



How to Beat Evil

Laketon Bethel Church

June 25, 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

“How Great Is Our God”

Call to Worship

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Wonderful Words of Life”

“The Family of God”

Crosstalk - “How to Beat Evil”

Offering

“Word of God Speak”

Benediction

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“All Fired Up”

Call to Worship

“Let It Rise”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Jesus, You Gave It All”

“God So Loved”

Crosstalk - “How to Beat Evil”

Offering

“So Will I”

Benediction

“Salt & Light”

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

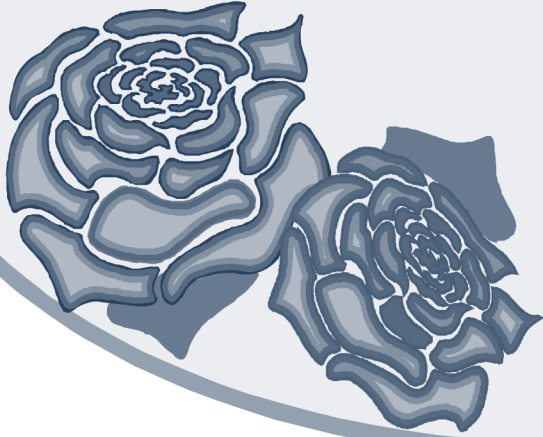
1st Service Coffee Server: Sue Vannette

2nd Service Coffee Server: Colby Beckstrom & Kelly Andry

**Thank you to all of those who volunteered for VBS
- you made a difference in many kids' lives!**

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

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

Romans 12.9-21

New Living Translation

⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹² Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. ¹⁵ Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say,

“I will take revenge;
I will pay them back,”
says the Lord.

²⁰ Instead,

“If your enemies are hungry, feed them.
If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap
burning coals of shame on their heads.”

²¹ Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

A definition of a sermon:

A lengthy or tedious speech delivered with great passion, by any person, to an uninterested audience.

The definition of a Crosstalk:

A Bible Study that gives attention to application.

Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good. (Romans 12.21)

8 ways to beat evil:

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2. _____
3. _____
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7. _____
8. _____

Other Notes:

June/July Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25	Su	2 Peter 1			Isaiah 15	
26	Mo	2 Peter 2			Isaiah 16	
27	Tu	2 Peter 3			Isaiah 17	
28	We	1 John 1			Isaiah 18	
29	Th	1 John 2			Isaiah 19	
30	Fr	1 John 3			Isaiah 20	
01	Sa	1 John 4			Isaiah 21	
02	Su	1 John 5			Isaiah 22	

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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