



Marital Bliss

Laketon Bethel Church

April 21, 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

“We Will Remember”

Call to Worship

“To God Be the Glory”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Love Lifted Me”

“Redeemed”

Crosstalk - “Marital Bliss”

Offering

“Adonai”

Benediction

“Glory Be to the Father”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Doxology”

Call to Worship

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Another in the Fire”

“Yes, I Will”

Crosstalk - “Marital Bliss”

Offering

“Somebody Said a Prayer”

Benediction

“Only A God Like You”

Announcements

Sunday Breakfast Join this Sunday for a delicious breakfast after both services. 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 support our Hand2Hand ministry. Since the beginning of this school year to now, the number of children we are providing weekend meals for has increased from 200 to 270. We appreciate your support!

Pickle Ball All are welcome to join a fun night of pickle ball on Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the gym.

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.

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: Lorri Anderson

2nd Service Nursery: Chelsea Deblock & Tina Dadd

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

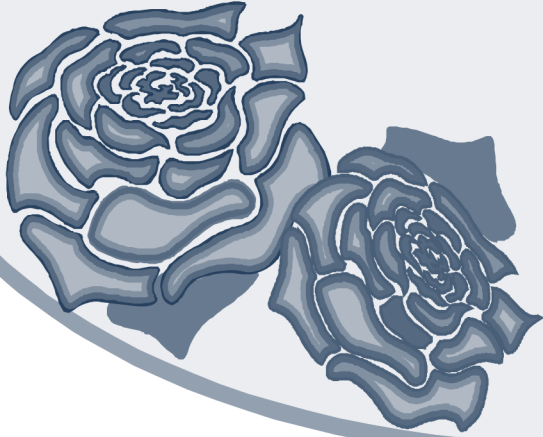


All youth in 6th-12th grades are welcomed to join us on Sunday, April 28th from 5:00-7:00pm for dinner, a lesson, and lots of fun.

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.*



**Jackie
Buck**

*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

1 Peter 3

from The Message

3¹⁻⁴ The same goes for you wives: Be good wives to your husbands, responsive to their needs. There are husbands who, indifferent as they are to any words about God, will be captivated by your life of holy beauty. What matters is not your outer appearance—the styling of your hair, the jewelry you wear, the cut of your clothes—but your inner disposition.

⁴⁻⁶ Cultivate inner beauty, the gentle, gracious kind that God delights in. The holy women of old were beautiful before God that way, and were good, loyal wives to their husbands. Sarah, for instance, taking care of Abraham, would address him as “my dear husband.” You’ll be true daughters of Sarah if you do the same, unanxious and unintimidated.

⁷ The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God’s grace, you’re equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don’t run aground.

⁸⁻⁹ Summing up: Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead, bless—that’s your job, to bless. You’ll be a blessing and also get a blessing.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What does it mean to have an egalitarian view of gender?

Is it a good thing to expect your partner to change?

Does the Bible endorse the idea that the man is in charge of the woman in marriage?

What happens if men don't treat their wives as equals?

Other Notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Su	Matthew 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Mo	Matthew 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Tu	Matthew 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	We	Matthew 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Th	Matthew 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 20	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Fr	Matthew 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 21	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Sa	Matthew 15	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 22	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Su	Matthew 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Exodus 23	<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