



Bozos On The Bus

Laketon Bethel Church

February 18, 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

“Redeemed”

Call to Worship

“He Has Made Me Glad”

“This Is the Day”

“Bless His Holy Name”

Welcome & Announcements

Consistory Drawing

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“All Because of God’s Amazing
Grace”

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Crosstalk - “Bozos in the Bus”

Offering

“Word of God Speak”

Benediction

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“God of Wonders”

Call to Worship

“Above All”

Welcome & Announcements

Consistory Drawing

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Amazing Grace”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “Bozos in the Bus”

Offering

“You Say”

Benediction

Service Opportunities

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

We are in need of second service nursery caregivers. This is a once a month rotation service opportunity. If interested, please call the office at 744-1749.

Announcements

Membership Class We will have a Membership Class on Sunday, March 3rd following the second service. Pizza is provided. If interested, please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway.

Laketon Bethel Youth Group

All youth in 6th-12th grades are welcomed to join us February 25th from 5-7pm for dinner, a lesson, and fun. For any questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

Sherwin's Bible Study on Jeremiah

Wednesday is the last night for Sherwin's Jeremiah Bible Study. We will meet at 6:00pm for pizza with the Bible Study starting at 6:30pm.

Next week Wednesday we will have a potluck dinner including Sherwin's "Pastoral Pork".

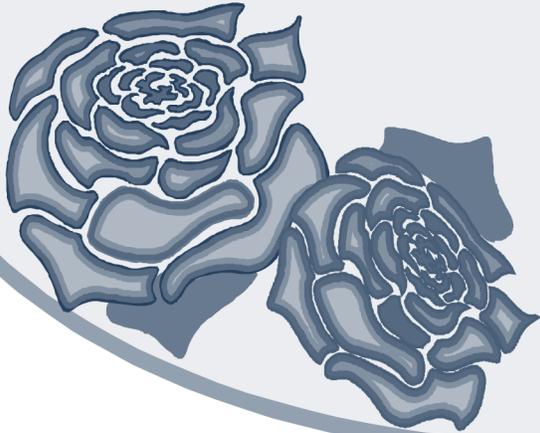
Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young

2nd Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Betty Kraai

*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

Ephesians 2.1-10

From the Message

2¹⁻⁶ It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. **It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us.** He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.

7-10 Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it. **It's God's gift from start to finish!** We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

Deep Sheet

A Place for Your Notes

What do the pastor, the stoner and George Lucas have in common?

Is the teaching that “all are equal at the foot of the cross” liberal or biblical?

Why does God let life go on?

What is our part of the salvation process?

Other Notes:

February Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Su	Hebrews 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Mo	Hebrews 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Tu	Hebrews 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	We	Hebrews 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Th	Hebrews 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Fr	Hebrews 7	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Sa	Hebrews 8	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Su	Hebrews 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 10	<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