### Jeremiah 29 from the New Living Translation

29 Jeremiah wrote a letter from Jerusalem to the elders, priests, prophets, and all the people who had been exiled to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>This was after King Jehoiachin, the queen mother, the court officials, the other officials of Judah, and all the craftsmen and artisans had been deported from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>He sent the letter with Elasah son of Shaphan and Gemariah son of Hilkiah when they went to Babylon as King Zedekiah's ambassadors to Nebuchadnezzar. This is what Jeremiah's letter said:

<sup>4</sup>This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says to all the captives he has exiled to Babylon from Jerusalem: <sup>5</sup> "Build homes, and plan to stay. Plant gardens, and eat the food they produce. <sup>6</sup> Marry and have children. Then find spouses for them so that you may have many grandchildren. Multiply! Do not dwindle away! <sup>7</sup> And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare."

<sup>8</sup> This is what the Lord of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let your prophets and fortune-tellers who are with you in the land of Babylon trick you. Do not listen to their dreams, because they are telling you lies in my name. I have not sent them," says the Lord.

<sup>10</sup>This is what the Lord says: "You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. <sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. <sup>12</sup>In those days when you pray, I will listen. <sup>13</sup>If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. <sup>14</sup>I will be found by you," says the Lord. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."

#### **Volunteers**

1st Service Coffee Servers: Diane Brantsen

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Jan Kovalcik & Sheri Ramos

1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Karen Ervin & Sally Hendrixon

# **Deep Sheet**

[a place for your notes]

What is "false good news?"

Who exiled the people of Israel to Babylon?

Did you ever hit rock bottom? If so, what was it like?

How long did it take for things to turn around?

Other Notes:

### **July Weekly Bible Readings**

Date	Day	New Testament	V	Special Prayer	Old Testament	V
06	Su	2 Thessalonians 3			Psalm 29	
07	Mo	1 Timothy 1			Psalm 30	
08	Tu	1 Timothy 2			Psalm 31	
09	We	1 Timothy 3			Psalm 32	
10	Th	1 Timothy 4			Psalm 33	
11	Fr	1 Timothy 5			Psalm 34	
12	Sa	1 Timothy 6			Psalm 35	
13	Su	2 Timothy 1			Psalm 36	



### **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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Laketon Bethel Kids Night Has Begun! Every Tuesday Night in July Time: 6pm-8pm Where: 1568 W. Giles Rd. Muskegon MI 49445

Register at: laketonbethel.org

Or pick up a form at the Children's Church Check-in table

### **Special Senior: Donna Doctor**

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

#### **Announcements**

Thank You for Your Support Melissa Wynsma is leaving this week for her mission work in Nampula, Mozambique. Thank you so much for supporting her in this, and please keep the mission and her family in your prayers!

An Expression of Appreciation We would like to extend our thanks to John and Ashley Wierenga for the great job they did leading the LBRC Youth Group for the past few years.

## **Service Opportunities**

<u>Dead Our Youth Towards Jesus! Flexible Schedule Opportunity</u> Are you ready to make a significant impact? We're seeking an enthusiastic and Christ-centered Youth Group Leader to inspire and mentor our amazing young people. This is a fantastic opportunity, helping them grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus. We value your time and commitment, which is why we're offering flexible scheduling for this key leadership role. If you're passionate and can commit to guiding them with Jesus, and to learn more, contact Sherwin or Ed Luzadder, or call the church office at 231-744-1749.

**Looking for Individuals Interested in Video Technology** We need someone dedicated to sharing our message. Your contribution will directly impact how we reach and connect with our community. We need video technicians to assist with camera operation and general video equipment setup/teardown. We also need video editors to help craft quality video content from our recorded services and events. Contact Ed Luzadder, or call the office at 231-744-1749.

LBRC Library for Adults and Teens The Library is located upstairs by the Parlor and is currently being revamped. We are in need of books suitable for these age groups. There is a donation box in the entryway. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Nursery Help Needed We are looking for Nursery help for the Second Service. We would like to have enough volunteers to have an 8 week rotation. If you are interested, please see Sally Hendrixon or call the office at 744-1749.

Sacred Suds Special Requests There is a great need for *gently used* men's clothing of all types, especially pants, shorts, and t-shirts; *new only* please socks and undergarments. If you have any of these items, please bring them in!

### Order of Worship-9:00am

**Gathering Song** 

"Just a Little Talk With Jesus"

Call to Worship

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

"Be Still, My Soul"

Crosstalk - "After This, Something Good" Offering

"Sheltered in the Arms of God"

Benediction

"Glory Be to the Father"



# Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

"Good God Almighty"

Call to Worship

"This is Our God"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Another in the Fire"

"Yes, I Will"

Crosstalk - "After This, Something Good" Offering

"In Jesus Name"

Benediction

"God Be With You"