

"Why Did I Say
That?"



Laketon Bethel Church
July 10, 2022
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”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “Why Did I Say That?”

Offering

“Jesus Is the Answer”

Concert of Praise and Worship

Responsive Reading #144

“Glorious Is Thy Name”

“In the Name of the Lord”

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Sing a Song”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “Why Did I Say That?”

Offering

“Redeemed”

Concert of Praise and Worship

“Doxology”

“Here Is Our King”

“Breathe”

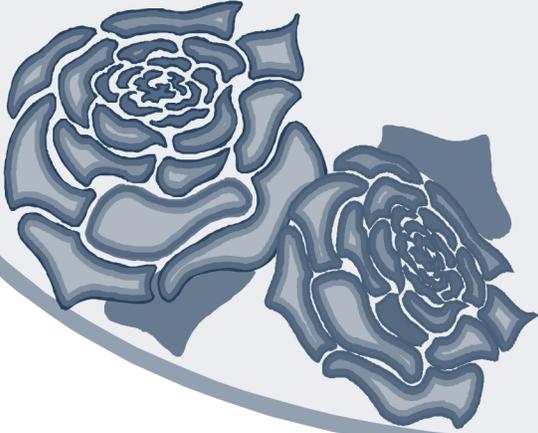
“Lifesong”

Benediction

“Lifesong”

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

Bob Hanson

Gary Samples

Jana Belladone

Scott Hladki

Joe Shavalier

Betty Bonneville

Avery Lynn

Ida Shealy

Larry Budreau

J.T. Maskell

Sandy Streeter

Patti Buurma

Tom McKee Sr.

Kathy Tabor

Craig Carlson

Patti Mercer

Inga Weavers

Amanda Cihak

Paul Ortquist

Marv Wegner

Stephanie Cutler

Lynn Pluger

Amy Fredericks

Shirly Pummell

Jacob Geers

Aaron Rop

Announcements

Food Truck LBRC's Food Truck will be Monday, July 11th. We ask that volunteers please be at the church by 5:00pm.

Children's Ministry Children's Church is open to children from Preschool through Fifth Grades during the 11:00 Service.

Nursery Our Nursery is now open! We are in need of volunteers. Please see Sally Hendrixon or Joann or call the office at 744-1749 if you are interested in serving.

Ramp Available The Moseler family have a wooden ramp that they would like to donate. If interested, please call the office at 744-1749.

Sunday Volunteers

1st Service Coffee: Ed Kawaleski

Second Service Coffee: Ed & Heid Kejonen



Today's Scripture

from James 3, The Message

³⁻⁵ A bit in the mouth of a horse controls the whole horse. A small rudder on a huge ship in the hands of a skilled captain sets a course in the face of the strongest winds. A word out of your mouth may seem of no account, but it can accomplish nearly anything—or destroy it!

⁵⁻⁶ It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire. A careless or wrongly placed word out of your mouth can do that. By our speech we can ruin the world, turn harmony to chaos, throw mud on a reputation, send the whole world up in smoke and go up in smoke with it, smoke right from the pit of hell.

⁷⁻¹⁰ This is scary: You can tame a tiger, but you can't tame a tongue—it's never been done. The tongue runs wild, a wanton killer. With our tongues we bless God our Father; with the same tongues we curse the very men and women he made in his image. Curses and blessings out of the same mouth!

¹⁰⁻¹² My friends, this can't go on. A spring doesn't gush fresh water one day and brackish the next, does it? Apple trees don't bear strawberries, do they? Raspberry bushes don't bear apples, do they? You're not going to dip into a polluted mud hole and get a cup of clear, cool water, are you?

¹³⁻¹⁶ Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish plotting. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results *only* if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

Why Did I Say That?

[a place for your notes]

What does the metaphor, “you can’t get the manure back in the horse,” mean?

Three Steps Toward Reducing Regret for the Words We Speak:

1. Repent:
2. Receive Forgiveness:
3. Cooperate with Regeneration:

What does Romans 15.7 have to do with how we talk?

Other Notes:

July Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Su	1 Corinthians 5			1 Chronicles 5	
11	Mo	1 Corinthians 6			1 Chronicles 6	
12	Tu	1 Corinthians 7			1 Chronicles 7	
13	We	1 Corinthians 8			1 Chronicles 8	
14	Th	1 Corinthians 9			1 Chronicles 9	
15	Fr	1 Corinthians 10			1 Chronicles 10	
16	Sa	1 Corinthians 11			1 Chronicles 11	
17	Su	1 Corinthians 12			1 Chronicles 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

Kyle Bogner, Dave Deboer, Gay Hudson,
Larry Joslyn, Amy Kunnen, Ed Luzadder,
Jason Peterson, , Ron Zant

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