



Laketon Bethel Church

April 30, 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.

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

“Redeemed”

Call to Worship

“He Has Made Me Glad”

“This Is the Day”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Because I Have Been Given Much”

“Make Me a Blessing”

Crosstalk - “Dutch Mafia Coffee”

Offering

“Jesus, Your Name”

Reception of New Members



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Open Up the Heavens”

Call to Worship

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“This Is Our God”

Crosstalk - “Dutch Mafia Coffee”

Offering

“Word of God Speak”

Reception of New Members

Announcements

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.

Hand2Hand exists to eliminate that 68-hour gap so every kid has an opportunity to thrive.

Currently, Hand2Hand is serving 10,008 students in 268 schools, ages 3-18, in 42 school districts in West Michigan.

Our church serves 200 + students in our community!

If you want to help but can't physically, there are lists of items needed for Hand2Hand. There is a box for your donations in the entryway. We appreciate your donation.



Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Sue Vannette

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jim & Theresa Hanley

Current Laketon Bethel Outreach Activities & Programs

Hand2Hand

Food Truck

Supperhouse

Trunk or Treat

Make a Difference Ministry

(MadHouse)

Adopt-A-Family

Coat Drives

Rummage Sales

Santa's Secret Shop

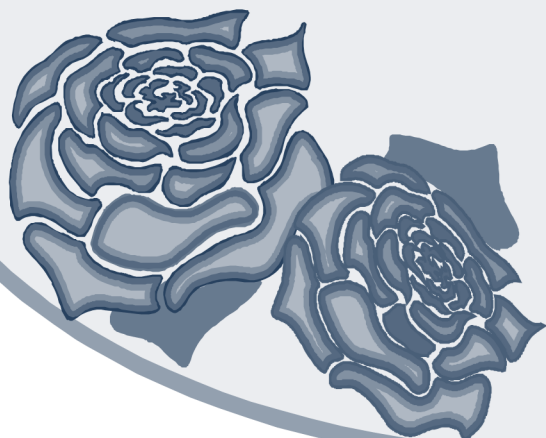
Funerals

Vacation Bible School

Westshore Christian Academy

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Carl Babinec

*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

2 Corinthians 9, New Living Translation

⁶ Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say,

"They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."

¹⁰ For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹² So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

¹³ As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. ¹⁴ And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has given to you. ¹⁵ Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!

Proverbs 11

²⁴ Give freely and become more wealthy; be stingy and lose everything.

²⁵ The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What religious group prohibits the use of alcohol and caffeine?

If you plant enough seeds, are you guaranteed a good crop?

What was the flaw in the money management of the missionary to South America?

What did John Wesley say about giving?

What Bible verse spoke to you today?

Other notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23	Su	Ephesians 4			Proverbs 10	
24	Mo	Ephesians 5			Proverbs 11	
25	Tu	Ephesians 6			Proverbs 12	
26	We	Philippians 1			Proverbs 13	
27	Th	Philippians 2			Proverbs 14	
28	Fr	Philippians 3			Proverbs 15	
29	Sa	Philippians 4			Proverbs 16	
30	Su	Colossians 1			Proverbs 17	

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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