

Coming In Last



Laketon Bethel Church

February 24, 2019

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

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.

Sherwin's Bible Study

“HOW TO GET THROUGH WHAT YOU’RE GOING THROUGH”

The author of this course, Rick Warren, is the founding pastor of Saddleback Church, one of the largest churches in the world. In 2013, after years of struggling with mental illness, his son Matthew took his own life. This Bible study is the result of the struggles Rick and his wife, Kay, went through. You will find it helpful. There are 8 ninety-minute sessions. Child care will be provided. Pizza will be provided at 6:15 and the sessions will run from 6:30 to 8pm. *If you are interested in attending, please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the*

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

| title | date |
|---|---------|
| 1. shock: when your world collapses | Feb. 13 |
| 2. sorrow: getting through life's losses | Feb. 20 |
| 3. struggle: when life makes no sense | Feb. 27 |
| 4. surrender: the path to peace | Mar. 6 |
| 5. sanctification: transformed by trouble | Mar. 13 |
| 6. start seeing: finding treasure in darkness | Mar. 20 |
| 7. service: never waste your pain | Mar. 27 |
| 8. swine: wrap up with side pork | Apr. 3 |

This is a tentative schedule and can be modified.

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - February 24

9:00am Coffee Servers: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

11:00am Coffee Servers: Diane Brantsen & Family

9:00am Greeters: Barb Kennedy & Paula Nemeth

11:00am Greeters: Stacy Freed & Deacons

NEXT SUNDAY - March 3

9:00am Coffee Servers: Nick & Jacquie Kunnen

11:00am Coffee Servers: Tina & Izzy Dadd

9:00am Greeters: Karen Johnson & Deacons

11:00am Greeters: Ron & Debbie Zant



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - February 24

Nursery: (1) Joanne Petroski

Nursery: (2) Megan Cihak, Rebecca Goodrich,
Kelly Andry

NEXT SUNDAY - March 3

Nursery: (1) The Brewers

Nursery: (2) Amy Kunnen & Girls, Holly Morrall

Children's Church Greeter: Sally Hendrixon

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

SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY - Women

Leader: Maureen Mussman 231-894-8010

We meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 at the church. We are studying the book titled, "Proverbs & Parables: God's Wisdom for Living" by Dee Brestin. This study parallels the truths of Old Testament proverbs with New Testament parables and applies them to contemporary living.

THE CLEAN AND FIX CREW

Leader: Vicky Wierengo 231-719-0857

We would like to encourage you to join in the fun of serving the Lord and forming new friendships along the way. Although we are working, we are doing it together with smiles and laughter. Our next meeting dates are Monday, October 15 and 29, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please join us for fun and fellowship!

COUPLES SMALL GROUP

Leader: Steve & Maureen Mussman 231-894-8010

Meets once a month, usually on a Saturday. Time and date vary. We have fun doing a variety of activities.

MISSIONS

Leader: Dave DeBoer 231-828-4494

We meet the second Monday of each month. The Missions Group would like to thank everyone for their hygiene donations. We have served over 450 people and will continue to collect donations.

DECOLORES REUNION GROUP

Leaders: Tim & Misty Sikkenga 231-747-6530

If you have attended any type of DeColores weekend in the past, we invite you to come to our next meeting on September 12th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in more information, please contact Tim or Misty Sikkenga.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of Jack Ortquist wishes to thank our great congregation for the outpouring of Christian love as we mourned Eva's transfer to our Lord's presence. So many cards, hugs, tears and smiles - and the food! Thank you very much.

Safe Harbor Christian Communities (SHCC) is looking for a special person to occupy their semi-independent apartment in Muskegon. We also have a female opening in our specialized adult foster care home in Muskegon. SHCC provides housing and supports to persons with developmental delays and cognitive impairments. The candidate must be 18 years old, with a desire to live semi independently and learn or have some mastery of light cooking, laundry and cleaning skills required in order to maintain their own apartment. Persons interested in learning more about this living opportunity please contact Adonica Kunnen @ (231) 893-6271 or 557-2334.

Youth Group Meetings 6th-12th grade students are invited to join us on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 4:00-6:00pm here at LBC. Mark your calendars and bring a friend!

Hearing Loop Installed HAVE YOU HEARD?! Hearing Wellness Center, a local business, has installed a new "hearing loop" system in our church. With this technology, people with hearing aids or cochlear implants can connect directly to our sound system and will be able to hear more clearly what is happening in our worship services.

A huge welcome to our newest member, Gianna Lynn Fick, daughter of Greg & Mia Fick.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Greeters & Coffee Servers We are in need of more greeters and coffee servers for the both services. If interested, please call the office at 744-1749.

Wednesday Nursery Help Needed If you would be interested in helping provide child care for the Wednesday Bible study, please see Joann in the Nursery. If we get enough volunteers we can rotate weeks.

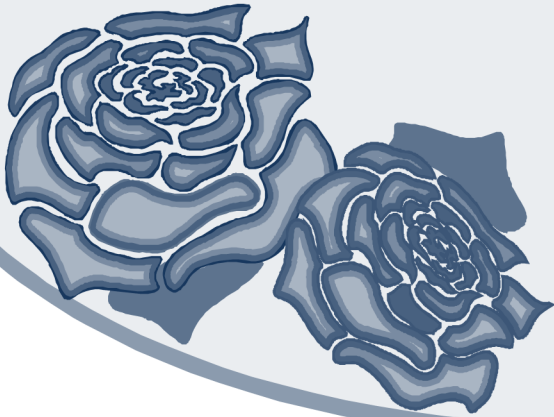
Missions Ministry We will continue to collect hygiene products and winter clothing. We invite you to join us to serve at the Supper House on Jefferson St., Muskegon, the second Wednesday of each month. If interested call Dawn at 683-0829.

Food Truck The next Food Truck is Monday, March 11th. 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.

Senior Connections We meet Sunday, March 3rd in the Parlor at 10:00am. 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 at 343-0898 or Joann at 327-2785.

Special Senior of the Week:

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



***Sue
Andree***

***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

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 9:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

Hymn #56 - “I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Hymn #692 - “Wonderful Words of Life”

Hymn #130 - “I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Hymn #133 - “I Love You Lord”

Hymn #134- “My Jesus I Love Thee”

Hymn #135- “Lord, We Praise You”

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #149 - “His Name Is Wonderful”

Tithes and Offerings – Special Music

Crosstalk: “Coming In Last”

Benediction

Hymn #7 - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble”

Baptism

Worship in Song

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“Your Unfailing Love”

“Only a God Like You”

Tithes and Offerings - “Broken & Beautiful”

Crosstalk: “Coming In Last”

Benediction

“Only a God Like You”

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

***Senior Connections**

***Children's Ministry**

***Food Truck Ministry**

***Greeter/Coffee Server**

***Senior Ministry**

***Music Ministry**

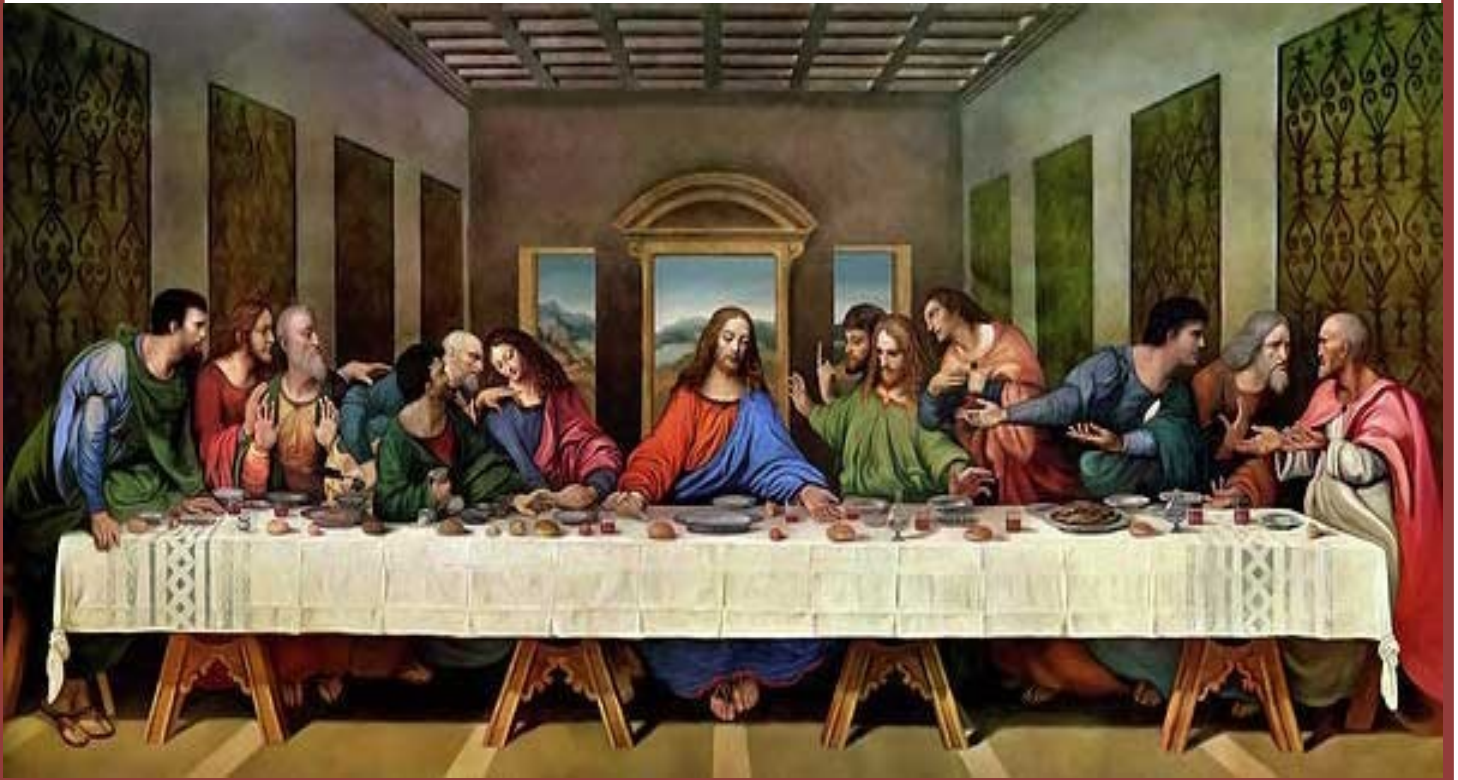
***Meal Ministry**

***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.



LAKETON BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH

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Pastor – Dr. Sherwin Brantsen (drbrantsen@gmail.com)

Director of Operations – Gary Gifford (garygifford4@gmail.com)

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 - Shelly Deblock

EDUCATION

Nursery Team Leader – Joann Petroski

Children’s Church & Youth Director - Mike Lyons

Greet Squad 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

Food Truck Team Leader – John Wilke

Prayer Warrior Team Leader – Tina Dadd

Senior Connections Team Leaders– Gay Hudson & Joann Petroski

Community Backpack Program Leader - Tami Jahnke

OUR CONSISTORY

Elders

Bob Buwalda, Lucy Hughes, Amy Kunnen,
Ed Luzadder, Donna Spytma, Louanne Utzinger,
John Wilke, Ron Zant

Deacons

Kathy Andrews, Kyle Bogner,
Nancy Crider, Larry Cone,
Kathy Forrester, Alex Lassow,
Mary Salter, Kathy Young

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OBJECTIVES OF OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

By the time children reach high school, they will know:

1. The _____ of Jesus.
2. The _____ of Jesus.
3. How to connect with him through _____.

MARK 9.33-37

³³After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?" ³⁴But they didn't answer, because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

³⁶Then he put a little child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me."

MATTHEW 20.16

¹⁶"So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

WHAT ARE 3 THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

February/March Daily Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|------|-----|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 24 | Su | Hebrews 2 | | | Genesis 42 | |
| 25 | Mo | Hebrews 3 | | | Genesis 43 | |
| 26 | Tu | Hebrews 4 | | | Genesis 44 | |
| 27 | We | Hebrews 5 | | | Genesis 45 | |
| 28 | Th | Hebrews 6 | | | Genesis 46 | |
| 01 | Fr | Hebrews 7 | | | Genesis 47 | |
| 02 | Sa | Hebrews 8 | | | Genesis 48 | |
| 03 | Su | Hebrews 9 | | | Genesis 49 | |