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hope unswervingly,

love extravagantly.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Laketon Bethel Church

January 31, 2021

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

# Welcome!

*When open, we are practicing the following safety guidelines during this pandemic:*

**Congregational Singing** In an effort to minimize risks, the consistory has voted to suspend congregational singing at this time.

**Social Distancing** We need to maintain the 6 foot distancing practices to keep everyone safe. As much as we would like to, there will be no hugs, handshakes or touching. We ask that you leave three empty chairs between your family and the next group. Seats have been spaced farther apart to make distancing easier. We will not be serving coffee and cookies, the kitchen and gym will be closed until further notice.

**Masks** We strongly encourage everyone to wear masks to protect yourself and others. Masks must be worn by staff and consistory.

**Family Worship** For now each Sunday will be Family Worship. Children's Church is planned to reopen in the fall. The Nursery will not be staffed, but will be open as a cry room for parents.

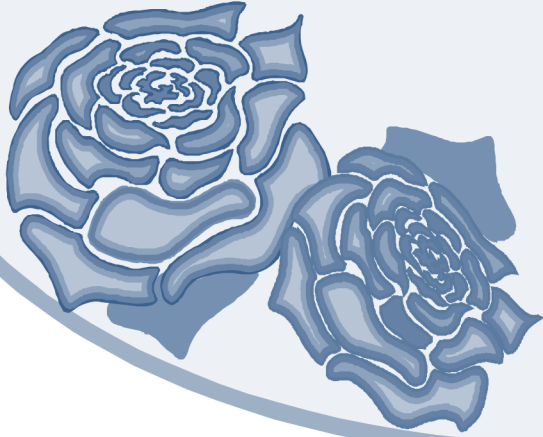
**Offering, Chocolates and Bulletins** To minimize contact, there will be offering tables inside the Worship Center for you to place your tithes and offerings and prayer requests. Bulletins will be stacked by the worship center doors and chocolate stations will be in the entryway for self-serve.

**Attendance Books** We will not be using them at this time.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



***Mary  
Birr***

***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***

***Stephanie Cutler***

***Amy Fredericks***

***Jacob Geers***

***Bob Hanson***

***Scott Hladki***

***Avery Lynn***

***J.T. Maskell***

***Tom McKee Sr.***

***Patti Mercer***

***Paul Ortquist***

***Lynn Pluger***

***Shirly Pummell***

***Aaron Rop***

***Gary Samples***

***Joe Shavalier***

***Ida Shealy***

***Sandy Streeter***

***Kathy Tabor***

***Inga Weavers***

***Marv Wegner***

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## *We Approach our Friend*

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Worship In Song

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“How Great Is Our God”

Congregational Prayer

Response of Praise

“Amazing Grace”

## *We Learn, Remember and Renew*

Crosstalk - “The Big Meanie In the Sky”

## *We Respond to Our Friend*

Benediction

“Doxology”



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# THE BIG MEANIE IN THE SKY

Excerpts from 1 John 4, New Living Translation

Do you ever worry about eternity in hell?

Do you think of God as judgmental or loving?

In 1 John 4 we find these words:

*<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

How difficult is this to believe?

God is not “the Big Meanie in the Sky.” You are not the “big meanie on the ground.” What does that mean for your life?

## January/February Daily Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
31	Su	Romans 16			Jeremiah 3	
01	Mo	1 Corinthians 1			Jeremiah 4	
02	Tu	1 Corinthians 2			Jeremiah 5	
03	We	1 Corinthians 3			Jeremiah 6	
04	Th	1 Corinthians 4			Jeremiah 7	
05	Fr	1 Corinthians 5			Jeremiah 8	
06	Sa	1 Corinthians 6			Jeremiah 9	
07	Su	1 Corinthians 7			Jeremiah 10	

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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 Bible is the final authority for faith and practice. We will study it 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

Gay Hudson, Lucy Hughes, Amy Kunnen,  
Larry Joslyn, Grant Meyers, Jason Peterson,  
Louanne Utzinger, Ron Zant

### Deacons

Kathy Andrews, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,  
Kathy Forrester, Alex Lassow, Roger  
Sherburn, Rita Sikkenga, Kathy Young