

Small Potatoes



Laketon Bethel Church

February 4, 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

“Jesus Saves!”

Call to Worship

“Send the Light”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Heaven Came Down”

“Sunshine In My Soul”

Crosstalk - “Small Potatoes”

Communion

“I Come with Joy”

“Here at Thy Table, Lord”

Offering

“This I Believe”

Benediction

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Call to Worship

“Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Graves Into Gardens”

“Battle Belongs”

Crosstalk - “Small Potatoes”

Communion

“Jesus, You gave It All”

“You Are My King”

Offering

“There Was Jesus”

Benediction

“Salt & Light”

Bulletin Announcement

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 February 18.

Elder Nominees (1 will be chosen)

Joel Ortquist

Kathy Young

Deacon Nominees (3 will be chosen)

Janice Carrigan

Pat Runyon

Jill Mouw

Jerry Vos

Lisa George

Kristie Hall

Service Opportunities

Revised Hand2Hand schedule for February Packing is on February 13th at 2:30pm and February 27th at 7:00pm. Thank you everyone who helps with this great project!

Announcements

LBC Youth Group Valentines Dinner Fundraiser

A spaghetti dinner will be held Saturday, February 17th from 5-7pm. Dinner will consist of salad, green beans, spaghetti, and a dessert. The dinner is free, but donations appreciated. All proceeds are to fund the youth group's activities and meals.



Laketon Bethel Youth Group

All youth in 6th-12th grades are welcomed to join us February 11th from 5-7pm for 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.

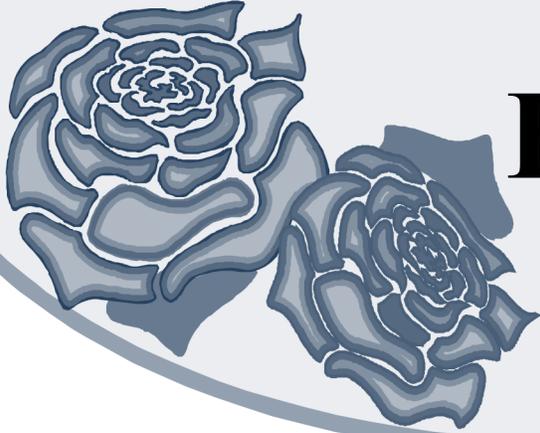
Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Diane Brantsen

2nd Service Coffee Server: Colby Beckstrom & Kelly Andry

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Jim
Hoekzema**

*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

Bible Readings

Matthew 6.33, Contemporary English Version

But more than anything else, put God's work first and do what he wants. Then the other things will be yours as well.

2 Corinthians 4, The Message

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What do we mean when we say, "that's small potatoes?"

Is it true that most of our anxiety is caused by trying to take on things outside of God's will?

If you put Jesus first in your life, what will cease to matter?

Other Notes:

February Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Su	1 Timothy 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Mo	1 Timothy 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
06	Tu	1 Timothy 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
07	We	2 Timothy 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Th	2 Timothy 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	Fr	2 Timothy 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Sa	2 Timothy 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Su	2 Timothy 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 14	<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