

ON-GOING CONNECT GROUPS

ZUMBA with Megan - Get fit, stay fit. Burn calories while having fun at the best exercise class ever. Costs is \$3 per session.

Hand2Hand - Hand2Hand is an organization that works to bring food to children over the weekends and extended breaks. At Laketon Bethel, we serve over 200 students in the Reeths-Puffer school district through this program. Contact: Maureen Mussman

Supper House: Supper House is a cooperative effort among 28 Muskegon area places of worship. Every Monday through Friday (from 3:45pm – 5:30pm), these congregations work together to provide an evening meal in the gymnasium of Temple United Methodist Church. Contact: Dave DeBoer

MADHOUSE - MADHOUSE exists to "REACH lost teens, CONNECT them to positive relationships, INTRODUCE them to God, help them GROW in their FAITH and DISCOVER God's purpose for their life." Contact: Dave Nordstrom

LBC Bands - Come join our 1st and 2nd Service band practices. On Monday nights, we practice singing hymns of praise for our 9:00am classic service. On Tuesday nights, our 2nd Service band practices newer songs of praise. Contact: Shelly Deblock 231-329-9049.

Food Truck - LBC has been feeding hungry families for over 15 years using food obtained through Feeding America. Come help us once a month by assisting with organizing, passing out food and clean-up. Contact: Jill Mouw

Community Yoga Class: A beginner's Yoga class appropriate for all ages. Suggested donation is \$5 per session. Classes are led by Courtney Jackson, a certified 200 hour Yoga teacher.

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study - Material used will be "*Women of the Bible - 52 Bible Studies for Individuals and Groups*" Contact: Maureen Mussman

POUND: Channel your inner rockstar with this full body cardio-jam session inspired by the infectious, energizing, and sweat-dripping fun of playing the drums. Pound incorporates cardio, Pilates-inspired movements, and plyometrics into a rock out workout that is suitable for all fitness levels. Text 231.730.1270 or send an email to heidibolemafittness@gmail.com if you have any questions. You will need to bring a yoga mat and water bottle. \$10 per session.

OUR 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 teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jeremiah Bible Study Sherwin is leading a two-part Bible Study on the Book of Jeremiah. Part One began October 11th and will run through November 15th. After breaking for the holidays, Part Two will begin in January. Pizza will be served at 6pm and the class will be 6:30 - 7:30pm.

Annual Coat Drive Once again we will be collecting gently used winter gear for all ages. Help keep our community warm this winter. Donations can be dropped off Tuesday - Friday, 9 - 11:30am or Sunday mornings the entire month of November.

Adopt-A-Family Adopt-a-family is a community-wide Northside Muskegon holiday outreach that seeks to ensure that no child will be forgotten this Christmas. Our adoptees attend either Reeths-Puffer, Holton or North Muskegon schools and are adopted by various community groups, including Laketon Bethel. This year will be a busy year, as many families are struggling to make ends meet. Please help us continue this effort by either taking a tag from our giving tree, or donating money or gift cards.

Santa Secret Shop We host a day for Head Start students to shop for Christmas gifts for their parents. We can always use more donations of gifts, especially for Dads.

5 REASONS FOR BELIEVERS TO GIVE THANKS THIS THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving. It's the season where we join together with friends and family around a table spread with food. We give thanks for the blessings in our life and recall all the good we've experienced during the year.

For believers in Christ, giving thanks looks a bit different. It's not about self-fulfillment or following social network trends. There's a different reason for our thanksgiving and a different source for our gratitude. It's not contingent upon our circumstances and it's purpose is not to make us feel better. In fact, it's not about us or for us at all.

Five Reasons to Give Thanks

1. **God is Creator:** We give thanks because God is our creator and sustainer. Giving thanks acknowledges that we are dust and that everything we have comes from God. It reminds us that we are not our own gods and that we can do nothing apart from God's grace.

2. **God is deserving of our thanks and praise:** No matter what is happening in our life, no matter the challenges we may face in our day, there is always a reason to give thanks--because God deserves it. We can thank him simply for who he is.

3. **Scripture calls us to give thanks:** Paul tells us to "[rejoice in the Lord always](#)" ([Philippians 4:4](#)) and to "give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" ([1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)). Giving thanks to God is something believers are to do all the time, not just once a year in November and not just when life is going well. Rather, it ought to be the continuous posture of our heart.

4. **Because of all God has done for us in Christ:** Our greatest reason to give thanks is because we've been brought from death to life. God has shown his goodness and faithfulness to us through the death of his Son on our behalf. Because of Christ, we have been adopted into the family of God.

5. **It's what we were made for:** We were made to worship, praise, and give thanks to God. The Westminster Confession says that the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Giving thanks is one of the ways we bring God glory.

This Thanksgiving, there is much to be thankful for. From our very life to eternal life; from God's goodness to his steadfast love; from Christ's atonement to membership in the Body of Christ; from the wonder of knowing God to the deep joy of being known by him, we have many reasons to give thanks. May giving thanks to our Lord be the joy and posture of our hearts this Thanksgiving and every day throughout the year.

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To Know Jesus and Make Him Known



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