

John 3 from the New Living Translation

³ There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. ² After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

³ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

⁴ "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"

⁵ Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. ⁷ So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

⁹ "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? ¹¹ I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe our testimony. ¹² But if you don't believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸ "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. ²⁰ All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants."

Deep Sheet

[a place for notes]

How are humans like cockroaches?

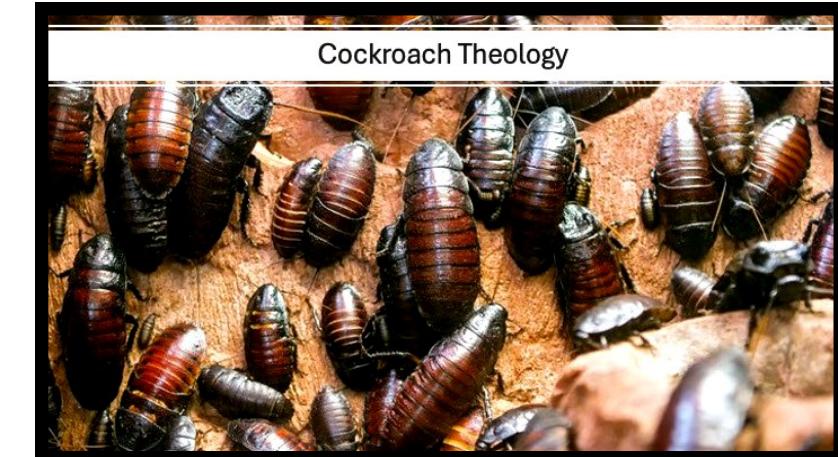
What happens to our thinking when the light of Jesus shines on it?

What is the difference between believing in Jesus and trusting him?

Other Notes:

January/February Weekly Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|------|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 25 | Su | Romans 16 | | | Isaiah 31 | |
| 26 | Mo | 1 Corinthians 1 | | | Isaiah 32 | |
| 27 | Tu | 1 Corinthians 2 | | | Isaiah 33 | |
| 28 | We | 1 Corinthians 3 | | | Isaiah 34 | |
| 29 | Th | 1 Corinthians 4 | | | Isaiah 35 | |
| 30 | Fr | 1 Corinthians 5 | | | Isaiah 36 | |
| 31 | Sa | 1 Corinthians 6 | | | Isaiah 37 | |
| 1 | Su | 1 Corinthians 7 | | | Isaiah 38 | |



January 25, 2026

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 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.

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Saturday, Jan. 31
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

A Fundraiser for Our Roof and Related Repairs

Dinner • Silent Auction • Raffles

Please make your reservation on the sign-up sheet at church

Have an item to donate
for the raffle or auction?
Please tell us about it here.



Sherwin's Adult Bible Study

Sherwin is leading an Adult Bible Study based on the Sermon on the Mount. *Please sign up in the entryway so we know how many pizzas to order.*

The Sermon on the Mount

An Examination of the Core Teachings of Jesus from Matthew 5-7

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| 1.28 | 9 | 6.19-34 | Managing Money and Other Stuff |
| 2.4 | 10 | 7.1-6 | Restrained Judgment |
| 2.11 | 11 | 7.7-12 | Praying and Doing |
| 2.18 | 12 | 7.13-29 | The Solid Rock |

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Servers: Ron & Connie Maciejewski
2nd Service Coffee Server: Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski
1st Service Nursery: Sally Hendrixon
2nd Service Nursery: Janice Carrigan

Announcements

Today we celebrate the baptisms of Aveline and Anora Schreur, daughters of Ken & Heather Schreur.
Please welcome them to the Laketon Bethel Family!

Spaghetti Dinner Join us Saturday, Jan. 31st 6 - 8pm. Please sign up in the entryway if you plan to attend. We are still collecting prizes for the Raffles and Silent Auction. Scan the QR code or fill out the form in the entryway to let us know about your donations. There are photos of the Silent Auction items we already have with bid sheets if you are ready to submit offers!



*Dan and Sheri Vanderlaan are very grateful to all of those who helped on Shanna's service.
 It was greatly appreciated.*

Service Opportunities

Opportunities List There is a list of service opportunities on the table in the entryway. If you see something you are interested in helping with, leave your name and number and circle the area of interest and someone will contact you. There is also a more detailed list on the bulletin board by the Nursery and on the two kiosks in the entryway.

Sacred Suds Special Requests There is always a need for underwear of all types, sizes and ages, as well as warm clothing, boots, socks, and belts. *A special need for men's boots.* Laundry detergent and personal hygiene items are appreciated as well.

Special Senior: Jackie Buck
Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway.

Order of Worship - 9:00am

Gathering Song
 "How Great Is Our God"

Call to Worship
 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Welcome & Announcements
 Congregational Prayer
 Worship in Song

"Just As I Am"
 "Amazing Grace"
 Crosstalk - "Cockroach Theology"
 Offering
 "Thank You, Lord Medley"
 Benediction
 "Glory Be to God the Father"



Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Song
 "House of the Lord"

Call to Worship
 "God So Loved"

Welcome & Announcements
 Sacrament of Child Baptism
 Congregational Prayer
 Worship in Song

"Friend In Jesus"
 "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"
 "Friend of God"
 Crosstalk - "Cockroach Theology"
 Offering
 "He Is"
 Benediction
 "The Blessing"