


But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation:

TRUST STEADILY IN GOD,  
*hope unswervingly,*  
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.

And the best of the three is LOVE. 

1 Corinthians 13:13 (The Message)

Laketon Bethel Church

April 18, 2021

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

# Welcome!

*When open, we are practicing the following safety guidelines during this pandemic:*

**Congregational Singing** In an effort to minimize risks, the consistory has voted to suspend congregational singing at this time.

**Social Distancing** We need to maintain the 6 foot distancing practices to keep everyone safe. As much as we would like to, there will be no hugs, handshakes or touching. We ask that you leave three empty chairs between your family and the next group. Seats have been spaced farther apart to make distancing easier. We will not be serving coffee and cookies, the kitchen and gym will be closed until further notice.

**Masks** We strongly encourage everyone to wear masks to protect yourself and others. Masks must be worn by staff and consistory.

**Family Worship** For now each Sunday will be Family Worship. Children's Church is planned to reopen in the fall. The Nursery will not be staffed, but will be open as a cry room for parents.

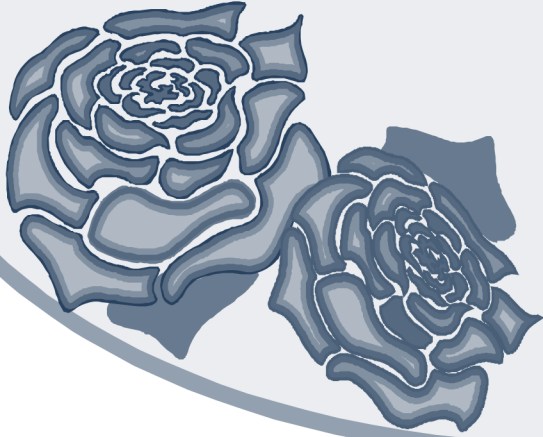
**Offering, Chocolates and Bulletins** To minimize contact, there will be offering tables inside the Worship Center for you to place your tithes and offerings and prayer requests. Bulletins will be stacked by the worship center doors and chocolate stations will be in the entryway for self-serve.

**Attendance Books** We will not be using them at this time.

*Thank you for your cooperation!*

**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***

***Stephanie Cutler***

***Amy Fredericks***

***Jacob Geers***

***Bob Hanson***

***Scott Hladki***

***Avery Lynn***

***J.T. Maskell***

***Tom McKee Sr.***

***Patti Mercer***

***Paul Ortquist***

***Lynn Pluger***

***Shirly Pummell***

***Aaron Rop***

***Gary Samples***

***Joe Shavalier***

***Ida Shealy***

***Sandy Streeter***

***Kathy Tabor***

***Inga Weavers***

***Marv Wegner***

## **Order of Worship-9:00am**

### ***We Approach Our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

Special Music

Congregational Prayer

Response of Praise

“We Have Come Into this House”

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

“Day by Day”

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - “How to Win an Argument”

### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

“Doxology”

## **Order of Worship11:00am**

### ***We Approach our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

“What a Beautiful Name”

“Open Up the Heavens”

Congregational Prayer

Response of Praise

“You Are So Good to Me”

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - “How to Win an Argument”

### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

“Open Up the Heavens”

## Announcements

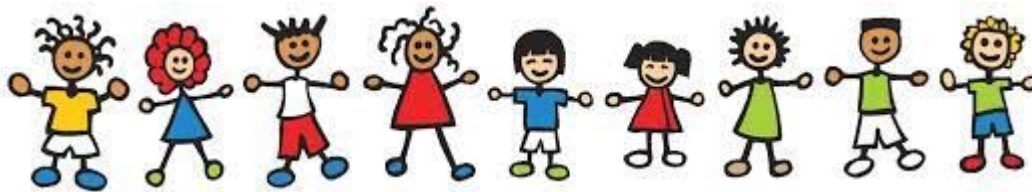
Children's Church is reopening on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>!

Please look for an email detailing our safety measures.

Families can now register their kids on our web page at

<https://www.laketonbethel.org/ministries/registration.cfm>.

The Nursery will not be staffed until further notice but will be open as a cry room and a changing station.



The **LBRC Golf League** is forming for the 2021 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 4 thru August 31. **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](mailto:LBRCTUESDAYGOLFLEAGUE@COMCAST.NET) or

contact Doug Dolislager at 231-744-7262.



## Service Opportunities

We will need many volunteers for our Children's Church.

Volunteers are needed as teacher assistants and we are

looking for two more people to take temperatures of our

students. If interested, please call the office at 744-1749.

# Scripture for Today

Matthew 7.12 (Contemporary English Version)

Treat others as you want them to treat you.

John 13.34-35

<sup>34</sup> But I am giving you a new command. You must love each other, just as I have loved you. <sup>35</sup> If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples.

Colossians 3.17 (New Living Translation)

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

# HOW TO WIN AN ARGUMENT

Here's the four tried-and-true steps for winning an argument as a follower and representative of Jesus.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

## April Daily Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Su	Hebrews 6			Ezekiel 23	
19	Mo	Hebrews 7			Ezekiel 24	
20	Tu	Hebrews 8			Ezekiel 25	
21	We	Hebrews 9			Ezekiel 26	
22	Th	Hebrews 10			Ezekiel 27	
23	Fr	Hebrews 11			Ezekiel 28	
24	Sa	Hebrews 12			Ezekiel 29	
25	Su	Hebrews 13			Ezekiel 30	

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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 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.

## OUR CONSISTORY

### Elders

Gay Hudson, Lucy Hughes, Amy Kunnen,  
Larry Joslyn, Grant Meyers, Jason Peterson,  
Louanne Utzinger, Ron Zant

### Deacons

Kathy Andrews, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,  
Kathy Forrester, Alex Lassow,  
Rita Sikkenga, Kathy Young