

Romans 12

From The Message

⁹⁻¹⁰ Love from the center of who you are; don’t fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they’re happy; share tears when they’re down. Get along with each other; don’t be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don’t be the great somebody.

¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Don’t hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you’ve got it in you, get along with everybody. Don’t insist on getting even; that’s not for you to do. “I’ll do the judging,” says God. “I’ll take care of it.”

²⁰⁻²¹ Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he’s thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don’t let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

December Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Su	Revelation 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Kings 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Mo	Revelation 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Kings 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Tu	Revelation 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Kings 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	We	Revelation 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Kings 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Th	Revelation 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Kings 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Fr	Revelation 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Kings 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Sa	Revelation 15	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Kings 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Su	Revelation 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Kings 20	<input type="checkbox"/>

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

We are called to serve, not to draw attention to ourselves. Celebrate this as it is the best way to live. Replace evil with good in how you interact with others and with how you view yourself. YOUR JOB IS TO PUT GOOD IN EVERYTHING!

How would the teaching from today’s Bible readings affect how you drive?

How would it affect how you talk about politicians?

When is it right to hit back?



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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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Christmas Offering Giving Pyramid

Goal \$50,000

We have four upcoming projects to raise funds for:

- Sanctuary lighting upgrade
- Gym lighting upgrade
- New set of round tables
- Parking lot resealing



*This is the day that the
LORD has made; let us
rejoice and be glad in it.*
Psalm 118:24

Announcements

Jr.&HS Youth Group Students 6th grade - 12th grade are welcome to come. We will have our Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 22nd from 5:00-8:00pm. We ask that you please bring a dish to pass and a White Elephant gift with a maximum of \$5. For questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

Jr. High J.A.M. Students in grades 6th and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk in the Parlor on December 22nd.

Women's Divorce Group We're starting our group back up on January 22nd at 6:30pm at Park Meadows. We will gather in the small meeting room on the east end. For any questions, please contact Heather Wilke at (231) 215-8593.

Service Opportunities

Children's Church We are looking for helpers for set-up, classroom assistance, and clean up. More info and sign-up sheets are located on the table in the entryway.

Adopt-a-Family We are still collecting monetary donations. Please place donation in Adopt-a-Family envelope into the offering plate. Thanks much!

Christmas Eve Service Join us at 7:00pm for a night of beautiful and reflective music reminding us that Jesus is the "Light" of the world.

Volunteers

- 1st Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young
2nd Service Coffee Server: Jill Mouw & Dianne Ockaski
1st Service Nursery: Connie Reahm
2nd Service Nursery: Zonnebelt Family

Special Senior: Jim Hoekzema

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

Order of Worship-9:00am

- Gathering Song
"Across the Sky"
Call to Worship
"How Great Our Joy"
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
Crosstalk - "When to Hit Back"
Offering
"His Name is Jesus"
Benediction
"The First Noel"



Order of Worship-11:00am

- Call to Worship
"Angels From the Realms of Glory/Hosanna"
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
"Glory in the Highest"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"
Crosstalk - "When to Hit Back"
Offering
"There Was Jesus"
Benediction
"It's Christmas"