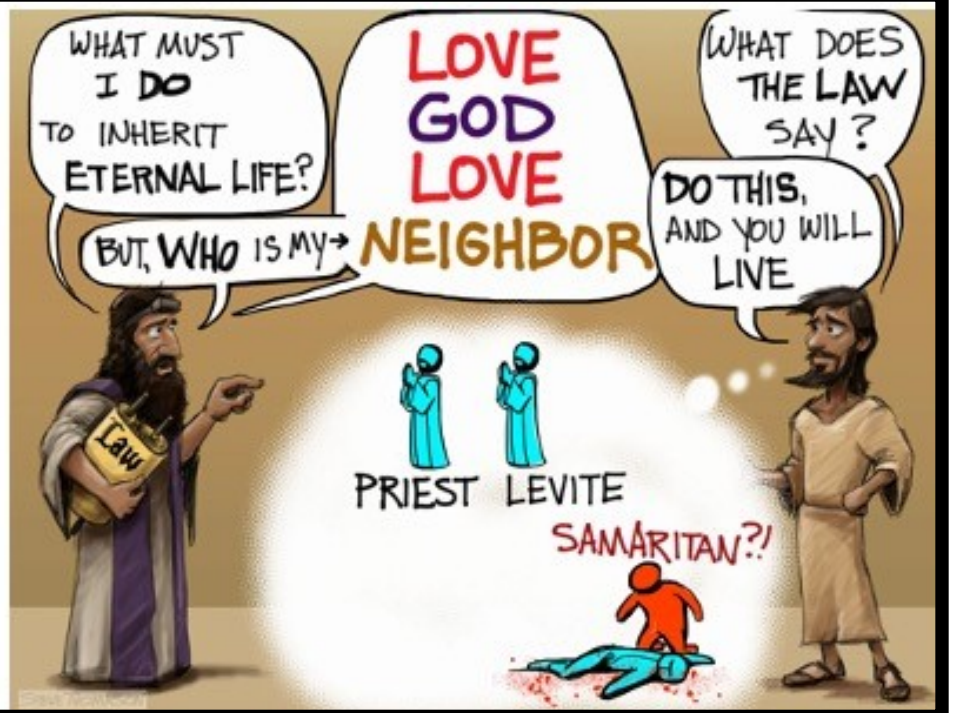


Dumpster
Diving and
Holy Jiving



Laketon Bethel Church

July 28, 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

“Jesus Saves!”

Call to Worship

“Send the Light”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Heaven Came Down”

“Sunshine In My Soul”

Crosstalk - “Dumpster Diving & Holy Jiving”

Offering

“Here I Am to Worship”

Benediction

“Glory Be to the Father”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“That’s My King”

Call to Worship

“This Is Our God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Trust in God”

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Crosstalk - “Dumpster Diving & Holy Jiving”

Offering

“Word of God Speak”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

Announcements

Kids Belong is a local non-profit that supports local foster/adopt and kinship families. They will be hosting three Back to School events this year and they are asking local churches for their support. For the next four Sundays we will have a bin in the back of church collecting new backpacks and other school supplies that are needed for kids Preschool - College to get ready to go back to school. A list is posted on the bin or you can scan the code to donate towards supplies if you don't have time to shop. We really appreciate all the support! Any questions see or contact Janine Norwood at 231-343-0173.

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: Sue Vannette

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jill Mouw & Diana Ockaski

1st Service Nursery: Connie Reahm

2nd Service Nursery: Hillary Crandall & Tina Dadd



"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.

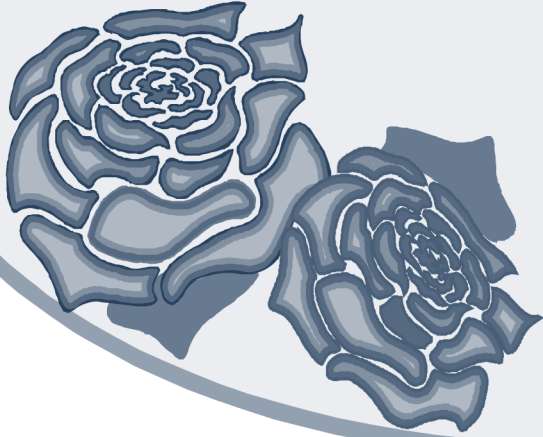
Laketon Bethel Youth Group



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!

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Bill
Birr**

*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

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Larry Shavaler

Ida Shealy

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Luke 10 (The Message)

²⁵ Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?”

²⁶ He answered, “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?”

²⁷ He said, “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself.”

²⁸ “Good answer!” said Jesus. “Do it and you’ll live.”

²⁹ Looking for a loophole, he asked, “And just how would you define ‘neighbor’?”

³⁰⁻³² Jesus answered by telling a story. “There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

³³⁻³⁵ “A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man’s condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I’ll pay you on my way back.’

³⁶ “What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?”

³⁷ “The one who treated him kindly,” the religion scholar responded.

Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

John 14.6 (New Living Translation)

⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Which of the world's problems can you solve?

What does God want you to do?

Is there another way to eternal life than through Jesus?

Is the summary of the law, "Pray and Be Nice," too simplistic?

Other Notes:

July/August Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
28	Su	Acts 18			Deuteronomy 11	
29	Mo	Acts 19			Deuteronomy 12	
30	Tu	Acts 20			Deuteronomy 13	
31	We	Acts 21			Deuteronomy 14	
01	Th	Acts 22			Deuteronomy 15	
02	Fr	Acts 23			Deuteronomy 16	
03	Sa	Acts 24			Deuteronomy 17	
04	Su	Acts 25			Deuteronomy 18	

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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

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Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke

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