



Laketon Bethel Church

March 31, 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

“He Lives”

Call to Worship

“He Lives”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

Responsive Reading: “Our Risen King”

“Christ Arose”

“Worship Christ, the Risen King”

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Crosstalk - “Atomic Easter”

Offering

“To Bring You Glory”

Benediction

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Christ
THE LORD
— is Risen

Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“He Lives”

Call to Worship

“Let God Arise”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Amazing Grace”

“Glorious Day”

Crosstalk - “Atomic Easter”

Offering

“Man on the Middle Cross”

Benediction

“Praise”

Announcements

PBS: Pastor's Bible Study

We're going to try a new format for the Pastor's adult Bible study, using your questions as the basis for a 4-6 week series. Questions can be about difficult Bible passages and/or any questions about God, eternity, the church, personal salvation or anything you would like to discuss regarding the spiritual life. No questions are bad questions. If you have some questions that you would like to discuss, please get them to Sherwin as soon as you can, preferably by the end of March. Your questions can be dropped off at the church office or sent to drbrantsen@gmail.com.

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: Sue Vannette

2nd Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

1st Service Nursery: Tina Dadd

2nd Service Nursery: Tina Dadd & Chelsea Deblock

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

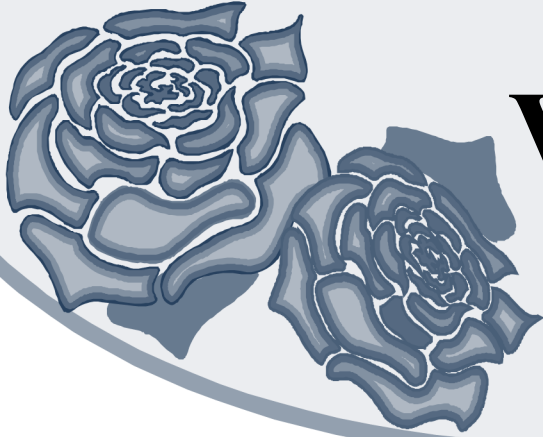


All youth in 6th-12th grades are welcomed to join us on Sunday, April 14th from 5:00-7:00pm for dinner, a lesson, and lots of fun.

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.*



**Leona
Vanderberg**

*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

The Easter Story from Matthew 28

Taken from The Message paraphrase.

28 ¹⁻⁴ After the Sabbath, as the first light of the new week dawned, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to keep vigil at the tomb. Suddenly the earth reeled and rocked under their feet as God's angel came down from heaven, came right up to where they were standing. He rolled back the stone and then sat on it. Shafts of lightning blazed from him. His garments shimmered snow-white. The guards at the tomb were scared to death. They were so frightened, they couldn't move.

⁵⁻⁶ The angel spoke to the women: "There is nothing to fear here. I know you're looking for Jesus, the One they nailed to the cross. He is not here. He was raised, just as he said. Come and look at the place where he was placed.

⁷ "Now, get on your way quickly and tell his disciples, 'He is risen from the dead. He is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' That's the message."

⁸⁻¹⁰ The women, deep in wonder and full of joy, lost no time in leaving the tomb. They ran to tell the disciples. Then Jesus met them, stopping them in their tracks. "Good morning!" he said. They fell to their knees, embraced his feet, and worshiped him. Jesus said, "You're holding on to me for dear life! Don't be frightened like that. Go tell my brothers that they are to go to Galilee, and that I'll meet them there."

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about *worship*, about risking themselves totally.

¹⁸⁻²⁰ Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What percentage of Americans believe that Jesus rose from the dead?

Why do you believe in the resurrection? [pick ones that apply]

- a. That's the way I was raised.
- b. Because the church teaches it.
- c. Because it says so in the Bible.
- d. Other reason:
- e. Not sure I believe it.

What “atomic” changes can you see going on in your life today?

Other Notes

March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
31	Su	Revelation 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 45	<input type="checkbox"/>
01	Mo	Revelation 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 46	<input type="checkbox"/>
02	Tu	Revelation 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 47	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	We	Revelation 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 48	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Th	Revelation 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 49	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Fr	Revelation 15	<input type="checkbox"/>		Genesis 50	<input type="checkbox"/>
06	Sa	Revelation 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
07	Su	Revelation 17	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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