

# "Bag of Blessings"



WELL DONE

GOOD & FAITHFUL

SERVANT

MATTHEW 25:21

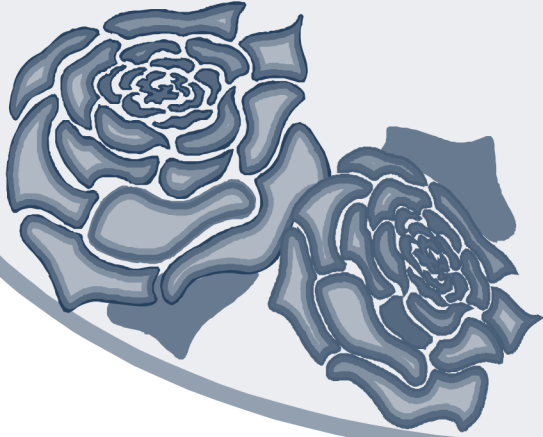
Laketon Bethel Church

July 18, 2021

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



***Cornie  
Keunen***

***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***

***Stephanie Cutler***

***Amy Fredericks***

***Jacob Geers***

***Bob Hanson***

***Scott Hladki***

***Avery Lynn***

***J.T. Maskell***

***Tom McKee Sr.***

***Patti Mercer***

***Paul Ortquist***

***Lynn Pluger***

***Shirly Pummell***

***Aaron Rop***

***Gary Samples***

***Joe Shavalier***

***Ida Shealy***

***Sandy Streeter***

***Kathy Tabor***

***Inga Weavers***

***Marv Wegner***

## **Order of Worship-9:00am**

### ***We Approach Our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

#732 "I Then Shall Live"

#632 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Congregational Prayer

Response of Praise

#721 "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"

#696 "I Love to Tell the Story"

#626 "Gentle Shepherd"

### ***Offerings-We Give Back***

Special Music

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - "Bags of Blessings"

### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"



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

### ***We Approach our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

"I Surrender All"

"Here and Now"

Congregational Prayer

### ***Offerings-We Give Back***

"Old Church Choir"

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - "Bags of Blessings"

### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

"Here and Now"

# Today's Scriptures

from Matthew 25, New Living Translation

<sup>19</sup> “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. <sup>20</sup> The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’

<sup>21</sup> “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

<sup>24</sup> “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. <sup>25</sup> I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

<sup>26</sup> “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, <sup>27</sup> why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

<sup>28</sup> “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. <sup>29</sup> To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

# Bags of Blessings

a note sheet for going deeper

What are some of the assets God has given you?

Why do you suppose God created you?

What work does God have in mind for you?

other notes:

## July Daily Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Su	Mark 13			Zechariah 6	
19	Mo	Mark 14			Zechariah 7	
20	Tu	Mark 15			Zechariah 8	
21	We	Mark 16			Zechariah 9	
22	Th	Luke 1			Zechariah 10	
23	Fr	Luke 2			Zechariah 11	
24	Sa	Luke 3			Zechariah 12	
25	Su	Luke 4			Zechariah 13	

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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 Bible is the final authority for faith and practice. We will study it 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

Gay Hudson, Lucy Hughes, Amy Kunnen,  
Larry Joslyn, Grant Meyers, Jason Peterson,  
Louanne Utzinger, Ron Zant

### Deacons

Kathy Andrews, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,  
Kathy Forrester, Alex Lassow,  
Rita Sikkenga, Kathy Young