

The First Reformed Stone



Laketon Bethel Church
February 18, 2018

THE PURPOSE OF LAKETON BETHEL: *To Know Christ and Make Him Known*

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.

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 – 9:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

Hymn #21 - “Praise the Lord!”

Hymn #95 - “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymn #96 - “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Hymn #97 - “Be Still My Soul”

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #133 - “I Love You Lord”

Hymn #134 - “My Jesus, I Love You”

Tithes and Offerings - Special Music

Crosstalk: “The First Reformed Stone”

Worship in Song

Hymn #311 - “Spirit Song”

Benediction

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

“Open Up the Heavens”

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“What a Beautiful Name”

“Great I Am”

“Glorious day”

Tithes and Offerings - “Flawless”

Crosstalk: “The First Reformed Stone”

Worship in Song

“Glorious Day”

Benediction

Join us in the gym for coffee and cookies as a time of fellowship.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Church - Preschool thru 5th Grade:

- ◇ Bible Scripture: Acts 3:1-10; 4:5-31
- ◇ Bible Story: Peter healed a beggar.
- ◇ Bible Point: In Jesus' name, Peter healed a man who could not walk. We, too, can have a spirit-empowered ministry in Jesus' name.
- ◇ *For any questions please contact Mike Lyons at 231-744-8389.*



Jr. High Connection - 6th thru 8th Grades:

- ◇ The Jr. High students will be assisting the teachers for Children's Church as an act of service.
- ◇ *For any questions please contact Sally Hendrixon at 578-6247.*

Each Communion Sunday, students will sit with their families and go to class following.

For more information for our Children's Church and Youth Connections, please call the office at 231-744-1749.

SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY – Men and Women

Leader: Lucy Hughes

Tuesday at 7:00pm at the church, starts February 6th.

Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind by Juanita Ryan.

We all have to juggle many roles and activities in our lives that often results in stress. This study will show that God understand this, and wants you to walk through your life in strength, with Him.

BIBLE STUDY - Women

Leader: Maureen Mussman

Thursday evening 7:00 at the church starting February 8th.

What Happens When Women Say Yes to God ? by Lysa TerKeurst

Do you want to experience life in extraordinary ways? Then see what happens when you say yes to God! Embrace simple obedience and watch it transform your life into a remarkable journey. Say yes and discover the blessings God has planned for you. Get ready for a journey of unprecedented joy and purpose – one that will radically bless you beyond what you can ask or think.

BOOK STUDY - Men & Women

Leaders: Brian & Kim Scott

First and third Friday evenings 7:00 at the church, starts Feb. 16th.

The Shack by Wm. Paul Young.

We will be reading and discussing this book and all its meanings.

THE CLEAN AND FIX CREW - Men & Women

Leader: Vicky Wierengo

Day and time to be determined.

Every place needs a good spring cleaning. Come help clean the nooks and crannies and other places in the church. Fix things that need fixing. There will be refreshments and fellowship.

COUPLES SMALL GROUP

Leader: Steve & Maureen Mussman

Meets once a month, usually on a Saturday. Time and date varies.

Outings vary each month. A few things we have done in the past are: sleigh ride, White Caps game, hockey game, bonfire, and cross country skiing.

MISSIONS - Men & Women

Leader: Dave DeBoer

Meeting times and days to be determined.

This group will find ways for Laketon Bethel members to help people in our community and the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018 Church Budget Now that we have turned the corner on a new year without a mortgage the Elders have approved our financial direction for 2018. We are providing you with a Narrative Budget that outlines how we allocate and spend our money. Please feel free to pick up a copy located at the large table in the entryway. If you have any question please feel free to contact Gary.

Attention Online Givers If you have set up recurring donations and have selected the Church Mortgage category you will need to make a new category selection. You can accomplish that by going to the Laketon Bethel website and select Give tab and go to SecureGive and select “Manage Recurring” to make your new category selection. Be sure to reenter your security code and billing zip code before sign out of “Manage Recurring”. If you need assistance in making this change please contact Gary Gifford at 231.286.0798 or garygifford4@gmail.com.

Sherwin’s Winter Bible Study This is a 9-week Bible study that started on Wednesday, January 24th. Join us each Wednesday at 7:00pm to learn more about the Gospels.

Attention Parents Do you want a couple of kid-free hours? The Middle School Girls’ Group would love to give you that opportunity. On Saturday, February 10th, from 5:00 to 7:00pm, we will be offering free child care at Church. We will provide pizza, play games, do crafts, and have fun with your kids. We are accepting children from age 6 months to 10 years old. Please sign up at the name tag station or email Stefanie at sweanys@reeths-puffer.org.

Prime Time Exercise Class Jill VerHulst is leading an exercise class for ages 60+. It will run from 9:00-9:45am on Mondays and Thursdays for strengthening, flexibility and balance. For questions, call Jill at 744-9895.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Connections We meet today in the Parlor following the first service. The mission is to keep our senior and homebound members connected to God and to Laketon Bethel. If interested, please join us at the meeting or call Gay Hudson at 343-0898 or Joann Petroski at 327-2785.

Food Truck The next Food Truck is this Monday, February 12th and we ask all volunteers to please be here at church no later than 5:30pm. If you have any questions, please see John Wilke or Rick Anderson after the service.

Middle School Girls’ Group 6th- 8th grade girls, this group is for you. We will meet at Church for fun, food, games, and discussions about topics affecting you. Please see Stefanie Sweany for a handout with more information. Spread the word and invite your friends!

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Wayne Moseler

*Please remember in prayer our friends who are
battling long-term illnesses:*

Ellie Anderson

Donald Bayne

Jana Belladone

Betty Bonneville

Larry Budreau

Patti Buurma

Craig Carlson

Amy Fredericks

Jacob Geers

Bob Hanson

Scott Hladki

Debbie LeMieux

Avery Lynn

J.T. Maskell

Tom McKee Sr.

Patti Mercer

Paul Ortquist

Jane Peterman

Lynn Pluger

Shirly Pummell

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Patti Shavalier

Ida Shealy

Dale Sherburn

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Marv Wegner

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - February 18

9:00am Coffee Servers: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

11:00am Coffee Servers: Ed & Kay Kawaleski

9:00am Greeters: Karen Johnson & Deacons

11:00am Greeters: Stacy Freed & Deacons

11:00am Greeters: The Kejonen Family

NEXT SUNDAY - February 25

9:00am Coffee Servers: Nick & Jacquie Kunnen

11:00am Coffee Servers: Dave & Becky Bennett

9:00am Greeters: Mick & Jackie Meyers

11:00am Greeters: Ron Zant & Debra Matz



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - February 18

Nursery: (1) Louanne Utzinger

Nursery: (2) Makenna Peterson, Tiffany Marcus,
Scott & Amy Zonnebelt

NEXT SUNDAY - February 25

Nursery: (1) Adonica Kunnen

Nursery: (2) Marcia Wynsma, Megan Cihak,
Nate & Amanda Westbrook

Children's Church Greeters: Malaina Peterson,
Rebekah Sweany

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

***Senior Connections**

***Children's Ministry**

***Food Truck Ministry**

***Greeter/Coffee Server**

***Senior Ministry**

***Music Ministry**

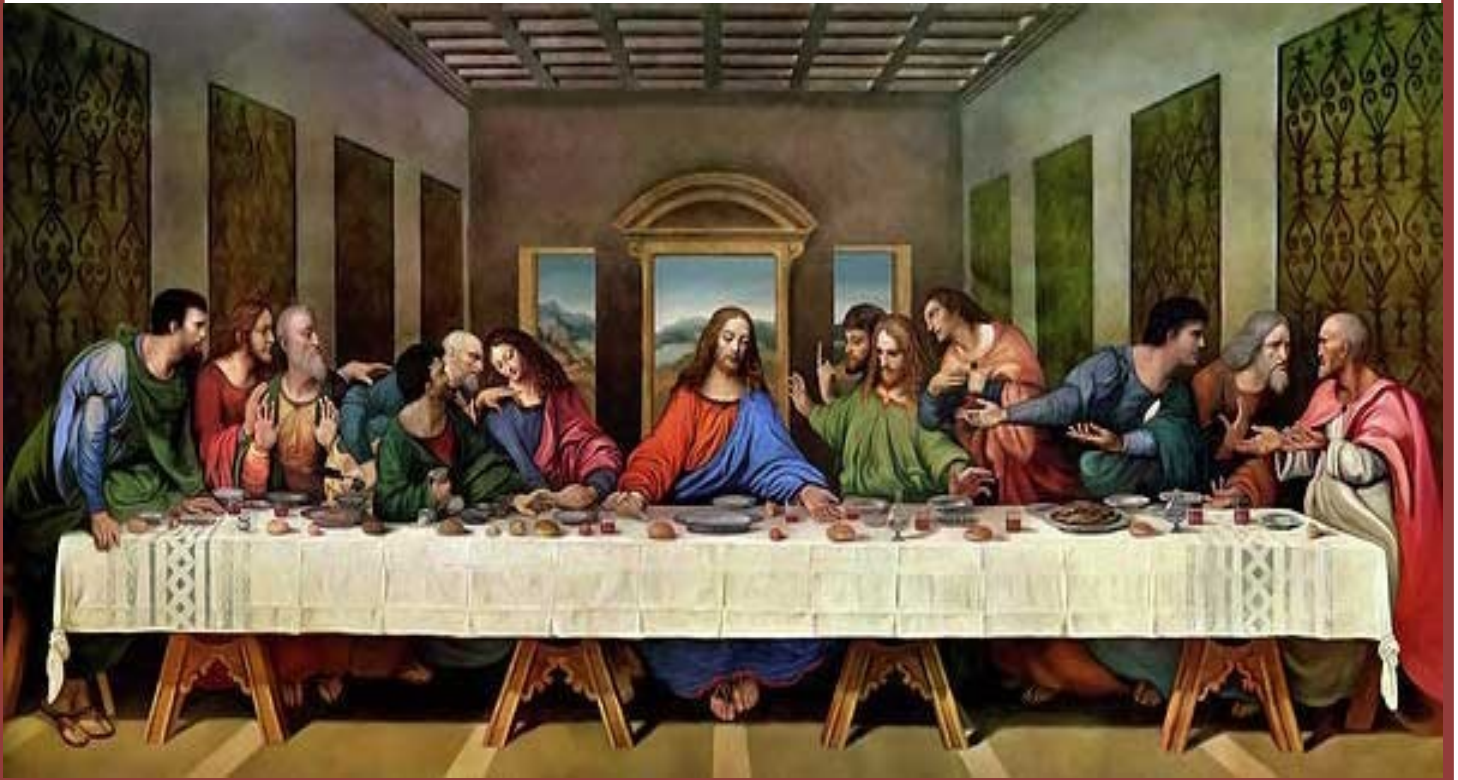
***Meal Ministry**

***Jr./Sr. High Ministry**

***Prayer Warrior**

***Nursery**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.



Sherwin's Recommended Reading List

Never Go Back by Dr. Henry Cloud

Everyone makes mistakes, big and small. Sometimes our mistakes take us down the wrong path and send us spiraling into destructive life patterns, and sometimes we learn a lesson and never make the same mistake again. But how? How do we recognize our destructive patterns, make new choices, and then follow through? In this book, Dr. Henry Cloud shares ten doorways to success—and once we walk through these new pathways, we never go back again. His proven method—based on grace, not guilt—outlines ten common life patterns that sabotage success and lays out clear, concrete steps you can take to overcome them.

Sherwin will preach a series in October & November on this book.

An Unhurried Life by Alan Fadling

"I am a recovering speed addict." Beginning with this confession, pastor and spiritual director Alan Fadling goes on to describe his journey out of the fast lane and into the rhythms of Jesus. Following the framework of Jesus' earthly life, Fadling shows how the work of "unhurrying" ourselves is central to our spiritual development in such pivotal areas as resisting temptation, caring for others, praying and making disciples. Here is a book that affirms that we are called to work and to do work. Productivity is not a sin—it is the attitudes behind our work that can be our undoing. So how do we find balance between our sense of calling and the call to rest? *An Unhurried Life* offers a way.

What on Earth Am I Here For? by Rick Warren

This is the expanded and revised edition of *The Purpose Driven Life*. If you haven't read the first edition, you must read this one. If you have read the first edition, the "updating" and expansion of this edition makes it well worth your while to read it. The first edition was the bestselling non-fiction hardback in history for very good reasons; it simply and effectively serves as a handbook for living a life that follows Jesus. Set up in a 42-day format, it can be used as a daily devotional guide. If you do this in 42 days, it will be impossible for you to remain unaffected. Read it and watch your life change for the better.

How People Grow by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend

All growth is spiritual growth. Authors Drs. Cloud and Townsend unlock age-old keys to growth from Scripture to help people resolve issues of relationships, maturity, emotional problems, and overall spiritual growth. They shatter popular misconceptions about how God operates and show that growth is not about self-actualization, but about God's sanctification. In this theological foundation to their best-selling book *Boundaries*, they discuss: *What the essential processes are that make people grow *How those processes fit into a biblical understanding of spiritual growth and theology *How spiritual growth and real-life issues are one and the same *What the responsibilities are of pastors, counselors, and others who assist people in growing---and what your own responsibilities are in your personal growth.

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WORSHIP

Worship Team Leader for 9:00 Service – Jan Reahm

Worship Team Leader for 11:00 Service – Shelly Deblock

Technical Support Team Leader - Scott Johnson

Accompanist for 9:00 Service - Elizabeth Jackson

EDUCATION

Nursery Team Leader – Joann Petroski

Preschool & Kindergarten Team Leader - Sheryl Gifford

Elementary Team Leader – Stefanie Sweany

Junior High Youth Team Leader – Sally Hendrixon

ADMINISTRATION

Secretary – Tina Dadd

Administrative Assistant - Joann Petroski

Bookkeeper – Pat Peterson

Janitor - Bill Feigert

OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Senior Ministries Team Leader – Jill VerHulst

Meal Ministry Team Leader – Art Jacobs

Food Truck Team Leader – John Wilke

Prayer Warrior Team Leader – Paula Scott-Stewart

Senior Connections Team Leaders– Gay Hudson & Joann Petroski

Community Backpack Program Leader - Tami Jahnke

OUR CONSISTORY

Elders

Dave Bennett, Gay Hudson, Adonica Kunnen,
Amy Kunnen,, Ed Luzadder, Gary Niklasch,
Jason Peterson, Kim Scott, Donna Spytma,
John Wilke

Deacons

LeRoy Beck, Kyle Bogner, Jon Brantsen,
Lisa George, Mary Salter, Mark Sweany,
Kathy Young

2018 Consistory Candidate Slate

Deacons

Jon Brantsen
Kathy Andrews
Sara Kepner
Kathy Forrester
Rick Anderson
Staci Wynsma
Nancy Crider
Alex Lassow
Greg Fick

Elders

Gay Hudson
Jason Peterson
Ron Zant
Gary Niklasch
Lucy Hughes
Ed Luzadder
Jim Hanley
Louanne Utzinger
Stacy Freed
Bob Buwalda

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From John 8.1-11 and Philipians 4.8-9

The four basic gospel stories we need to master are:

1. The Prodigal Son
2. The Pharisee and the Taxman
3. The Good Samaritan
4. The Woman Caught in Adultery

What are some bad choices you've made in the past?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What are some bad choices you made this week?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Why are these considered bad choices?

In John 8.1-11, who made bad choices?

How can we reduce the number of bad choices we make?

What happens when we reduce the number of bad choices we make?

February Daily Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Su	Acts 6			Psalm 121	
19	Mo	Acts 7			Psalm 122	
20	Tu	Acts 8			Psalm 123	
21	We	Acts 9			Psalm 124	
22	Th	Acts 10			Psalm 125	
23	Fr	Acts 11			Psalm 126	
24	Sa	Acts 12			Psalm 127	
25	Su	Acts 13			Psalm 128	