

Big Shot or Big Help

Laketon Bethel Church

June 2, 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

“Days of Elijah”

Call to Worship

“We Have Come Into His House”

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“I Love You, Lord”

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

“O How I Love Jesus”

Communion

“I Come with Joy”

“Here at Thy Table, Lord”

Crosstalk - “Big Shot or Big Help”

Offering

“Mighty Is the Power of the Cross”

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“House of the Lord”

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Goodness of God”

“King of My Heart”

Crosstalk - “Big Shot or Big Help”

Communion

“Communion”

“You Are My King”

Offering

“The More I Seek You”

Benediction

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Announcements

Please keep the family and friends of Sue Andree in your prayers following her passing.

Thoughts and prayers for Sharron Gunn, family and friends following the loss of Larry Gunn on May 29th.

A warm welcome to our newest baptized member, Caleb Michael Scott, son of David & Sydney Scott and grandson of Brian & Kim Scott.

Zumba Zumba will reconvene on Monday, June 3rd, led by Megan. The class is from 6:30-7:30pm. and the cost is \$3.00 per session.

Service Opportunities

Nursery Help We are in need of volunteers for first and second service Nursery. If interested, see Sally Hendrixon or call the office at 744-1749.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Diane Brantsen

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley & Theresa Schiltz

1st Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen

2nd Service Nursery: Cheslea Deblock & Hillary Crandall



"This is the day that the
LORD
has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it."

Psalm 118.24

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



Youth Group will not have meetings over the summer. We will start back up in September. We will have a camping trip and a day at Michigan's Adventure over summer break. Information on this will be in the bulletin and on the Facebook page. Enjoy summer break!

Vacation Bible School

"Come make tracks" at our Laketon Bethel Kids night! We are changing our VBS program to accommodate families and hopefully have more participants. Instead we will have *Laketon Bethel Kids Night* throughout the summer."

You can preregister now at the children's check-in station or online at laketonbethel.org.

Dates

June 18th & June 25th

July 16th & July 23rd

Time

6pm-8pm

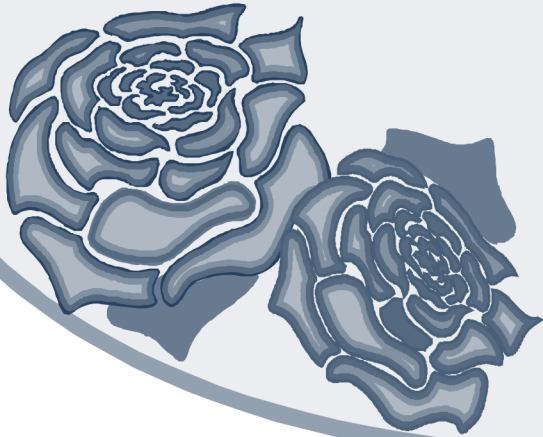
Dinner provided from 6pm-6:20pm

Ages Preschool - Fifth Grades



Special Senior of the Week:

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



Ruthann Hoff

*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

Matthew 23.1-12

from “The Message” paraphrase

23 ¹⁻³ Now Jesus turned to address his disciples, along with the crowd that had gathered with them. “The religion scholars and Pharisees are competent teachers in God’s Law. You won’t go wrong in following their teachings on Moses. But be careful about following *them*. They talk a good line, but they don’t live it. They don’t take it into their hearts and live it out in their behavior. It’s all spit-and-polish veneer.

⁴⁻⁷ “Instead of giving you God’s Law as food and drink by which you can banquet on God, they package it in bundles of rules, loading you down like pack animals. They seem to take pleasure in watching you stagger under these loads, and wouldn’t think of lifting a finger to help. Their lives are perpetual fashion shows, embroidered prayer shawls one day and flowery prayers the next. They love to sit at the head table at church dinners, basking in the most prominent positions, preening in the radiance of public flattery, receiving honorary degrees, and getting called ‘Doctor’ and ‘Reverend.’

⁸⁻¹⁰ “Don’t let people do that to *you*, put you on a pedestal like that. You all have a single Teacher, and you are all classmates. Don’t set people up as experts over your life, letting them tell you what to do. Save that authority for God; let *him* tell you what to do. No one else should carry the title of ‘Father’; you have only one Father, and he’s in heaven. And don’t let people maneuver you into taking charge of them. There is only one Life-Leader for you and them—Christ.

¹¹⁻¹² “Do you want to stand out? Then step down. Be a servant. If you puff yourself up, you’ll get the wind knocked out of you. But if you’re content to simply be yourself, your life will count for plenty.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

*Significance and satisfaction come from
service, not salutation.*

What “big shots” do you know?

In today’s passage, Jesus is quoted as being against titles and the desire to be admired by one’s peers. The ruling class of that day was likely displeased. How do you think people who go by the title of “senator” or “president” or “your honor” feel about this teaching?

What can we do to get the most satisfaction in this life?

Other Notes:

Weekly June Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
02	Su	Luke 7	<input type="checkbox"/>		Leviticus 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	Mo	Luke 8	<input type="checkbox"/>		Leviticus 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Tu	Luke 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Leviticus 20	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	We	Luke 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Leviticus 21	<input type="checkbox"/>
06	Th	Luke 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Leviticus 22	<input type="checkbox"/>
07	Fr	Luke 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Leviticus 23	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Sa	Luke 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Leviticus 24	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	Su	Luke 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Leviticus 25	<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