Jacobs - March 31

Terry Kunnen Sr. – May 2

Harold Nichols - May 4

Alice Babinec - May 27

## Entryway Project Update

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At the time of the shutdown the Entryway Project was moving into the zoning approval and building permit stage of the project. We stand ready to pick up where we were with this project when the church opens depending on our overall financial health. Continued weekly tithing by our members during the shutdown along with the financial impact of reopening will be determining factors on the future of this project.

Pictured below is the current artist's rendering of the new entryway canopy. The entrance doors are planned to be replaced with automated doors.



# LBC News

## Looking Towards Church Opening

What will church look like in the new normal of the Coronavirus? The consistory has begun the reopening planning process. The points below will begin to give you a new picture of what it may look like when we gather back together. These points are preliminary.

- Everyone will need to practice the six-foot social distancing standard
- Masks will be worn by staff and consistory
- Members are encouraged to wear masks
- Bulletins will be stacked by the doors for self-serve
- Seats will be spaced out to make it easier for social distancing
- Offering tables inside the Sanctuary (no plates will be passed)
- Chocolate stations will be available for self-serve (no plates will be passed)
- No more black books for attendance
- Nursery will be open as a cry room for parents (no staff or volunteers)
- No Children's Church will be available (opening will be planned at a later date)
- Family Worship will be in place of Children's Church
- Video recording equipment will be set up in the Sanctuary



## Laketon Bethel Enters the Video World

Starting with the first Sunday closed, Sherwin has been producing teaching videos that can be seen on Facebook and on our website. The response and viewership have been great. Sherwin has averaged 3,550 views each of the weeks since we've closed. We have been blessed to discover this great outreach opportunity. We are working on how we can keep these video productions going after we open back up. Please keep the viewers in your prayers that significant spiritual growth can result.

# LBC Food Truck Moves Outdoors

Laketon Bethel Food Truck volunteers served 170 people on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. We have been proactive for safety by limiting volunteers and having our recipients served while remaining in their cars. Thanks to the volunteers who have served our community!



## Join Online Giving

You can help us keep Laketon Bethel financially healthy by joining a growing number (64%) of members and guests that are giving online.

You may have been devoted to giving with cash or check through the offering plate. Maybe some of you only give when you come to church on Sunday. In these difficult times it is important to know how to give digitally to Laketon Bethel. Even though some of you may be apprehensive to give in a new way, it can still be easy for you.

Here is a video tutorial you can use if considering giving digitally for the first time.

<https://vimeo.com/323573572/d77e842b>

## 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.