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“WORKING TOGETHER”

**Do All Things**

**Work Together for**

**the Good?**



**Laketon Bethel Church**

**April 15, 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 #239 - “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Hymn #240 - “Near the Cross”

Hymn #218 - “Jesus Paid It All”

Hymn #250 - “Were You There”

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **Worship in Song**

Hymn #256 - “Because He Lives”

**Tithes and Offerings** - Special Music

**Crosstalk:** “Do All Things Work Together For the Good?”

### **Worship in Song**

Hymn #771 - “Count Your Blessings”

### **Benediction**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE**

### **Worship in Song**

“Everlasting God”

“Our God”

“Glory to God”

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **Worship in Song**

“Wonderful Maker”

“God of Wonders”

**Tithes and Offerings** - “Show me Your Glory”

**Crosstalk:** “Do All Things Work Together For the Good?”

**Worship in Song** – “Glory to God”

### **Benediction**

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

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## **Children's Church** - Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- ◇ Bible Scripture: Acts 13:1-13; 14:8-28
- ◇ Bible Story: The Holy Spirit sent Paul and Barnabas to tell Jews and Gentiles about Jesus.
- ◇ Bible Point: Paul and Barnabas faced many people who rejected the good news about Jesus. But God had a plan for Paul to share the gospel with Gentiles, no matter what troubles Paul faced. Many believed in Jesus. The church grew and the gospel was shared so that people all over the world could be saved from their sin by trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- ◇ *For any questions please contact Mike Lyons at 231-744-8389.*



*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.*

**Vacation Bible School** - We are excited to announce that VBS will be June 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This year's theme is "Gotta Move". Registration forms and more information will be forth coming. We always need lots of helpers. If you're willing to help, please contact Maureen Mussman at 894-8010 or Mike Lyons at 744-8389 or by email: [lyonsmike61@gmail.com](mailto:lyonsmike61@gmail.com).



**Youth Program** - All students that are currently 5th-12th grade, along with their parents are invited to an informational planning session on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m. We will meet in the old sanctuary to have lunch first and then meet to collect thoughts and ideas to create a youth program that meets the needs of our youth. It's important that I collect input from both students and parents to make this program unique to our needs. I will need an accurate count for lunch so please RSVP by seeing me (Mike Lyons) after church, calling me at 744-8389 or by emailing me at [lyonsmike61@gmail.com](mailto:lyonsmike61@gmail.com).

## SMALL GROUPS

### **BIBLE STUDY – Men and Women**

Leader: Lucy Hughes

Tuesday at 7:00pm at the church, starts February 6<sup>th</sup>.

*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 8<sup>th</sup>.

*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

We are collecting adult bicycles and bicycle locks for the residents at Muskegon Rescue Mission. Transportation is a large problem for them and your donation(s) would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to church or call Dave DeBoer for pick up. Thank you for helping your neighbor!

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL'S GROUP**

Leader: Setfanie Sweany 231-719-2252

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**On-line Giving.** We encourage you to check out online giving by going to our website at [laketonbethel.org](http://laketonbethel.org) and select the “Give” link. You will be taken to the **SecureGive** link that provides a safe, secure, and user-friendly way for you to give online. **SecureGive** allows you to set up your own user profile and gives you the freedom to update your profile and giving information at any time. You have two ways to give, if you are doing a one-time gift, choose the “**Donation**” option. If you wish to set up automatic scheduled giving, choose the “**Recurring**” option. Please check out **SecureGive** and see how easy it is to give this way. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Gary Gifford at [garygifford4@gmail.com](mailto:garygifford4@gmail.com) or 231-286-0798.

**Membership Class** The next membership class is this Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. You may choose a ham or hotdog dinner. We will enjoy entertainment by Maciek Biezunsk the Magician. You may purchase your tickets today for \$7.50 each at the table in the entryway.

**Nursery Graduation** The next graduation will be April 29<sup>th</sup>. If your child is at least 3 years old and is ready to transition to Children’s Church preschool, please sign up in the Nursery.

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**Coffee Servers & Greeters** We need many more volunteers for our Hospitality Ministry. Please call the office for more information at 744-1749.

**Food Truck** The next Food Truck is TOMORROW 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.

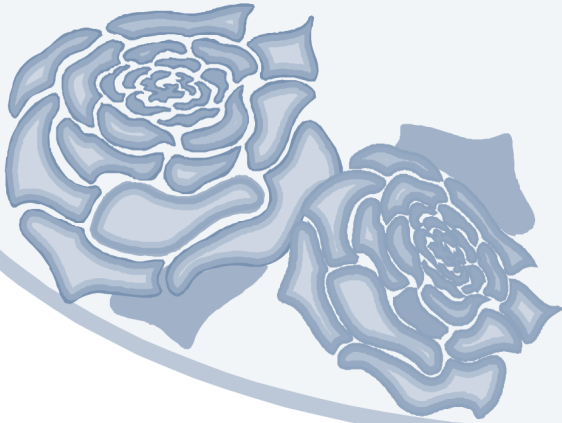
**Senior Connections** We will meet in the Parlor on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The mission is to keep our senior and homebound members connected to God and to Laketon Bethel. If interested, please join at the meeting or call Gay Hudson at 343-0898 or Joann Petroski at 327-2785.

**Unity 2018** Unity 2018 is on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. Discounted tickets are available for a limited time. A 1-day pass is \$30 and a 3-day pass is \$50. These advanced prices are only available through churches. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please call or text Cheryl Howard at 670-5476.



## **Special Senior of the Week:**

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



# ***Betty Kaber***

*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 - April 15**

**9:00am Coffee Servers:** Ron & Connie Maciejewski

**11:00am Coffee Servers:** Ed Kawaleski & Tina Dadd

**9:00am Greeters:** Mick & Jackie Meyers

**11:00am Greeters:** Dave & Becky Bennett

**NEXT SUNDAY - April 22**

**9:00am Coffee Servers:** Nick & Jacquie Kunnen

**11:00am Coffee Servers:** Dave & Becky Bennett

**9:00am Greeters:** Carl & Alice Babinec

**11:00am Greeters:** The VandeGuchte Family



## **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**THIS SUNDAY - April 15**

**Nursery: (1)** Louanne Utzinger

**Nursery: (2)** Amy Kunnen & Girls, Marcia Wynsma

**NEXT SUNDAY - April 22**

**Nursery: (1)** Adonica Kunnen

**Nursery: (2)** Linda Evans, Rebecca Goodrich, Laura Moat

**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**

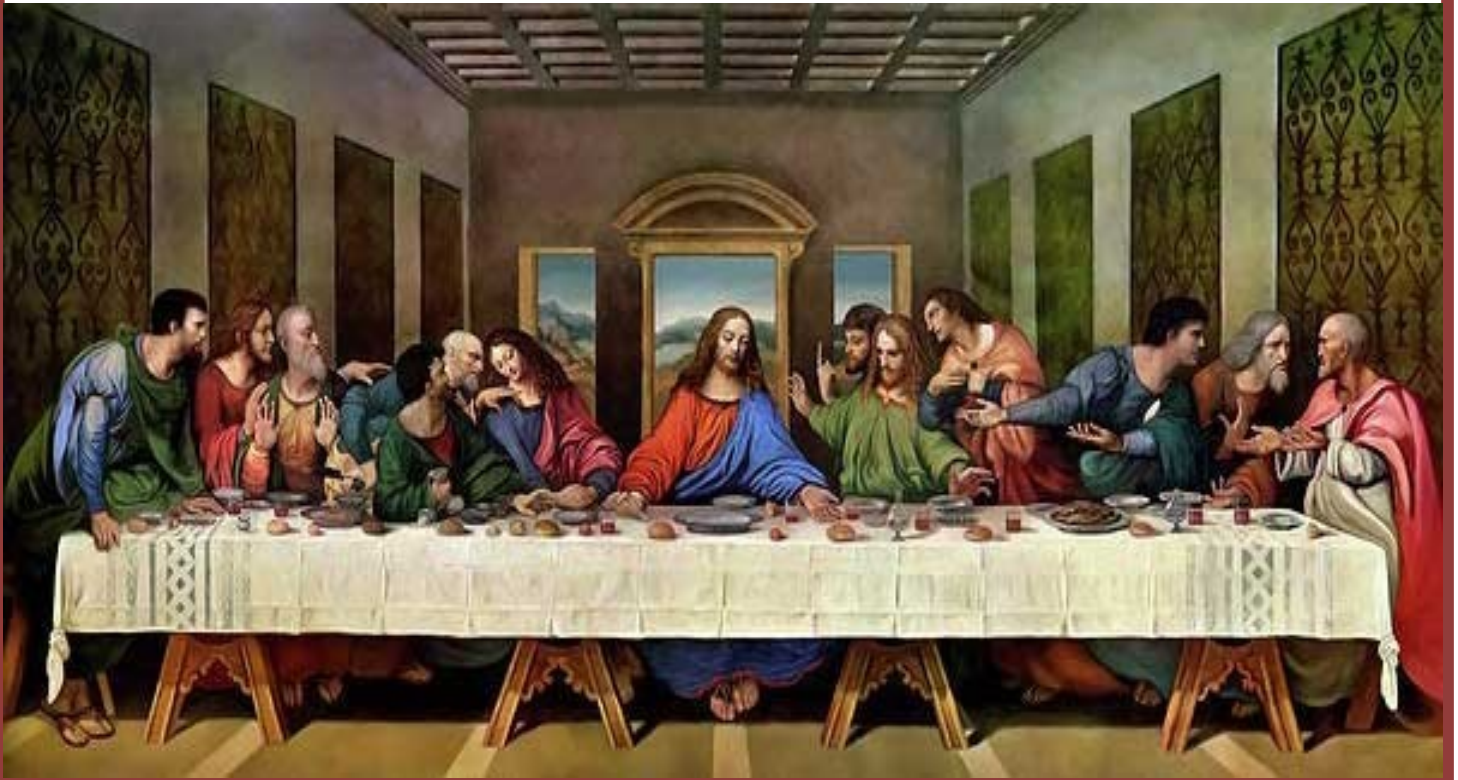
**\*Meal Ministry**

**\*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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*Office hours: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday*

**Pastor** – Dr. Sherwin Brantsen ([drbrantsen@gmail.com](mailto:drbrantsen@gmail.com))

**Director of Operations** – Gary Gifford ([garygifford4@gmail.com](mailto: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

**Children’s Church & Youth Director** - Mike Lyons

**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

## DO ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD?

Part of the "Roman Nuggets" series, focusing on Romans 8.26-30 from the [New Living Translation](#)

### QUESTIONS FOR YOUR REFLECTION

<sup>28</sup>And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. [Romans 8.28]

Do you think this is true?

<sup>35</sup>Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? [Romans 8.35]

Do you believe that God loves you?

The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help. He rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed. The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time. [Psalm 34.17-19]

In your experience, is this true?

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." [Isaiah 55.8-9]

How does this speak to human tragedies?

## April Daily Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|------|-----|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 15   | Su  | 2 Corinthians 2 |                          |                | Proverbs 27    |                          |
| 16   | Mo  | 1 Corinthians 3 |                          |                | Proverbs 28    |                          |
| 17   | Tu  | 1 Corinthians 4 |                          |                | Proverbs 29    |                          |
| 18   | We  | 1 Corinthians 5 |                          |                | Proverbs 30    |                          |
| 19   | Th  | 1 Corinthians 6 |                          |                | Proverbs 31    |                          |
| 20   | Fr  | 1 Corinthians 7 |                          |                | Ecclesiastes 1 |                          |
| 21   | Sa  | 2 Corinthians 8 |                          |                | Ecclesiastes 2 |                          |
| 22   | Su  | 2 Corinthians 9 |                          |                | Ecclesiastes 3 |                          |