



“FOR HE KNOWS how weak we are;
he remembers we are only dust.”
NLT | **psalm 103:14**

Laketon Bethel Church
August 7, 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

“How Great Is Our God”

Welcome & Announcements

Reception of New Members & Baptisms

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “How Can I Know I’m Forgiven?”

Communion

“Just As I Am”

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Offering

“When He Was on the Cross”

Concert of Praise and Worship

“There Is Power in the Blood”

“Redeemed”

“My Savior’s Love”

Benediction

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Wave On Wave”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “How Can I Know I’m Forgiven?”

Communion

“To the Table”

“Rescue”

Offering

“Washed Clean”

Concert of Praise and Worship

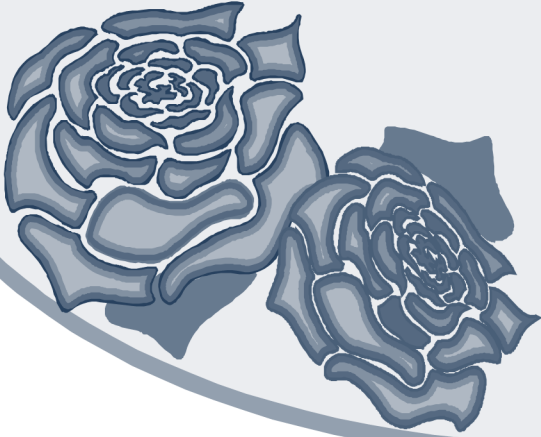
“Your Grace Finds Me”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Benediction

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Ardie
Pulsipher**

*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

New Members Class Anyone interested in becoming a member, there is a class on August 14th after the 11:00 Service in the Parlor. Pizza will be provided. Please sign up in the entryway.

Food Truck The Food Truck is tomorrow and we ask that all volunteers be at the church by 5:00pm. For any questions, please see Jill Mouw.

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 6th-12th 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.

Sunday Volunteers

1st Service Coffee: Ed Kawaleski

Second Service Coffee: Ed & Heidi Kejonen



Today's Scriptures

1 John 1.8-10, New Living Translation

⁸ If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

Psalms 103.12-14

¹² He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.

¹³ The Lord is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows how weak we are;
he remembers we are only dust.

How Can I Know I'm Forgiven?

[a place for your notes]

How do you define sin?

According to this crosstalk, what is the root cause of sin?

In light of the passage from 1 John, how do we fool ourselves?

What does God promise to do in response to our confession of sin?

Other notes:

August Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
07	Su	Galatians 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Mo	Galatians 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	Tu	Galatians 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	We	Ephesians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Th	Ephesians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Fr	Ephesians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Sa	Ephesians 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Su	Ephesians 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 11	<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