

WHY GO TO CHURCH?



Laketon Bethel Church

March 26, 2023

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.

Announcements

The LBRC Golf League is forming for the 2023 season. We golf at 2:00 PM on Tuesdays at Hickory Knoll from May 2nd - August 29th. **We are hoping to field more teams and are in real need of subs.** All golfing abilities are welcome! If you would like to join the league or want more information, please contact Doug Dolislager at 231-744-7262. send an e-mail to LBRCTUESDAYGOLFLEAGUE@COMCAST.NET

Hand2Hand If you want to help but can't physically, we are collecting pudding cups for Hand2Hand. There is a box for your donations in the entryway. We appreciate your donation. Thank you!

Nursery We are in need of first and second service volunteers for the nursery. If you are interested in joining this team, see Sally Hendrixon or Joann Petroski or call the office at 744-1749.

Children's Ministry Children's Church is open to children from Preschool through Fifth Grades during the 11:00 Service. Please check your child/children in at check-in station. If you are new, registration sheets are available at the check-in station as well.

Coffee Server We are in need of more coffee servers for the first service. If you are interested in serving for this hospitality ministry, please call the office at 744-1749.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Diane Brantsen

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

“I Choose to Believe”

Call to Worship

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

“Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “Why Go To Church?”

Offering

“Daystar”

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“He Reigns”

Call to Worship

“Made to Worship”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Wonderful Maker”

“10,000 Reasons”

Crosstalk - “Why Go To Church?”

Offering

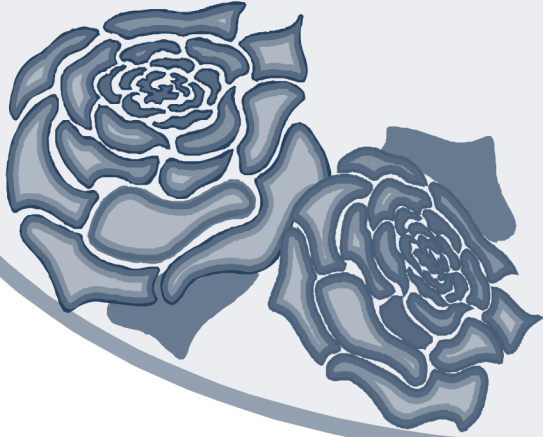
“Chain Breaker”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

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

Stephanie Cutler

Amy Fredericks

Jacob Geers

Bob Hanson

Scott Hladki

Sally Legar

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

Bible Readings

from the New Living Translation

Hebrews 10

²³ Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

2 Timothy 3

¹⁴ But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Why Go to Church?

[a place for notes]

What are the three main reasons for going to church?

1.

2.

3.

other notes:

March/April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26	Su	1 Corinthians 4			Psalms 124	
27	Mo	1 Corinthians 5			Psalms 125	
28	Tu	1 Corinthians 6			Psalms 126	
29	We	1 Corinthians 7			Psalms 127	
30	Th	1 Corinthians 8			Psalms 128	
31	Fr	1 Corinthians 9			Psalms 129	
01	Sa	1 Corinthians 10			Psalms 130	
02	Su	1 Corinthians 11			Psalms 131	

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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

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

Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Mia Fick, Kathy Forrester,
Mike George, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers,
Rita Sikkenga, Diana Wagbo