



Laketon Bethel Church

March 3, 2024

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# 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

“Redeemer”

Call to Worship

“I Will Sing of My Redeemer”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

“There Is a Redeemer”

Crosstalk - “Make a Preacher Swear”

Offering

“Holy, Holy, Holy!/We Fall Down”

Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”



## **Order of Worship-11:00am**

Gathering Song

“Wave On Wave”

Call to Worship

“Let Us Sing”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“10,000 Reasons”

“This Is Our God”

Crosstalk - “Make a Preacher Swear”

Offering

“So Will I”

Benediction

“Life Song”

## **Service Opportunities**

*Revised Hand2Hand schedule for February* Packing is on February 27<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcomed to join us March 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm for dinner, a lesson, and fun. For any questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

## **Volunteers**

1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Sally Hendrixon

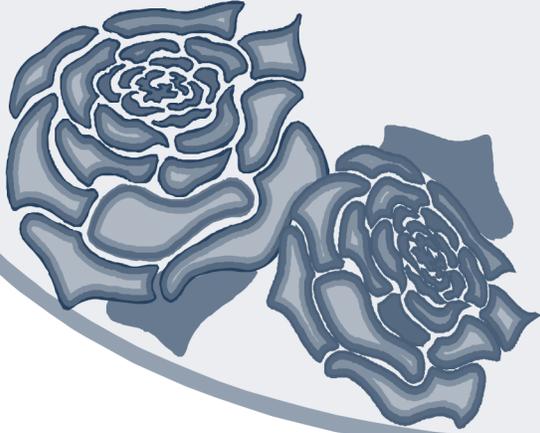
2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Jan Kovalcik & Sheri Vanderlaan

1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Pat Ritsema & Theresa Schiltz

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



**Mick  
Meyers**

*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 4 New Living Translation

<sup>26</sup> And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, <sup>27</sup> for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

### Proverbs 4.23

Guard your heart above all else,  
for it determines the course of your life.

### Proverbs 14.29

People with understanding control their **anger**; a hot temper shows great foolishness.

### Proverbs 15.1

A gentle answer deflects **anger**, but harsh words make tempers flare.

### Proverbs 22.24-25

Don’t befriend angry people  
or associate with hot-tempered people,  
<sup>25</sup> or you will learn to be like them  
and endanger your soul.

### Proverbs 29.11

Fools vent their **anger**, but the wise quietly hold it back.

### Proverbs 30.33

As the beating of cream yields butter and striking the nose causes bleeding, so stirring up **anger** causes quarrels.

## Ephesians 4.2

<sup>2</sup> Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.

# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What “ticks you off?”

What do you do when you are “ticked off?”

Why do the book of Jeremiah and other Old Testament books portray God as angry?

Is anger a choice?

**Notes:**

## March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
03	Su	James 3			Genesis 17	
04	Mo	James 4			Genesis 18	
05	Tu	James 5			Genesis 19	
06	We	1 Peter 1			Genesis 20	
07	Th	1 Peter 2			Genesis 21	
08	Fr	1 Peter 3			Genesis 22	
09	Sa	1 Peter 4			Genesis 23	
10	Su	1 Peter 5			Genesis 24	

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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

Joel Ortquist, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker,  
Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-  
Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke

### Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Kristie Hall, Kathy Forrester,  
Jill Mouw, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers, Jerry  
Vos, Diana Wagbo