

Laketon Bethel Church

January 14, 2024

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

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.

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

Call to Worship

“We Have Come Into His House”

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Til the Storm Passes By”

“Under His Wings”

Crosstalk - “Suffering Succotash”

Offering

“Even in the Valley”

Benediction

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Don’t Stop”

Call to Worship

“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Way Maker”

“Yes, I Will”

Crosstalk - “Suffering Succotash”

Offering

“Show Me Your Glory”

Benediction

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Service Opportunities

LBC Nursery We are in need of nursery help for both services. If you are interested, please see Sally Hendrixon or Tina Dadd.

Coffee Servers We need more volunteers to serve coffee, lemonade and cookies for both services. If you are interested, please see Tina Dadd.

Announcements



YOUTH GROUP **Laketon Bethel Youth Group**

All youth ages 6th-12th grades are welcomed to join us on January 14th, 5-7pm for a spaghetti dinner, a lesson, and fun.
For any questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

Sherwin's Bible Study on Jeremiah

The Jeremiah Bible Study has begun. This is a 7-week course and we meet at 6:00pm for pizza with the bible study to follow.
Please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway so we have an accurate count for pizza.

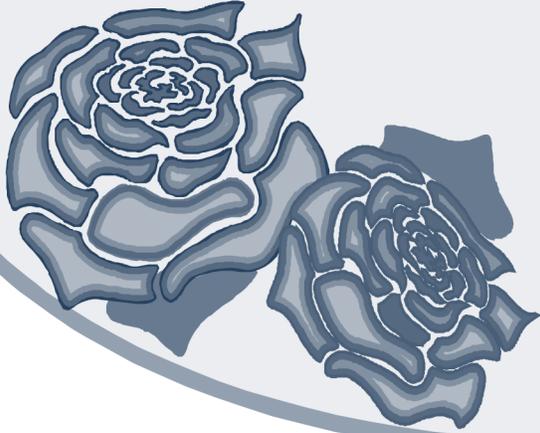
Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young

2nd Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

Special Senior of the Week:

*Please show your support by signing the cards located
on the table in the entryway.*



Donna Doctor

*Please remember in prayer our friends who are
battling long-term illnesses:*

Donald Bayne

Jana Belladone

Betty Bonneville

Larry Budreau

Patti Buurma

Craig Carlson

Amanda Cihak

Larry Cone

Amy Fredericks

Jacob Geers

Bob Hanson

Scott Hladki

Sally Legard

Avery Lynn

J.T. Maskell

Tom McKee Sr.

Patti Mercer

Paul Ortquist

Lynn Pluger

Shirly Pummell

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Larry Shavaler

Ida Shealy

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Marv Wegner

2 Corinthians 1

From “The Message”

1 ¹⁻² I, Paul, have been sent on a special mission by the Messiah, Jesus, planned by God himself. I write this to God’s congregation in Corinth, and to believers all over Achaia province. May all the gifts and benefits that come from God our Father and the Master, Jesus Christ, be yours! Timothy, someone you know and trust, joins me in this greeting.

3-5 All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. We have plenty of hard times that come from following the Messiah, but no more so than the good times of his healing comfort—we get a full measure of that, too.

6-7 When we suffer for Jesus, it works out for your healing and salvation. If we are treated well, given a helping hand and encouraging word, that also works to your benefit, spurring you on, face forward, unflinching. Your hard times are also our hard times. When we see that you’re just as willing to endure the hard times as to enjoy the good times, we know you’re going to make it, no doubt about it.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Did you watch Loony Toons as a kid? Would you like to watch reruns?

What is the 5% rule?

Who can you help because of the hard times you've been through?

Other Notes:

January Weekly Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 14 | Su | Ephesians 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Micah 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15 | Mo | Ephesians 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Micah 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16 | Tu | Ephesians 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Micah 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17 | We | Ephesians 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Micah 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 | Th | Philippians 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Nahum 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19 | Fr | Philippians 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Nahum 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20 | Sa | Philippians 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Nahum 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21 | Su | Philippians 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Habakkuk 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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THE PURPOSE OF LAKETON BETHEL:

“To trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.”

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.

OUR CONSISTORY

Elders

Kyle Bogner, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker,
Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-
Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke

Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Mia Fick, Kathy Forrester,
Mike George, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers,
Rita Sikkenga, Diana Wagbo