

Laketon Bethel Church
June 16, 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

"This Is My Father's World"

Call to Worship

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"Father, I Adore You"

Crosstalk - "Reinventing Fatherhood"

Offering

"He Knows My Name"

Benediction

"Glory Be to God the Father"



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

"This Is My Father's World"

Call to Worship

"This I Believe"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Good, Good Father"

"The Lord's Prayer"

Crosstalk - "Reinventing Fatherhood"

Offering

"He Knows My Name"

Benediction

"The Lord's Prayer"

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.

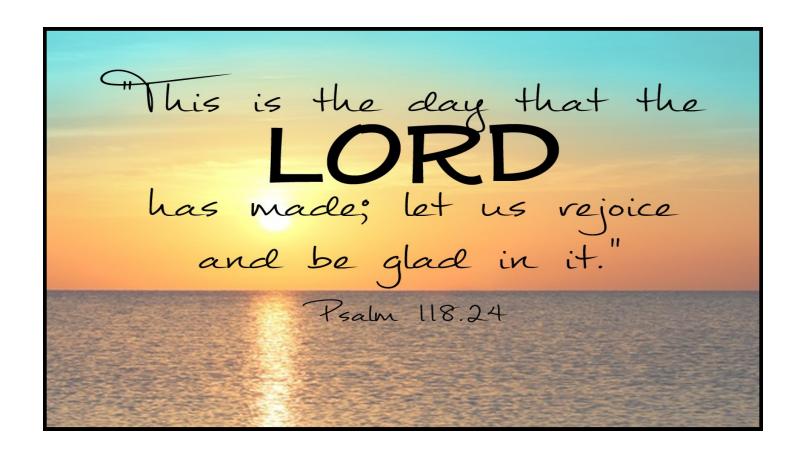
Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Sue Vannette

2nd Service Coffee Server: Colby Beckstrom & Kelly Andry

1st Service Nursery: Tina Dadd

2nd Service Nursery: Janice Carrigan & Jill Mouw



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.

Our VBS begins this Tuesday and hope to see many kiddos come for a fun time

Dates

June 18th & June 25th July 16th & July 23rd

<u>Time</u>

6pm-8pm

Dinner provided from 6pm-6:20pm

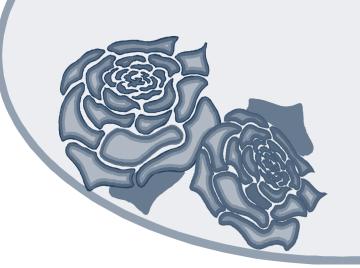
Ages Preschool - Fifth Grades

Call Mia for any questions at (231) 720-8506.



Special Senior of the Week:

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



Jacob Geers

Sally Legard

Please remember in prayer our friends who are battling long-term illnesses:

Donald Bayne **Bob Hanson** Aaron Rop Jana Belladone Scott Hladki **Gary Samples** Betty Bonneville Joe Shavalier Sally Legard Larry Budreau Larry Shavaler Avery Lynn Ida Shealy Patti Buurma J.T. Maskell Craig Carlson Tom McKee Sr. Sandy Streeter Amanda Cihak Patti Mercer Kathy Tabor Larry Cone Paul Ortquist Inga Weavers Amy Fredericks Lynn Pluger Marv Wegner

Shirly Pummell

Genesis 38

²⁴About three months later, Judah was told, "Tamar, your daughter-in-law, has acted like a prostitute. And now, because of this, she's pregnant."

"Bring her out, and let her be burned!" Judah demanded.

²⁵ But as they were taking her out to kill her, she sent this message to her father-in-law: "The man who owns these things made me pregnant. Look closely. Whose seal and cord and walking stick are these?"

²⁶ Judah recognized them immediately and said, "She is more righteous than I am, because I didn't arrange for her to marry my son Shelah." And Judah never slept with Tamar again.

Matthew 1.3, nlt

Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar).

Perez was the father of Hezron.

Hezron was the father of Ram.

Luke 22, 24-27

²⁴Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. ²⁵ Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' ²⁶ But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. ²⁷ Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Jesus calls us dads to move from patriarchy to servanthood. We are called to empower our daughters and seek to reverse centuries of male dominance.

What religious groups have fostered a male-dominated, patriarchal society?

In Genesis 38 the story of Tamar is told. Why was it important for Tamar to have a son?

Perez was the ancestor of what significant New Testament character?

Other Notes:

Weekly June Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	V	Special Prayer	Old Testament	V
16	Su	Luke 21			Numbers 5	
17	Mo	Luke 22			Numbers 6	
18	Tu	Luke 23			Numbers 7	
19	We	Luke 24			Numbers 8	
20	Th	John1			Numbers 9	
21	Fr	John 2			Numbers 10	
22	Sa	John 3			Numbers 11	
23	Su	John 4		-	Numbers 12	

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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 Deacons

Joel Ortquist, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker, Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke Brent Ackerman, Kristie Hall, Kathy Forrester, Jill Mouw, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers, Jerry Vos, Diana Wagbo