

THE WAGES OF GIN



Laketon Bethel Church

March 18, 2018

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 9:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

Hymn #149 - “His Name Is Wonderful”

Hymn #154 - “What a Wonderful Savior”

Hymn #210 - “One Day”

Hymn #218 - “Jesus Paid It All”

Congregational Prayer

Hymn #223 - “O How He Loves You and Me”

Hymn #224 - “My Savior’s Love”

Tithes and Offerings - Special Music

Crosstalk: “The Wages of Gin”

Hymn #732 - “I Then Shall Live”

Benediction

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

“Only a God Like You”

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Everlasting God”

“I Give You My Heart”

“Lifesong”

Tithes and Offerings - “The More I Seek You”

Crosstalk: “The Wages of Gin”

Worship in Song

“Lifesong”

Benediction

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

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Church - Preschool thru 5th Grade:

- ◇ Bible Scripture: All of Acts pertaining to the Holy Spirit
- ◇ We will play Jeopardy with prizes for all the students while reviewing what the Holy Spirit does for us, which is teach us how to follow Jesus.
- ◇ *For any questions please contact Mike Lyons at 231-744-8389.*



Jr. High Connection - 6th thru 8th Grades:

- ◇ The Jr. High students will be assisting the teachers for Children's Church as an act of service.
- ◇ *For any questions please contact Sally Hendrixon at 578-6247.*

Each Communion Sunday, students will sit with their families and go to class following.

For more information for our Children's Church and Youth Connections, please call the office at 231-744-1749.

SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY – Men and Women

Leader: Lucy Hughes

Tuesday at 7:00pm at the church, starts February 6th.

Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind by Juanita Ryan.

We all have to juggle many roles and activities in our lives that often results in stress. This study will show that God understand this, and wants you to walk through your life in strength, with Him.

BIBLE STUDY - Women

Leader: Maureen Mussman

Thursday evening 7:00 at the church starting February 8th.

What Happens When Women Say Yes to God ? by Lysa TerKeurst

Do you want to experience life in extraordinary ways? Then see what happens when you say yes to God! Embrace simple obedience and watch it transform your life into a remarkable journey. Say yes and discover the blessings God has planned for you. Get ready for a journey of unprecedented joy and purpose – one that will radically bless you beyond what you can ask or think.

BOOK STUDY - Men & Women

Leaders: Brian & Kim Scott

Time to be determined.

The Shack by Wm. Paul Young.

We will be reading and discussing this book and all its meanings.

THE CLEAN AND FIX CREW - Men & Women

Leader: Vicky Wierengo

Day and time to be determined.

Every place needs a good spring cleaning. Come help clean the nooks and crannies and other places in the church. Fix things that need fixing. There will be refreshments and fellowship.

COUPLES SMALL GROUP

Leader: Steve & Maureen Mussman

Meets once a month, usually on a Saturday. Time and date varies.

Outings vary each month. A few things we have done in the past are: sleigh ride, White Caps game, hockey game, bonfire, and cross country skiing.

MISSIONS - Men & Women

Leader: Dave DeBoer

Meeting times and days to be determined.

This group will find ways for Laketon Bethel members to help people in our community and the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherwin's Winter Bible Study This is a 9-week Bible study that started on Wednesday, January 24th. Join us each Wednesday at 7:00pm to learn more about the Gospels.

Membership Class The next membership class is Wednesday, April 18th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill out the sheet located in the entryway.

Prime Time Exercise Class Jill VerHulst is leading an exercise class for ages 60+. It will run from 9:00-9:45 am on Mondays and Thursdays for strengthening, flexibility, and balance. For questions, please call Jill at 744-9895.

Save the Date The Mother/Daughter banquet is scheduled for May 11th at 6:00pm. We will have a delicious meal and enjoy entertainment by Maciek Biezunsk the Magician.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Connections Instead of meeting in March, we will distribute Easter lilies to our Special Seniors. All volunteers, please meet in the entryway at 10:00am on March 25th.

Food Truck The next Food Truck is April 9th and 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.

Middle School Girls' Group 6th-8th grade girls, this group is for you. We will meet for fun, food, games, and discussions about topics affecting you. Please see Stefanie Sweany for a handout with more information. Spread the word and invite your friends!

Special Senior of the Week:

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



***Ellie
Anderson***

***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

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - March 18

9:00am Coffee Servers: Tom & Pat Peterson

11:00am Coffee Servers: Dave & Becky Bennett

9:00am Greeters: Carl & Alice Babinec

11:00am Greeters: Rod & Pat Runyan

NEXT SUNDAY - March 25

9:00am Coffee Servers: Jeff March

11:00am Coffee Servers: Ed & Kay Kawaleski

9:00am Greeters: Terry & Amy Kunnen

11:00am Greeters: Sally Legard, Tina & Izzy Dadd



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - March 18

Nursery: (1) Lorri Anderson

Nursery: (2) Janice Carrigan, Pat Ritsema, Kelly & Anna Toebe

NEXT SUNDAY - March 25

Nursery: (1) Joann Petroski

Nursery: (2) Lisa Beck, Sherry Begue,
Jen & Kaylah VandeGuchte

Children's Church Greeters: Malaina Peterson, Rebekah Sweany

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

***Senior Connections**

***Children's Ministry**

***Food Truck Ministry**

***Greeter/Coffee Server**

***Senior Ministry**

***Music Ministry**

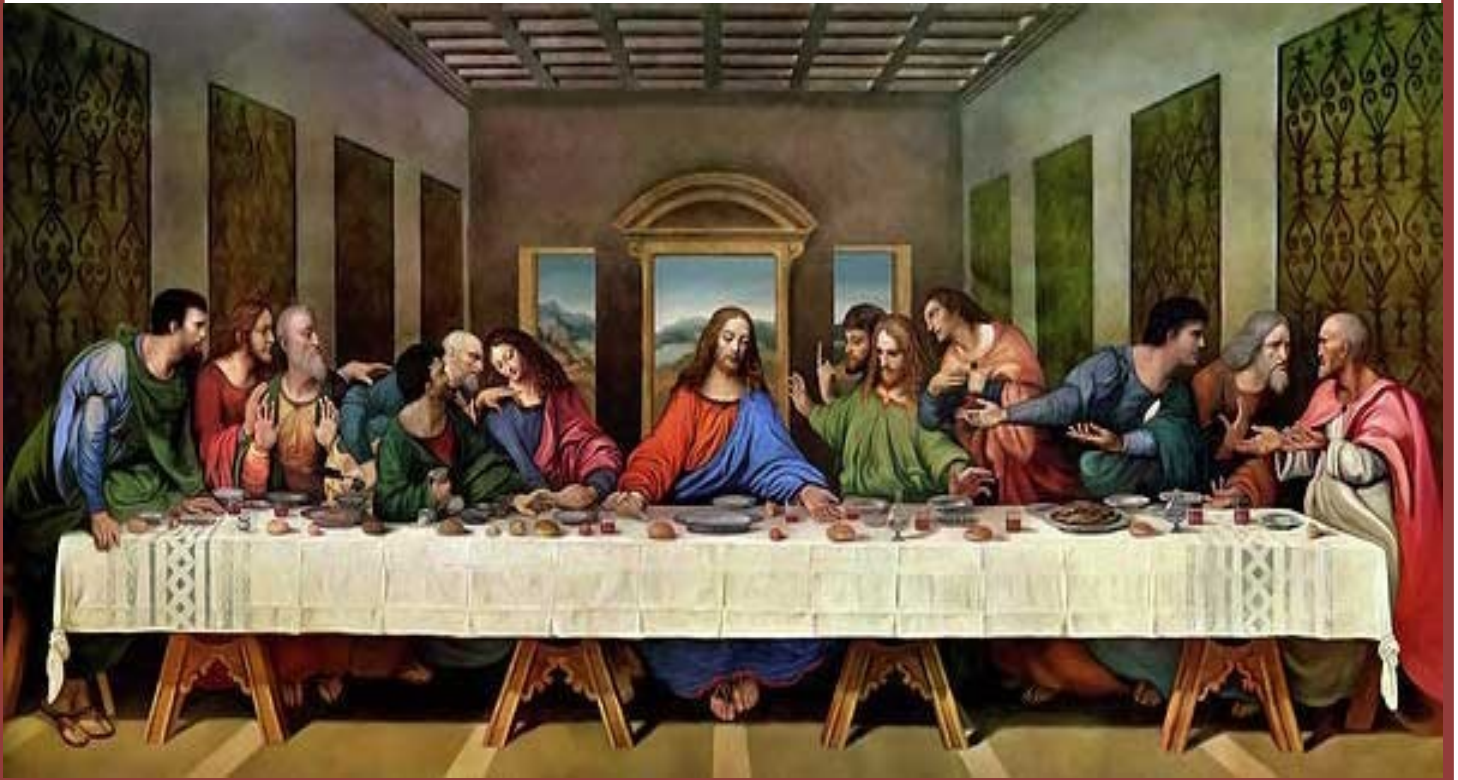
***Meal Ministry**

***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 - Elizabeth Jackson

EDUCATION

Nursery Team Leader – Joann Petroski

Preschool & Kindergarten Team Leader - Sheryl Gifford

Elementary Team Leader – Stefanie Sweany

Junior High Youth Team 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

Meal Ministry Team Leader – Art Jacobs

Food Truck Team Leader – John Wilke

Prayer Warrior Team Leader – Paula Scott-Stewart

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

The Wages of Gin

From the “Roman Nuggets” series; Romans 6

Question 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has **set me free from the tyranny of the devil**. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

[If you wish to read more in the Heidelberg, go to www.rca.org/resources/heidelbergcatechism.]

What part(s) of your life remain(s) under the tyranny of the devil?

When is a good time to break free from this tyranny?

Other notes:

March Daily Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament | <input type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| 18 | Su | Romans 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Psalms 149 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19 | Mo | Romans 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Psalms 150 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20 | Tu | Romans 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Proverbs 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21 | We | Romans 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Proverbs 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22 | Th | Romans 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Proverbs 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 23 | Fr | Romans 11 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Proverbs 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24 | Sa | Romans 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Proverbs 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25 | Su | Romans 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Proverbs 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |