

Laketon Bethel Church June 18, 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

"Indescribable"

Call to Worship

"All Creatures to Our God and King"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"This Is My Father's World"

"Father, I Adore You"

Crosstalk - "Perfect Misfits"

Offering

"He Knows My Name"

Benediction

"Glory Be to 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 - "Perfect Misfits"

Offering

"He Knows My Name"

Benediction

"God Be With You"

Announcements

<u>Membership Class</u> 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.

<u>Nursery</u> 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.

<u>Children's Ministry</u> 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.

<u>Church Life</u> 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: Ron & Connie Maciejewski 2nd Service Coffee Server: Theresa Schiltz & Jim Hanley

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

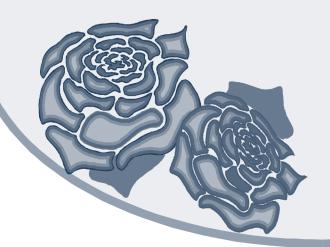
(MadHouse) Safe Harbor Christian

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.



Bob Jewell

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

Donald Bayne Amy Fredericks Lynn Pluger

Jana Belladone Jacob Geers Shirly Pummell

Betty Bonneville Bob Hanson Aaron Rop

Larry Budreau Scott Hladki Gary Samples

Patti Buurma Sally Legar Joe Shavalier

Craig Carlson Avery Lynn Larry Shavaler

Amanda Cihak J.T. Maskell Ida Shealy

Larry Cone Tom McKee Sr. Sandy Streeter

Stephanie Cutler Patti Mercer Kathy Tabor

Paul Ortquist Inga Weavers

Romans 12.1-2

New Living Translation

12 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Does God want you to be "normal?"

What makes Laketon Bethel an unusual church?

What does Paul mean when he says, "I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you?"

In what ways do you copy the behavior and customs of this world?

How does today's teaching apply to marriage?

What can you do to make this community better?

Other notes:

June Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	Special Prayer	Old Testament	V
18	Su	James 4			Isaiah 8	
19	Mo	James 5			Isaiah 9	
20	Tu	1 Peter 1			Isaiah 10	
21	We	1 Peter 2			Isaiah 11	
22	Th	1 Peter 3			Isaiah 12	
23	Fr	1 Peter 4			Isaiah 13	
24	Sa	1 Peter 5			Isaiah 14	
25	Su	2 Peter 1			Isaiah 15	

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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

Kyle Bogner, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker, Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke Brent Ackerman, Mia Fick, Kathy Forrester, Mike George, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers, Rita Sikkenga, Diana Wagbo