



Laketon Bethel Church

February 19, 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

Food Truck The Food Truck is tomorrow and we ask that all volunteers to please be here by 5:00. Please see Jill Mouw for instruction when you arrive.

Hand2Hand If you want to help but can't physically, we are collecting pudding cups for Hand2Hand. There is a box for your donations in the entryway. We appreciate your donation. Thank you!

Nursery We are in need of first and second 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.

Coffee Server We are in need of more coffee servers for the first service. If you are interested in serving for this hospitality ministry, please call the office at 744-1749.

2023 Giving envelopes are available and are on the table in the entryway.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Diane Brantsen

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley & Theresa Schiltz

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

“Jesus Saves!”

Call to Worship

“Send the Light”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“The Servant Song”

“Christ for the World We Sing”

Crosstalk - “Heroes in the Hood”

Offering

“Here I Am to Worship”

Benediction

“Go Forth and Tell!”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“All Fired Up”

Call to Worship

“Glory to God Forever”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“I Surrender All”

“God of This City”

Crosstalk - “Heroes in the Hood”

Offering

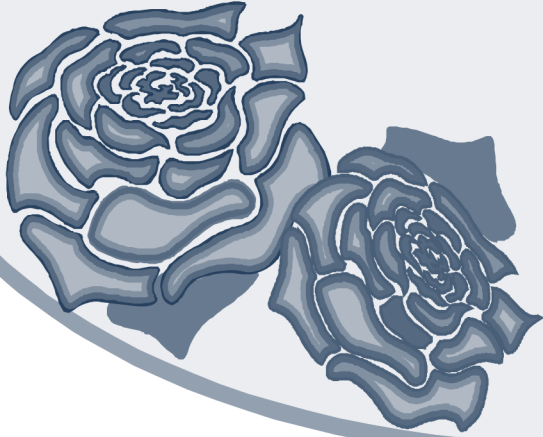
“If We Are the Body”

Benediction

“Lifesong”

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Bob Jewell

*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

Luke 10.25-37

New Living Translation

²⁵ One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

²⁷ The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

²⁹ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

Heroes in the Hood

[a place for your notes]

Do you ever get a sense that God is planning for things to happen in your life?

Does everything happen for a reason?

What is God nudging you to do?

How can you represent Jesus in your neighborhood?

Who needs your help today?

Notes:

February Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19	Su	Acts 13			Psalms 89	
20	Mo	Acts 14			Psalms 90	
21	Tu	Acts 15			Psalms 91	
22	We	Acts 16			Psalms 92	
23	Th	Acts 17			Psalms 93	
24	Fr	Acts 18			Psalms 94	
25	Sa	Acts 19			Psalms 95	
26	Su	Acts 20			Psalms 96	

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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