

Luke 13.1-9

13 About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple. ²“Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?” Jesus asked. “Is that why they suffered? ³Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God. ⁴And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem? ⁵No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too.”

⁶Then Jesus told this story: “A man planted a fig tree in his garden and came again and again to see if there was any fruit on it, but he was always disappointed. ⁷Finally, he said to his gardener, ‘I’ve waited three years, and there hasn’t been a single fig! Cut it down. It’s just taking up space in the garden.’

⁸“The gardener answered, ‘Sir, give it one more chance. Leave it another year, and I’ll give it special attention and plenty of fertilizer. ⁹If we get figs next year, fine. If not, then you can cut it down.’”

2 Peter 3.9

⁹The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

Acts 3.19-20

¹⁹Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. ²⁰Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and he will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah.

Deep Sheet

(a place for your notes)

What do you need to change in your life?

What is the significance of the purple rooster?

Why is God being patient?

Why do people procrastinate repentance?

Other Notes:

March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23	Su	John 17			2 Chronicles 35	
24	Mo	John 18			2 Chronicles 36	
25	Tu	John 19			Ezra 1	
26	We	John 20			Ezra 2	
27	Th	John 21			Ezra 3	
28	Fr	Acts 1			Ezra 4	
29	Sa	Acts 2			Ezra 5	
30	Su	Acts 3			Ezra 6	

metanoia

[meh-ta-noy-ah] • μετάνοια (Greek)

- 1. (n.) the journey of changing one’s mind, heart, self, or way of life.
- 2. (v.) the act of reforming; becoming new.

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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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Sherwin’s Ten Reasons for Going to Church Every Sunday

1. Renew

Everyone goes through times where enthusiasm for life melts away. We all have times where our faith diminishes. Worship on Sunday renews faith and energizes attitudes for all of life.

2. Laugh

Yes. We laugh. Humor is a valuable part of worship. Most of it is unplanned. Sherwin’s brother told him years ago that: “People aren’t laughing at you because you’re funny, they are laughing because you are so stupid...”

3. Pray

Face it. You don’t pray much. Church services remind you of the importance of prayer. They jump start your prayer life. You learn more about prayer. When your family is with you, they see you praying and that is an example that changes lives.

4. Sing

Songs of faith can move mountains of despair. You probably won’t like all the songs. But some of them will change your life.

5. Help

You will often find ways to help in your community. When you help, it reduces inherent narcissism. You think less of yourself and more of others. You become more grateful for what you have. You become a better person and a happier one.

6. Give

Yes. Put in some money. Do something with your cash for God instead of for yourself. Don’t expect anything back and you will be surprised at how blessed you are. We all waste money. Here you have an opportunity to do something positive with it.

7. Meet

Connect with other people. Laketon Bethel accepts everyone, including you. Many friendships are made on a regular basis. We have great coffee and cookies, which help in all sorts of discussions.

8. Learn

The guy up front is trained and experienced and often knows what he is talking about. You will learn something every Sunday.

9. Grow

When you put what you learn into practice, you will find positive changes in your life. You will have unstoppable growth in ways you don’t always expect.

Announcements

Jr. High J.A.M. Students in grades 6th and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2nd and 4th Sunday. We have begun a new study that’s focused on answering the question Jesus asked his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” The first lesson will challenge students to consider what they really know about Jesus, experience what it’s like to get closer to him, and begin to develop a new and deeper understanding of who he is. Our Jr. High JAM group will also get together during our time to support Hand2Hand.

Women’s Divorce Group For details, please contact Heather Wilke at (231) 215-8593.

*Ladies, mark your calendar for the
Mother's Day Dinner on May 9th at 6:00pm.
More information coming soon.*

Service Opportunities

Nursery Help Needed We are looking for Nursery help for the Second service. If you are interested, please see Tina or Sally.

Sacred Suds Sacred Suds is an organization that helps the homeless. It offers showers, laundry, technology and housing by appointment. They are in need of many items and the list is on the table in entryway. For any questions, please see Lois Cordle or call her at (231) 286-5700.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski
2nd Service Coffee Server: Jan Kovalcik & Sheri Vanderlaan
1st Service Nursery: Connie Reahm
2nd Service Nursery: Bryan & Rebekka Wolffis

Special Senior: Jim Fielstra

Please sign the cards located on the table in the entryway.

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song
“Name Above All Names”
Call to Worship
“Glorious Is Thy Name”
“In the Name of the Lord”
“O for a Thousad Tongues to Sing”
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
“Just As I Am”
“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
“Heaven Came Down”
Crosstalk - “Time for a Change”
Offering
“Lead Me to the Cross”
Benediction
“Glory Be to the Father”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song
“Good God Almighty”
Call to Worship
“Of All the Things About You”
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
“I Will Never Be”
“Salt & Light”
Crosstalk - “Time for a Change”
Offering
“Washed Clean”
Benediction
“The Lord’s Prayer”