



Laketon Bethel Church

June 4, 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

“Days of Elijah”

Call to Worship

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Softly and Tenderly”

“Room at the Cross for You”

Crosstalk - “Can Liberals Be Saved?”

Communion

“Jesus Paid It All”

“Come Share the Lord”

Offering

“It’s Still the Cross”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Good God Almighty”

Call to Worship

“You Are Good”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Amazing Grace”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “Can Liberals Be Saved?”

Communion

“Communion”

“Jesus, You Gave It All”

Offering

“Goodness of God”

Benediction

“Doxology”

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: Kathy Young

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

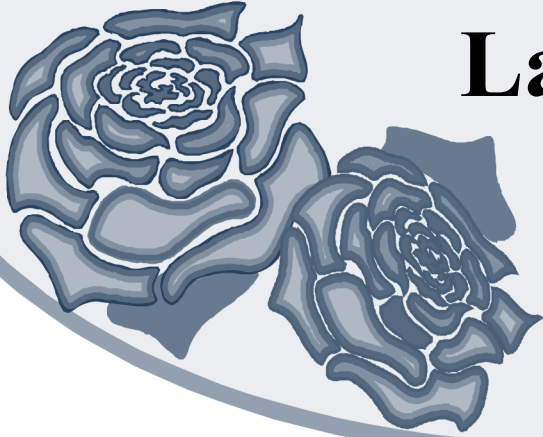
Vacation Bible School

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.*



**Larry & Sharron
Gunn**

*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

Bible Readings

Romans 10.9-13, New Living Translation

⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. ¹¹ As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” ¹² Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Colossians 4.6, The Message

Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

How would you handle a person who declares they won't to a church with democrats?

Why are labels lies?

The thirteenth verse of today's Bible reading states that "all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved." What does this mean?

What does the word "adiaphora" mean?

What are some examples of adiaphora you have encountered.

Anyone who confesses Jesus as Lord and believes God raised him from the dead is saved. It doesn't matter if you are a communist, libertarian, democrat, republican, white or black, all are equal at the foot of the cross.

Other Notes:

June Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
04	Su	Hebrews 3			Song of Songs 2	
05	Mo	Hebrews 4			Song of Songs 3	
06	Tu	Hebrews 5			Song of Songs 4	
07	We	Hebrews 6			Song of Songs 5	
08	Th	Hebrews 7			Song of Songs 6	
09	Fr	Hebrews 8			Song of Songs 7	
10	Sa	Hebrews 9			Song of Songs 8	
11	Su	Hebrews 10			Isaiah 1	

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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