



Cafeteria Christianity

Laketon Bethel Church

July 7, 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

“Forever”

Call to Worship

“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Come, Holy Spirit”

“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

Crosstalk - “Cafeteria Christianity”

Offering

“America, the Beautiful”

Benediction

“Glory Be to the Father”



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

Call to Worship

“Hosanna”

“Only a God Like You”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Lord, I Need You”

“Goodness of God”

Crosstalk - “Cafeteria Christianity”

Offering

“You Say”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

# Announcements

**Membership Class** The Membership Class will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> following the Second Service. We meet in the Parlor and a pizza lunch is provided. If interested, please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway.

**Food Truck** The Food Truck is tomorrow and we ask that volunteers please be at the church by 5:00pm For questions, please see Jill Mouw.

## 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:** Diane Brantsen

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Jan Kovalcik, Sherri Vanderlaan

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Amy Kunnen

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Pat Ritsema, Theresa Schiltz



"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 at 11:00. 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).

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

## Dates

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

## Time

6pm-8pm

Dinner provided from 6pm-6:20pm

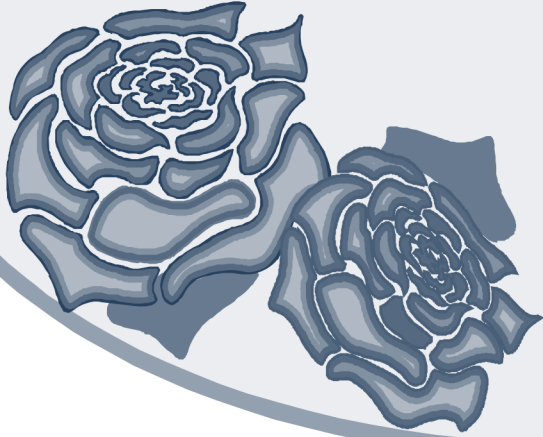
Ages Preschool - Fifth Grades

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.*



# **Helen Powell**

*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*

# Mark 10

## New Living Translation

<sup>28</sup> One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realized that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. <sup>30</sup> And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

<sup>32</sup> The teacher of religious law replied, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth by saying that there is only one God and no other. <sup>33</sup> And I know it is important to love him with all my heart and all my understanding and all my strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. This is more important than to offer all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices required in the law.”

<sup>34</sup> Realizing how much the man understood, Jesus said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” And after that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.



# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What part of the Bible don't you like?

What part of the Bible do you like the best?

How do you approach the Bible as a buffet line?

What are the two most important commandments in the Bible, according to Jesus?

Other notes:

## July Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
07	Su	John 18	<input type="checkbox"/>		Numbers 26	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Mo	John 19	<input type="checkbox"/>		Numbers 27	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	Tu	John 20	<input type="checkbox"/>		Numbers 28	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	We	John 21	<input type="checkbox"/>		Numbers 29	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Th	Acts 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Numbers 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Fr	Acts 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Numbers 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Sa	Acts 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Numbers 32	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Su	Acts 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Numbers 33	<input type="checkbox"/>

# **LAKETON BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH**

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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