

**"You Might Be a  
Priest If..."**



Laketon Bethel Church  
July 17, 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

“A New Name in Glory”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “You Might Be a Priest If...”

Offering

“Holy, Holy, Holy/We Fall Down”

Concert of Praise and Worship

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

“Make Me a Blessing”

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

“Blessed Assurance”

Benediction

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”



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

Gathering Song

“Start Me Up”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “You Might Be a Priest If...”

Offering

“The Power of God”

Concert of Praise and Worship

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

“I Will Never Be”

“Let God Arise”

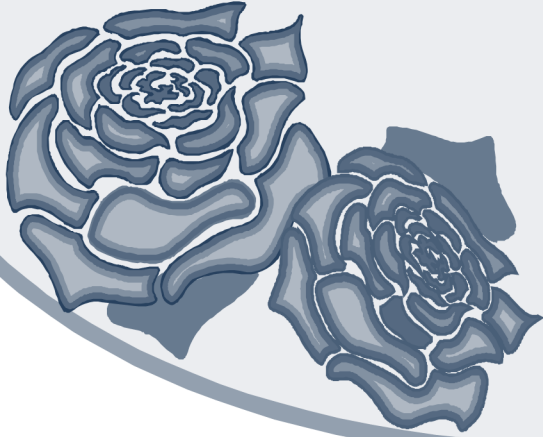
“Let It Rise”

Benediction

“Let It Rise”

**Special Senior of the Week:**

*Please show your support by signing the cards located  
on the table in the entryway.*



**Mick  
Meyers**

*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

**Coffee Servers** We are looking to add more servers to this hospitality opportunity. We need servers for both services. If interested, please see Tina 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.

**Nursery** Our Nursery is now open! If you would be interested in joining this team please see Sally Hendrixon or Joann Petroski or call the office at 744-1749.

**J-Walkers Youth Group** All students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcome to join Laketon Bethel's youth group. We will meet once a month for fun summer activities. More info to come! Call Ashley Cleary at 747-0136 or the office at 744-1749 to register your child, be added to the parent list, or for any questions.

**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:** Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski



# Scripture for Today

From 1 Peter 2, The Message

<sup>9-10</sup> But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

<sup>11-12</sup> Friends, this world is not your home, so don't make yourselves cozy in it. Don't indulge your ego at the expense of your soul. Live an exemplary life in your neighborhood so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they'll be won over to God's side and be there to join in the celebration when he arrives.

# You Might Be a Priest If...

[a place for your notes]

Who is entitled to wear a clerical collar?

Why don't most Protestant churches have priests?

Did you know you are chosen for the priesthood?

How can we clean up our act to better represent Jesus in our neighborhoods?

Other Notes:

## July Weekly Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|------|-----|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 17   | Su  | 1 Corinthians 12 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                | 1 Chronicles 12 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 18   | Mo  | 1 Corinthians 13 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                | 1 Chronicles 13 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 19   | Tu  | 1 Corinthians 14 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                | 1 Chronicles 14 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 20   | We  | 1 Corinthians 15 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                | 1 Chronicles 15 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 21   | Th  | 1 Corinthians 16 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                | 1 Chronicles 16 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 22   | Fr  | 2 Corinthians 01 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                | 1 Chronicles 17 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 23   | Sa  | 2 Corinthians 02 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                | 1 Chronicles 18 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 24   | Su  | 2 Corinthians 03 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |                | 1 Chronicles 19 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

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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

### Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,  
Mike George, Alex Lassow, Doug Lubbers,  
Kris Meyers, Rita Sikkenga