

Jesus Wept

Laketon Bethel Church

May 7, 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

“God and God Alone”

Call to Worship

“How Great Thou Art”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

“Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “Jesus Wept”

Offering

“We Fall Down”

Benediction

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“This Is God”

Call to Worship

“All to You”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Oceans”

“Glorious Day”

Crosstalk - “Jesus Wept”

Offering

“All My Hope”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

Announcements

Food Truck The food truck is on Monday, Mat 8th at 6:00pm. Volunteers, please be at the church by 5:00pm.

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: Kathy Young

2nd Service Coffee Server: Colby Beckstrom & Kelly Andry

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

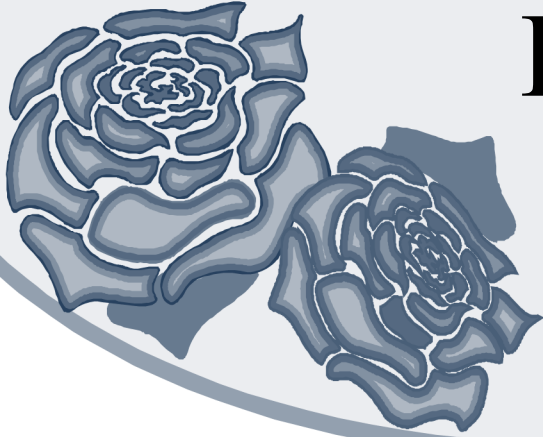
Funerals

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.*



**Bill & Mary
Birr**

*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

John 11, New Living Translation

²⁵ Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.” ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?”

²⁷ “Yes, Lord,” she told him. “I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God.” ²⁸ Then she returned to Mary. She called Mary aside from the mourners and told her, “The Teacher is here and wants to see you.” ²⁹ So Mary immediately went to him.

³⁰ Jesus had stayed outside the village, at the place where Martha met him. ³¹ When the people who were at the house consoling Mary saw her leave so hastily, they assumed she was going to Lazarus’s grave to weep. So they followed her there. ³² When Mary arrived and saw Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. ³⁴ “Where have you put him?” he asked them.

They told him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Then Jesus wept. ³⁶ The people who were standing nearby said, “See how much he loved him!” ³⁷ But some said, “This man healed a blind man. Couldn’t he have kept Lazarus from dying?”

³⁸ Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. ³⁹ “Roll the stone aside,” Jesus told them.

But Martha, the dead man’s sister, protested, “Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible.”

⁴⁰ Jesus responded, “Didn’t I tell you that you would see God’s glory if you believe?” ⁴¹ So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴² You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” ⁴³ Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Because of who Jesus is, death is only a temporary separation for us. We can rejoice in this fact. Let's trust him to save us and give us this eternal life.

What is the difference between children and adults when it comes to emotions?

The Greek word "embrimasthai" is the word used to describe Jesus' anger. How is this in contrast to the popular Greek notion of the day of God having "apatheia?"

What does Jesus' weeping tell us about the mind of God?

Other Notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
07	Su	Colossians 1			Proverbs 17	
08	Mo	Colossians 2			Proverbs 18	
09	Tu	Colossians 3			Proverbs 19	
10	We	Colossians 4			Proverbs 20	
11	Th	1 Thessalonians 1			Proverbs 21	
12	Fr	1 Thessalonians 2			Proverbs 22	
13	Sa	1 Thessalonians 3			Proverbs 23	
14	Su	1 Thessalonians 4			Proverbs 24	

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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