

Laketon Bethel Church

August 4, 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

“I’m Standing on the Solid Rock”

Call to Worship

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Softly and Tenderly”

“Room at the Cross for You”

Crosstalk - “Healing for Crushed Spirits”

Communion

“Jesus Paid It All

“Come Share the Lord”

Offering

“As the Deer”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

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

Gathering Song

“He Lives”

Call to Worship

“Glorious Day”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Oceans”

“Yes, I Will”

Crosstalk - “Healing for Crushed Spirits”

Communion

“You Are My King”

“Jesus, You Gave It All”

Offering

“All My Hope”

Benediction

“Doxology”

# 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

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Ed Kawaleski

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Mark Gaultney

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Amy Kunnen

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Emily Kendall, Janice Carrigan



"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 & 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

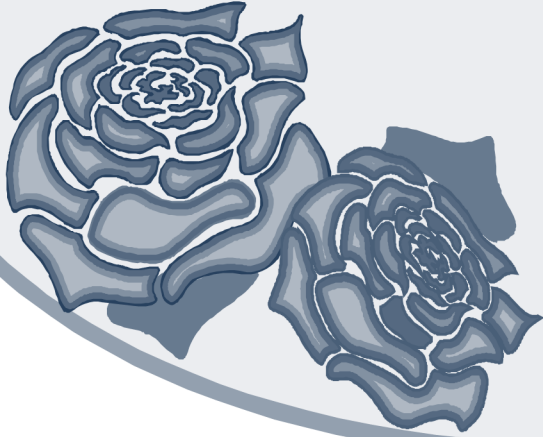
### *Laketon Bethel Youth Group*



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.*



# **Jackie Buck**

*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*

## Matthew 26 (New Living Translation)

<sup>36</sup>Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, “Sit here while I go over there to pray.” <sup>37</sup>He took Peter and Zebedee’s two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. <sup>38</sup>He told them, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

<sup>39</sup>He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

<sup>40</sup>Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, “Couldn’t you watch with me even one hour? <sup>41</sup>Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”

<sup>42</sup>Then Jesus left them a second time and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot be taken away unless I drink it, your will be done.” <sup>43</sup>When he returned to them again, he found them sleeping, for they couldn’t keep their eyes open.

<sup>44</sup>So he went to pray a third time, saying the same things again. <sup>45</sup>Then he came to the disciples and said, “Go ahead and sleep. Have your rest. But look—the time has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup>Up, let’s be going. Look, my betrayer is here!”

## Psalms 32

<sup>17</sup>The Lord hears his people when they call to him for help.  
He rescues them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;  
he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

<sup>19</sup>The righteous person faces many troubles,  
but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.

# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

How does the pastor describe the “prosperity gospel?”

Is happiness normal?

Were you surprised that Jesus said, “My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death?”

What is a good cure for a crushed spirit?

Other Notes:

## August Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
04	Su	Acts 25	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Mo	Acts 26	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
06	Tu	Acts 27	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 20	<input type="checkbox"/>
07	We	Acts 28	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 21	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Th	Romans 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 22	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	Fr	Romans 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 23	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Sa	Romans 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 24	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Su	Romans 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 25	<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**

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