



Laketon Bethel Church

July 14, 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Call to Worship

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

“I Surrender All”

Crosstalk - “Only Sinners Accepted”

Offering

“Thank You, Lord Medley”

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Good God Almighty”

Call to Worship

“Open Up the Heavens”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“I Surrender All”

“Let It Rise”

Crosstalk - “Only Sinners Accepted”

Offering

“Born Again”

Benediction

“Doxology”

Announcements

Membership Class The Membership Class will be held on July 21st 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.

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: Kathy Young

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley & Theresa Schiltz

1st Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson

2nd Service Nursery: Bryan & Rebekkah Wolffis



"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 & 1st-5th 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.

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

Dates

July 16th & July 23rd

Time

6pm-8pm

Dinner provided from 6pm-6:20pm

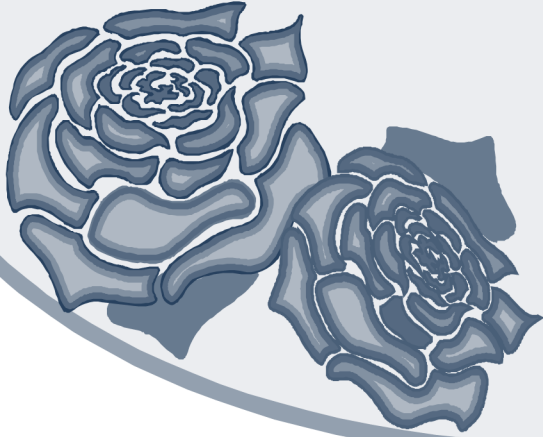
Ages Preschool - Fifth Grades

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.*



**Ardie
Pulsipher**

*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

Luke 5.27-31

New Living Translation

²⁷ Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. ²⁸ So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.

²⁹ Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?"

³¹ Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. ³² I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

DEEP SHEET

[A PLACE FOR YOUR NOTES]

What do you think of Laketon Bethel's first core value?

Who do you not like being around?

Jesus said, "I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent." What do you think of this?

Are the "righteous" excluded by Jesus?

Two things to take home from this passage are:

- 1.
- 2.

OTHER NOTES:

July Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Su	Acts 4			Numbers 33	
15	Mo	Acts 5			Numbers 34	
16	Tu	Acts 6			Numbers 35	
17	We	Acts 7			Numbers 36	
18	Th	Acts 8			Deuteronomy 1	
19	Fr	Acts 9			Deuteronomy 2	
20	Sa	Acts 10			Deuteronomy 3	
21	Su	Acts 11			Deuteronomy 4	

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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