

# Making Chicken Salad



Laketon Bethel Church

June 9, 2024

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# 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

“House of the Lord”

Call to Worship

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

“Gentle Shepherd”

Crosstalk - “Making Chicken Salad”

Offering

“Daystar”

Benediction

“Glory Be to God the Father”



## **Order of Worship-11:00am**

Gathering Song

“He Lives”

Call to Worship

“Glorious Day”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“10,000 Reasons”

“Praise”

Crosstalk - “Making Chicken Salad”

Offering

“Man on the Middle Cross”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

# Announcements

**Zumba** 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Sue Vannette

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Colby Beckstrom & Kelly Andry

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Tina Dadd

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Janice Carrigan & Jill Mouw



"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 & 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://laketonbethel.org).

## Dates

June 18<sup>th</sup> & June 25<sup>th</sup>

July 16<sup>th</sup> & July 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Time

6pm-8pm

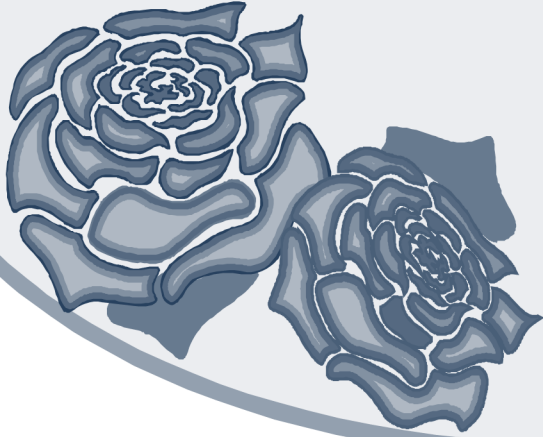
Dinner provided from 6pm-6:20pm

Ages Preschool - Fifth Grades



## **Special Senior of the Week:**

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



# **Betty Kraai**

*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 25.14-30 (New Living Translation)

<sup>14</sup> "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. <sup>15</sup> He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

<sup>16</sup> "The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. <sup>17</sup> The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. <sup>18</sup> But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. <sup>20</sup> The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'

<sup>21</sup> "The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

<sup>22</sup> "The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.'

<sup>23</sup> "The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

<sup>24</sup> "Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. <sup>25</sup> I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'

<sup>26</sup> "But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, <sup>27</sup> why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

<sup>28</sup> "Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. <sup>29</sup> To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'



# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What unique resources do you have that others do not have?

Is it possible that this life is a “boot camp” or a training ground for the next one?

How have you managed what God has given you?

What are some changes you can make to make life management better?

What causes you hesitation when you think to put your gifts to use?

Other Notes:

## Weekly June Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|------|-----|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 09   | Su  | Luke 14       |                                     |                | Leviticus 25  |                                     |
| 10   | Mo  | Luke 15       |                                     |                | Leviticus 26  |                                     |
| 11   | Tu  | Luke 16       |                                     |                | Leviticus 27  |                                     |
| 12   | We  | Luke 17       |                                     |                | Numbers 1     |                                     |
| 13   | Th  | Luke 18       |                                     |                | Numbers 2     |                                     |
| 14   | Fr  | Luke 19       |                                     |                | Numbers 3     |                                     |
| 15   | Sa  | Luke 20       |                                     |                | Numbers 4     |                                     |
| 16   | Su  | Luke 21       |                                     |                | Numbers 5     |                                     |

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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