

Romans 13 (The Message)

⁸⁻¹⁰ Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other "don't" you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is *love*.

¹¹⁻¹⁴ But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and **dissipation**, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

Genesis 1 (New Living Translation)

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Deep Sheet

A Place for Your Notes

How good are you at multi-tasking?

What is the best way to avoid breaking the 10 commandments?

What does it mean to “pray and be nice?”

Other Notes:

December Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
22	Su	Revelation 16			1 Kings 20	
23	Mo	Revelation 17			1 Kings 21	
24	Tu	Revelation 18			1 Kings 22	
25	We	Revelation 19			2 Kings 1	
26	Th	Revelation 20			2 Kings 2	
27	Fr	Revelation 21			2 Kings 3	
28	Sa	Revelation 22			2 Kings 4	
29	Su	Matthew 1			2 Kings 5	



December 22, 2024

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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Leadership Selection

The Reformed Church's Book of Church Order requires that we publish the names for three weeks of those who may be chosen for the consistory. If there is any valid reason why any of these candidates should not serve, please inform Sherwin. We will draw the names on January 12.

Elder Nominees (1 will be chosen)

Boyd Kitzrow

Kathy Young

Deacon Nominees (1 will be chosen)

Janice Carrigan

Rita Sikkenga

Announcements

Jr. & HS Youth Group Students 6th grade - 12th grade are welcome to join our Christmas celebration TODAY 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 today.

Women's Divorce Group We're starting our group back up on Wednesday, 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.

Monday Morning Ladies Bible Study We will be starting a new book Jan 13 at 9:30. The book we will be using is: *Experiencing the Heart of Jesus for 52 Weeks Revised and Updated: A Year-Long Bible Study (Life Lessons Bible Study)*. All are welcome. If you have any questions contact Maureen Mussman 231-894-8010.

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!

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

1st Service Nursery: Joann Petroski

2nd Service Nursery: Jill Mouw & Larry Hecksel

Special Senior: Ruthann Hoff

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

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

“Joy Unto the World”

Call to Worship

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Joy to the World”

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Crosstalk - “Reversing Dissipation”

Offering

“One Solitary Life”

Benediction

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Call to Worship

“Joy Unto the World”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“God So Loved”

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Crosstalk - “Reversing Dissipation”

Offering

“O Holy Night”

Benediction

“O Come All Ye Faithful”