

Taming the Tiger



Laketon Bethel Church

March 17, 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

“Melody of Love Medley”

Call to Worship

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“The Gift of Love”

“I The Shall Live”

Crosstalk - “Taming the Tiger”

Offering

“God’s Sweet Love”

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Friend of God”

Call to Worship

“Of All the Things About You”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Waiting Here For You”

“Everlasting God”

Crosstalk - “Taming the Tiger”

Offering

“Anyway”

Benediction

“The Blessing”

Announcements

LBC Breakfast On Sunday Breakfast will be served after both services next Sunday. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs and sausage. There is no cost, but donations are appreciated. The proceeds will be going to pay for a badly needed replacement window in the kitchen. Initial quotes are coming in around \$2000.

Pickle Ball All are welcome to join a fun night of pickle ball on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the gym.

LBC Golf The **LBRC Golf League** is forming for the 2024 season. We are seeking golfers of all abilities to join our league of men and women. We golf Tuesday afternoons at Hickory Knoll from May 7th-August 27th. **We have at least one person seeking a partner for the season** and we have room for many more. If you would like to join the league or want more information, please send an e-mail to LBRCTUESDAYGOLFLEAGUE@COMCAST.NET or contact Doug Dolislager at 231-744-7262.

Service Opportunities

Nursery Help We are in need of volunteers for our second service Nursery. This service opportunity begins at 10:45am until the service is over and kids are picked up. If interested, please sign up on the sheet provided in the entryway or see Sally Hendrixon or call the office at 744-1749.

Christian Care Laketon Bethel was part of starting Christian Care over 100 years ago. They are unfortunately going through hardships and are looking into selling. The latest information on Christian Care is on the table in the entryway. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Mia Fick at 720-8506.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Theresa Schiltz & Jim Hanley

1st Service Nursery: Tina Dadd

2nd Service Nursery: Rebekka Wolffis & Tina Dadd

Children & Youth News



LBC Children's Church

All kids in grades Prek-Kindergarten & 1st-5th are welcome to join our Children's Church during the second service. We have lots of fun learning about the love of Jesus. If you have any questions, please see Jackie Ritsema or Mia Fick.

Laketon Bethel Youth Group

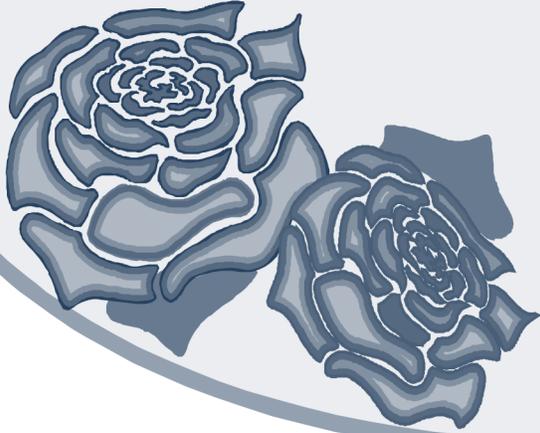


All youth in 6th-12th grades are welcomed to join us on Sunday, March 24th from 5:00-7:00pm for dinner, a lesson, and lots of fun.

For any questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Helen
Powell**

*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

James 3, The Message

³⁻⁵ A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!

⁵⁻⁶ It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

⁷⁻¹⁰ This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue—it's never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth!

¹⁰⁻¹² My friends, this can't go on. A spring doesn't gush fresh water one day and brackish the next, does it? Apple trees don't bear strawberries, do they? Raspberry bushes don't bear apples, do they? You're not going to dip into a polluted mud hole and get a cup of clear, cool water, are you?

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results *only* if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

John 13.34.35 nlt

³⁴ So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵ Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

PICKLE PLEDGE

“I will turn every complaint into either a blessing or constructive suggestion.”

By taking the Pickle Pledge, I am promising myself that I will no longer waste my time and energy on blaming, complaining and gossiping, nor will I commiserate with those who steal my energy with their blaming, complaining and gossiping.

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Other Notes:

March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Su	1 John 4			Genesis 31	
18	Mo	1 John 5			Genesis 32	
19	Tu	2 John			Genesis 33	
20	We	3 John			Genesis 34	
21	Th	Jude			Genesis 35	
22	Fr	Revelation 1			Genesis 36	
23	Sa	Revelation 2			Genesis 37	
24	Su	Revelation 3			Genesis 38	

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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