

Why do we
have bad luck?



Laketon Bethel Church

May 28, 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

“The Solid Rock”

Call to Worship

“God of Our Fathers”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

“God of the Ages”

Crosstalk - “Why Do We Have Bad Luck?”

Offering

“Redeemer”

Benediction

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“I Hope I’m Doing This Right”

Call to Worship

“Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“You Are My King”

“You Never Let Go”

Crosstalk - “Why Do We Have Bad Luck?”

Offering

“Bring the Rain”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

Announcements

Unity tickets are now available to purchase. Please call/text Cheryl Howard at (231) 670-5476 to get your tickets.

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.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Sue Vannette

2nd Service Coffee Server: Deb Tilton

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

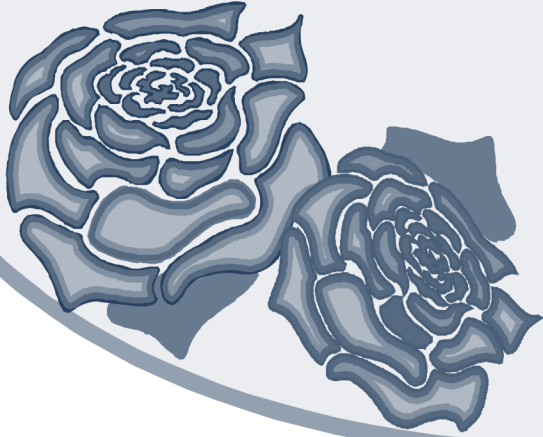
Vacation Bible School

Westshore Christian Academy

**Safe Harbor Christian
Communities**

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Donna Doctor

*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

Romans 8

New Living Translation

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

³⁵ 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? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Were you born under a bad sign?

Do you feel like you have an unusual amount of bad luck?

If you have lots of trouble, does it mean that God no longer loves you?

What can separate you from God's love?

What are the two things to take home from this?

1.

2.

other notes:

May/June Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28	Su	2 Timothy 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Mo	Titus 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Tu	Titus 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	We	Titus 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
01	Th	Philemon	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
02	Fr	Hebrews 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	Sa	Hebrews 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Song of Songs 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Su	Hebrews 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Song of Songs 2	<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

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