

Laketon Bethel Church

August 6, 2023

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.

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, following the second service, the Consistory will provide a special meal to kick off our fall festivities.

Tempt your tastebuds with Sherwin's pulled-pork baked potato extravaganza while getting to know Laketon Bethel and what we have to offer.

We will have fun games for the children and youth, as well as families. More information to come.

Be sure to invite your friends!

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

Gathering Song

“Victory in Jesus”

Call to Worship

“We Have Come into His House”

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“I Love You, Lord”

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

“O How I Love Jesus”

Crosstalk - “How to Get a New Body”

Communion

“I Come with Joy”

“Here at Thy Table, Lord”

Offering

“Mighty Is the Power of the Cross”

Benediction

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

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

Gathering Song

“Sing a Song”

Call to Worship

“This Is Our God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“What a Beautiful Name/Agnus Dei”

“Glorious Day”

Crosstalk - “How to Get a New Body”

Communion

“Communion”

“Jesus, You Gave It All”

Offering

“To the Table”

Benediction

# **Announcements**

**Church Life** If you have moved or have a new number, please contact the office at 744-1749 to update your information for the Church Life Directory.

## **Children's Church Changes**

- ◆ Children will check in as usual then proceed to the Worship Center to begin worship with their parents.
- ◆ After the Congregational Prayer the children will be dismissed to go downstairs to Children's Church.
- ◆ We will have family worship every Communion Sunday.

## **Volunteers**

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley & Theresa Schiltz

## **Current Laketon Bethel Outreach Activities/Programs**

**Hand2Hand**

**Food Truck**

**Supperhouse**

**Trunk or Treat**

**Make a Difference Ministry (MadHouse)**

**Adopt A Family**

**Coat Drives**

**Rummage Sales**

**Santa's Secret Shop**

**Funerals**

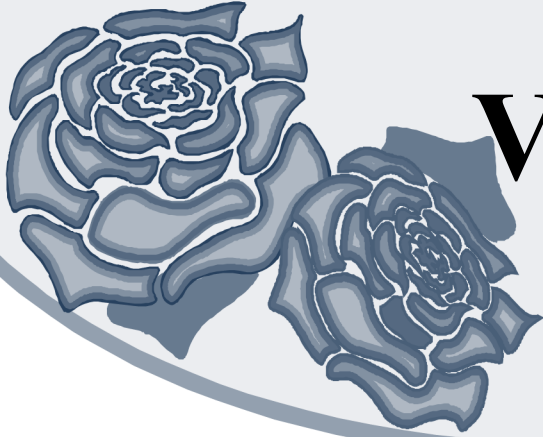
**Vacation Bible School**

**Westshore Christian Academy**

**Safe Harbor Christian Communities**

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



**Leona  
Vanderberg**

*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*

# 2 Corinthians 5

New Living Translation

**5** For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. **2** We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. **3** For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. **4** While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. **5** God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

**6** So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. **7** For we live by believing and not by seeing.

# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes and other musings]

If the fountain of youth existed, what would you pay to use it?

How are you doing with your “earthly tent?”

Why would anyone not trust Jesus to save them?

other notes:

## August Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
06	Su	Matthew 10			Isaiah 57	
07	Mo	Matthew 11			Isaiah 58	
08	Tu	Matthew 12			Isaiah 59	
09	We	Matthew 13			Isaiah 60	
10	Th	Matthew 14			Isaiah 61	
11	Fr	Matthew 15			Isaiah 62	
12	Sa	Matthew 16			Isaiah 63	
13	Su	Matthew 17			Isaiah 64	



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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, Jeff Hooker,  
Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-  
Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke

### Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Mia Fick, Kathy Forrester,  
Mike George, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers,  
Rita Sikkenga, Diana Wagbo