

**For we know that if our earthly house, the tent,
is destroyed, we have a building from God,
a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens.**

2 Corinthians 5:1



Laketon Bethel Church

February 11, 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

“The Promised Land Medley”

Call to Worship

“Sweet By-and-by”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Wonderful”

“He’s a Wonderful Savior to Me”

Crosstalk - “Biblical Reincarnation?”

Offering

“Mighty Is the Power of the Cross”

Benediction

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Doxology”

Call to Worship

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Another in the Fire”

“This I Believe”

Crosstalk - “Biblical Reincarnation?”

Offering

“I Can Only Imagine”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

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.

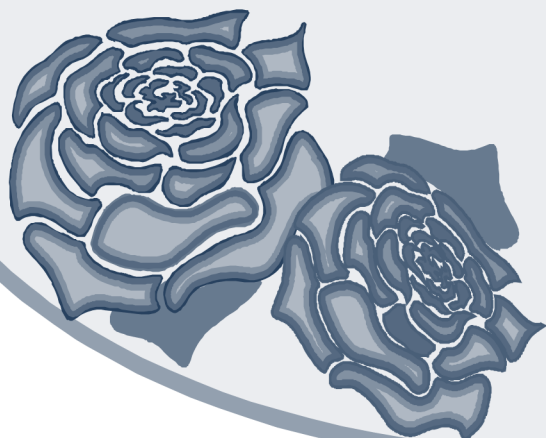
Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Ruthann Hoff

*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 5

From the New Living Translation

5 For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. **2** We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. **3** For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. **4** While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. **5** God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

6 So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. **7** For we live by believing and not by seeing.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What duties of the pastor do you think are most important?

Should we talk more about death and dying from a biblical perspective?

What do you think of the idea of being reincarnated into a more perfect version of you?

Other Notes:

February Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Su	2 Timothy 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Zechariah 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Mo	2 Timothy 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Malachi 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Tu	Titus 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Malachi 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	We	Titus 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Malachi 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Th	Titus 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Malachi 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Fr	Philemon	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Sa	Hebrews 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Su	Hebrews 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 3	<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