

Laketon Bethel Church

February 5, 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: Ed Kawaleski

Second Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman

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

“His Great Love”

Call to Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

Responsive Reading

“God Is So Good”

“Surely Goodness and Mercy”

Crosstalk - “How to Rescue Crushed Spirits”

Communion

“I Come with Joy”

“Here at Thy Table, Lord”

Offering

“Even in the Valley”

Benediction

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Call to Worship

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Good, Good Father”

“One Thing Remains”

Crosstalk - “How to Rescue Crushed Spirits”

Communion

“Communion”

“You Are My King”

Offering

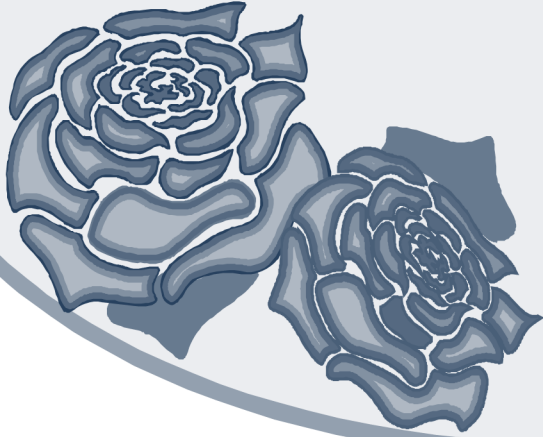
“Goodness of God”

Benediction

“All to You”

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Larry
Gunn**

*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

New Living Translation

1 Samuel 21.10 to 22.1

¹⁰ So David escaped from Saul and went to King Achish of Gath. ¹¹ But the officers of Achish were unhappy about his being there. “Isn’t this David, the king of the land?” they asked. “Isn’t he the one the people honor with dances, singing,

‘Saul has killed his thousands,
and David his ten thousands’?”

¹² David heard these comments and was very afraid of what King Achish of Gath might do to him. ¹³ So he pretended to be insane, scratching on doors and drooling down his beard.

¹⁴ Finally, King Achish said to his men, “Must you bring me a madman? ¹⁵ We already have enough of them around here! Why should I let someone like this be my guest?”

22 So David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there.

Psalms 34

⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. [niv]

¹⁷ The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.
He rescues them from all their troubles.

¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;
he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹ The righteous person faces many troubles,
but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

How to Rescue Crushed Spirits

[a place for your notes]

What does it mean when your spirit is crushed?

What crushes your spirit?

When can you accept the authority of the Scriptures?

What motivated David to feign insanity?

What can be done to rescue crushed spirits?

Other notes:

February Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
05	Su	John 20			Psalms 75	
06	Mo	John 21			Psalms 76	
07	Tu	Acts 1			Psalms 77	
08	We	Acts 2			Psalms 78	
09	Th	Acts 3			Psalms 79	
10	Fr	Acts 4			Psalms 80	
11	Sa	Acts 5			Psalms 81	
12	Su	Acts 6			Psalms 82	

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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