

The Benefit
of the Doubt



Laketon Bethel Church

March 24, 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

“Crown Him”

Call to Worship

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

“There Is a Redeemer”

Crosstalk - “Benefit of the Doubt”

Offering

“What Kind of King”

Worship in Song

“O How He Loves You and Me”

“Were You There?”

Time of Reflection

“Come and See”

Dismissal



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“In the Name of Love”

Call to Worship

“Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Your Grace Finds Me”

Crosstalk - “Benefit of the Doubt”

Offering

“How He Loves”

Worship in Song

“Amazed”

“Were You There”

Time of Reflection

“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

Dismissal

Announcements

LBC Breakfast On Sunday Breakfast will be served after both services on 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.

Ladies Mark Your Calendar for a Mother/Daughter Banquet

The banquet is on May 10th at 6:00pm here at Laketon Bethel.

Tickets are \$10 each and will go on sale Sunday April 7th.

You will need to choose between ham and chicken when you purchase your tickets. No tickets will be sold without the choice being made for each person attending.

Bring your mother, daughter, sister and/or friend and be prepared for a good time!

Any questions contact Lorri Anderson 231-740-3292 or Maureen Mussman 231-894-8010

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: Breakfast

2nd Service Coffee Server: Breakfast

1st Service Nursery: Connie Reahm

2nd Service Nursery: Scott & Amy Zonnebelt

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

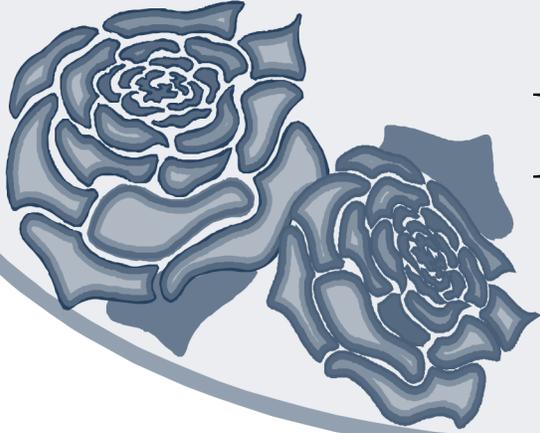


All youth in 6th-12th grades are welcomed to join us on Sunday, March 24th from 5:00-7:00pm for dinner, a lesson, and lots of fun.

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.*



**Ardie
Pulsipher**

*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

[All Scripture today is from the New Living Translation]

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Matthew 7

7 “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.

³ “And why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, ‘Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can’t see past the log in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye.

Proverbs 17.28

Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent;
with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What would happen if retailers forgave all shoplifting?

Should we always give people the benefit of the doubt?

In Ephesians 4, we are told to forgive each other as Christ has forgiven us. Does this forgiveness include boundaries?

In Matthew 7, Jesus tells us not to judge. What does he mean by this?

What are some excellent opportunities for you to keep your mouth shut?

Other Notes:

March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24	Su	Revelation 3			Genesis 38	
25	Mo	Revelation 4			Genesis 39	
26	Tu	Revelation 5			Genesis 40	
27	We	Revelation 6			Genesis 41	
28	Th	Revelation 7			Genesis 42	
29	Fr	Revelation 8			Genesis 43	
30	Sa	Revelation 9			Genesis 44	
31	Su	Revelation 10			Genesis 45	

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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