

John 12.1-11

**12** Six days before the Passover celebration began, Jesus arrived in Bethany, the home of Lazarus—the man he had raised from the dead. **2**A dinner was prepared in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, and Lazarus was among those who ate with him. **3**Then Mary took a twelve-ounce jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard, and she anointed Jesus’ feet with it, wiping his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance.

**4**But Judas Iscariot, the disciple who would soon betray him, said, **5**“That perfume was worth a year’s wages. It should have been sold and the money given to the poor.” **6**Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself.

**7**Jesus replied, “Leave her alone. She did this in preparation for my burial. **8**You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”

**9**When all the people heard of Jesus’ arrival, they flocked to see him and also to see Lazarus, the man Jesus had raised from the dead. **10**Then the leading priests decided to kill Lazarus, too, **11**for it was because of him that many of the people had deserted them and believed in Jesus.

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**14**But thank God! He has made us his captives and continues to lead us along in Christ’s triumphal procession. Now he uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume. **15**Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God. But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing. **16**To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume.

Deep Sheet

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Can you think of a memory that is invoked by specific aromas?

What is the most important sentence in the narrative of Lazarus?

What are some areas where you can effectively spread the scent of heaven?

Additional Notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
06	Su	Acts 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
07	Mo	Acts 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Tu	Acts 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	We	Acts 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Th	Acts 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Fr	Acts 15	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Sa	Acts 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Su	Acts 17	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 11	<input type="checkbox"/>



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.

## 10. Jesus

The church exists because of Jesus. When you participate in it regularly, he is pleased. One day you will meet him face-to-face. If you regularly connect with him through weekly worship services, that meeting will be happy.

# Announcements

**Membership Class** The Membership Class is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Parlor following the Second Service with lunch provided. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway.

**Jr. High J.A.M.** Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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?” 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.

**Mother/Daughter Banquet** Ladies, mark your calendar for the Mother's Day Dinner on May 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Ron & Connie Maciejewski  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Jan Kovalcik & Sheri Vanderlaan  
**1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Amy Kunnen  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Hillary Crandall & Jill Mouw

## Special Senior: Ruthann Hoff

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

# Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song  
“Walking and Talking”  
Call to Worship  
“Blessed Assurance”  
Welcome & Announcements  
Congregational Prayer  
Worship in Song  
“I Love You, Lord”  
“My Jesus, I Love Thee”  
“Father, I Adore You”  
Crosstalk - “The Scent of Heaven”  
Communion  
“Let Us Break Bread Together”  
“Here at Thy Table, Lord”  
Offering  
“Broken and Spilled Out”  
Benediction  
“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”



# Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song  
“This Is Our God”  
Welcome & Announcements  
Congregational Prayer  
Worship in Song  
“Gratitude”  
“Raise a Hallelujah”  
Crosstalk - “The Scent of Heaven”  
Communion  
“Jesus, You Gave It All”  
“O Come to the Altar”  
Offering  
“The More I Seek You”  
Benediction  
“God Be With You”