

How To Live
With Less
Fear



Laketon Bethel Church

June 11, 2023

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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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Call to Worship

“I Will Sing of the Mercies”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“He Leadeth Me”

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Crosstalk - “How to Live with Less Fear”

Offering

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Lion & the Lamb”

Call to Worship

“Everlasting God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Way Maker”

“Battle Belongs”

Crosstalk - “How to Live with Less Fear”

Offering

“You Are So Good to Me”

Announcements

Membership Class We will have a membership class on June 25th following the second service. Pizza will be provided. There are sign-up sheets located on the table in the entryway.

Nursery We are in need of first and second service volunteers for the nursery. If you are interested in joining this team, see Sally Hendrixon or Joann Petroski or call the office at 744-1749.

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.

Church Life If you have moved or have a new number, please contact the office at 744-1749 to update your information for the Church Life Directory.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman

Current Laketon Bethel Outreach

Hand2Hand

Rummage Sales

Food Truck

Santa's Secret Shop

Supperhouse

Funerals

Trunk or Treat

Vacation Bible School

Make a Difference Ministry

Westshore Christian Academy

(MadHouse)

Safe Harbor Christian

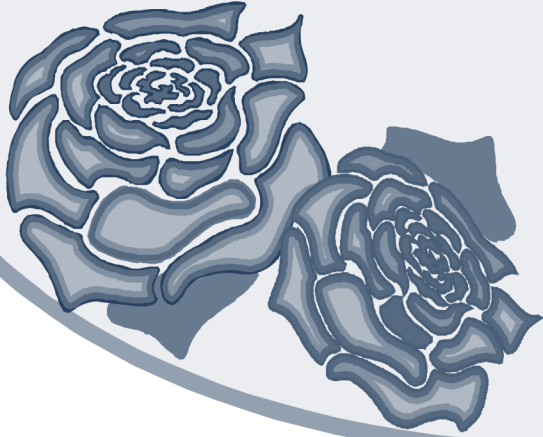
Adopt-A-Family

Communities

Coat Drives

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Jim Hoekzema

*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

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
so why should I be afraid?

The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger,
so why should I tremble?

² When evil people come to devour me,
when my enemies and foes attack me,
they will stumble and fall.

³ Though a mighty army surrounds me,
my heart will not be afraid.

Even if I am attacked,
I will remain confident.

⁴ The one thing I ask of the Lord—
the thing I seek most—
is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
delighting in the Lord's perfections
and meditating in his Temple.

⁵ For he will conceal me there when troubles come;
he will hide me in his sanctuary.
He will place me out of reach on a high rock.

⁶ Then I will hold my head high
above my enemies who surround me.
At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy,
singing and praising the Lord with music.

⁷ Hear me as I pray, O Lord.
Be merciful and answer me!

⁸ My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me."
And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."

⁹ Do not turn your back on me.
Do not reject your servant in anger.
You have always been my helper.

Don't leave me now; don't abandon me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ Even if my father and mother abandon me,
the Lord will hold me close.

¹¹ Teach me how to live, O Lord.
Lead me along the right path,
for my enemies are waiting for me.

¹² Do not let me fall into their hands.
For they accuse me of things I've never done;
with every breath they threaten me with violence.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

How do you get rid of something that is stuck in your head?

What is your favorite verse of Psalm 27?

How will you drive the rats out of your basement?

Other Notes:

June Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Su	Hebrews 10			Isaiah 1	
12	Mo	Hebrews 11			Isaiah 2	
13	Tu	Hebrews 12			Isaiah 3	
14	We	Hebrews 13			Isaiah 4	
15	Th	James 1			Isaiah 5	
16	Fr	James 2			Isaiah 6	
17	Sa	James 3			Isaiah 7	
18	Su	James 4			Isaiah 8	

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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