



Laketon Bethel Church

January 29, 2023

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.

Announcements

Hand2Hand We are collecting canned goods for Hand2Hand. There is a box for your donations in the entryway. Thank you!

Nursery We are in need of first service volunteers for the nursery. If you are interested in joining this team, see Sally Hendrixon or Joann Petroski or call the office at 744-1749.

Children's Ministry Children's Church is open to children from Preschool through Fifth Grades during the 11:00 Service. Please check your child/children in at check-in station. If you are new, registration sheets are available at the check-in station as well.

Volunteers

First Service Coffee Server: Diane Brantsen

Second Service Coffee Server: Sue Vannette

2023 Giving envelopes are available and are on the table in the entryway.

We would like to thank the outgoing Consistory members for their service -
Elders: Gay Hudson, Larry Joslyn, Amy Kunnen, Jason Peterson and Ron Zant. **Deacons:** Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick and Alex Lassow.

Please welcome the newest Consistory members -

Elders: Jeff Hooker, Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-Stewart, Donna Spytma and Heather Wilke.

Deacons: Mia Fick, Kathy Forrester and Diana Wagbo.

What you need to know about the Bible Study on Job:

- The Message is the preferred Bible version to read with the New Living Translation as a close second. If you don't have either of these, the version you have will be good.
- As a supplemental reading, Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler is recommended. We will discuss it as time permits. This is a good read and you will be glad you read it.
- Along with stretching your mind and faith, these sessions will change how you look at the Bible. You will enjoy reading it more.
- Please sign up in the entryway so we know how much pizza to order.

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

“Way Maker”

Call to Worship

Responsive Reading

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Be Still and Know”

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Crosstalk - “Goliath”

Offering

“Through It All”

Benediction

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”



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 - “Goliath”

Ordinations & Installation of Consistory

Offering

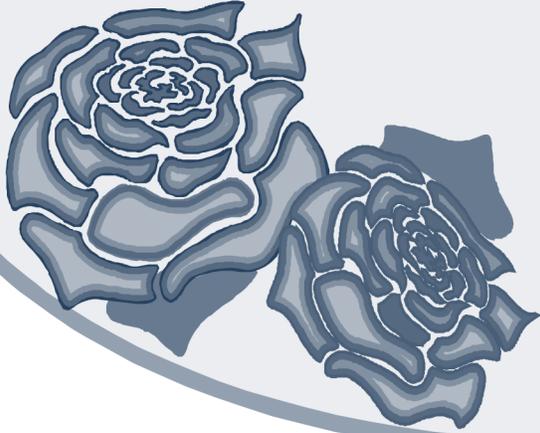
“Show Me Your Glory”

Benediction

“Raise a Hallelujah”

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

Stephanie Cutler

Amy Fredericks

Jacob Geers

Bob Hanson

Scott Hladki

Sally Legar

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

Bible Readings

From The Message

1 Samuel 17

⁴ Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall!

⁴¹⁻⁴² As the Philistine paced back and forth, his shield bearer in front of him, he noticed David. He took one look down on him and sneered—a mere boy, apple-cheeked and peach-fuzzed.

⁴³ The Philistine ridiculed David. “Am I a dog that you come after me with a stick?” And he cursed him by his gods.

⁴⁴ “Come on,” said the Philistine. “I’ll make roadkill of you for the buzzards. I’ll turn you into a tasty morsel for the field mice.”

⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ David answered, “You come at me with sword and spear and battle-ax. I come at you in the name of God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel’s troops, whom you curse and mock. This very day God is handing you over to me. I’m about to kill you, cut off your head, and serve up your body and the bodies of your Philistine buddies to the crows and coyotes.

⁴⁸⁻⁴⁹ That roused the Philistine, and he started toward David. David took off from the front line, running toward the Philistine. David reached into his pocket for a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine hard in the forehead, embedding the stone deeply. The Philistine crashed, facedown in the dirt.

⁵¹ Then David ran up to the Philistine and stood over him, pulled the giant’s sword from its sheath, and finished the job by cutting off his head.

James 1.5

⁵ If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

Goliath

[a place for your notes]

Sometimes you need unorthodox methods if you want to defeat a gigantic problem. There's always a better way to do things.

What do you have in your life that is not working?

Do you think the story of Goliath is a legend or is it historical?

What is your "Goliath?"

What different paradigm could you use to defeat Goliath?

Other Notes:

January Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29	Su	John 13			Psalms 68	
30	Mo	John 14			Psalms 69	
31	Tu	John 15			Psalms 70	
01	We	John 16			Psalms 71	
02	Th	John 17			Psalms 72	
03	Fr	John 18			Psalms 73	
04	Sa	John 19			Psalms 74	
05	Su	John 20			Psalms 75	

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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, Gay Hudson,
Larry Joslyn, Amy Kunnen, Ed Luzadder,
Jason Peterson, Ron Zant

Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,
Mike George, Alex Lassow, Doug Lubbers,
Kris Meyers, Rita Sikkenga