

# 1 Corinthians 13

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Now I want to lay out a far better way for you.

- 13** If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don’t love, I’m nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.
- <sup>2</sup>If I speak God’s Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, “Jump,” and it jumps, but I don’t love, I’m nothing.
- <sup>3-7</sup>If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don’t love, I’ve gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.
- Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have.  
Love doesn’t strut,  
Doesn’t have a swelled head,  
Doesn’t force itself on others,  
Isn’t always “me first,”  
Doesn’t fly off the handle,  
Doesn’t keep score of the sins of others,  
Doesn’t revel when others grovel,  
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Puts up with anything,  
Trusts God always,  
Always looks for the best,  
Never looks back,  
But keeps going to the end.
- <sup>8-10</sup> Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day;; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.

- <sup>11</sup>When I was an infant at my mother’s breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good.
- <sup>12</sup>We don’t yet see things clearly. We’re squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won’t be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We’ll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!
- <sup>13</sup>But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

# Deep Sheet

- [a place for your notes]
- Why is it that we resist new and better ways of doing things?
- What was the main issue Paul was dealing with in Corinth?
- What was the “better way” Paul talks about?
- Had you ever heard of Uriah Heep?

## Other Notes:

## December/January Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
29	Su	Matthew 1			2 Kings 5	
30	Mo	Matthew 2			2 Kings 6	
31	Tu	Matthew 3			2 Kings 7	
01	We	Matthew 4			2 Kings 8	
02	Th	Matthew 5			2 Kings 9	
03	Fr	Matthew 6			2 Kings 10	
04	Sa	Matthew 7			2 Kings 11	
05	Su	Matthew 8			2 Kings 12	



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. We will have dinner, a lesson and lots of fun. For any questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

**Jr. High J.A.M.** Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk in the Parlor the second and fourth Sunday of each month. For any questions, please see Mia Fick.

**Women's Divorce Group** We're starting our group back up on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the annual Christmas Adopt-a-Family program this year! Adopt-a-Family's mission is to make Christmas a little brighter for our struggling Northside families in the Holton, Reeths-Puffer, and North Muskegon school districts. This year we were able to help over 220 Northside kids throughout our system of sponsoring organizations, with Laketon Bethel adopting over 70 of these kids. Your support of this community outreach is so appreciated!

## Volunteers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman
- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Tina Dadd
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Melissa Wynsma & Sally Hendrixon

## Special Senior: Betty Kraai

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

## Order of Worship-9:00am

- Gathering Song  
"Almighty"
- Call to Worship  
"He Has Made Me Glad"  
"This Is the Day"
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song  
"I Love You, Lord"  
"My Jesus, I Love Thee"  
"O How I Love Jesus"
- Crosstalk - "Easy Living"
- Offering  
"He Knows My Name"
- Benediction  
"God Be With You"



## Order of Worship-11:00am

- Gathering Song  
"God of Wonders"
- Call to Worship  
"Above All"
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song  
"Your Grace Finds Me"  
"This Is Amazing Grace"
- Crosstalk - "Easy Living"
- Offering  
"Word of God Speak"
- Benediction  
"God Be With You"