



Laketon Bethel Church

August 11, 2024

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# 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

“Almighty/Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Call to Worship

“He Keeps Me Singing”

“In My Heart There Rings a Melody”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Turn Your Eye Upon Jesus”

“Lord, I’m Coming Home”

Crosstalk - “The Sinner’s Prayer”

Offering

“He Knows My Name”

Benediction

“God Be With You”



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

Gathering Song

“God So Loved”

Call to Worship

“This I Believe”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“One Thing Remains”

“O Come to the Altar”

Crosstalk - “The Sinner’s Prayer”

Offering

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

## Announcements

VBS "Kids Night Out" will have a makeup date for August 13th, 6-8pm with dinner provided.

## 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: Kathy Young

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman

1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Tim VanAndel, Hillary Crandall, Karen Ervin



"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*

The new class year will begin soon, and we would like to have the registrations done before September. You can register online at [laketonbethel.org](http://laketonbethel.org) or stop at the check-in station to pick up a form.

Grades Preschool – 5 and Nursery

### *Laketon Bethel Youth Group*

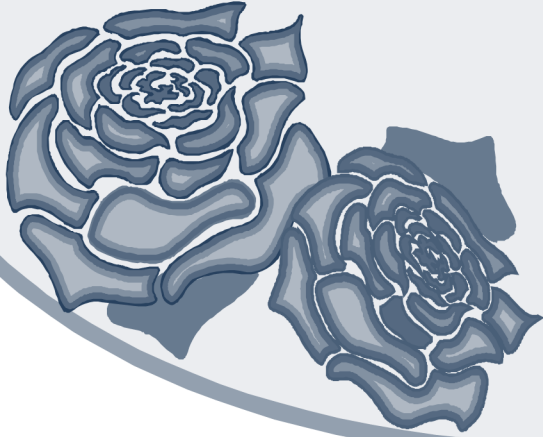


Youth Group will not have meetings over the summer. We will start back up in September. We will have a camping trip and a day at Michigan's Adventure over summer break. Information on this will be in the bulletin and on the Facebook page. Enjoy summer break!



**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



**Larry  
Cone**

*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*

*Sally Legard*

*Larry Shavaler*

*Larry Budreau*

*Avery Lynn*

*Ida Shealy*

*Patti Buurma*

*J.T. Maskell*

*Sandy Streeter*

*Craig Carlson*

*Tom McKee Sr.*

*Kathy Tabor*

*Amanda Cihak*

*Patti Mercer*

*Inga Weavers*

*Larry Cone*

*Paul Ortquist*

*Amy Fredericks*

*Lynn Pluger*

*Jacob Geers*

*Aaron Rop*

# Luke 18.9-14

## New Living Translation

<sup>9</sup>Then Jesus told this story to some who had great confidence in their own righteousness and scorned everyone else: <sup>10</sup>“Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not like other people—cheaters, sinners, adulterers. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! <sup>12</sup>I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’

<sup>13</sup>“But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Is it OK to be proud of your spiritual achievements?

Whose morality do you find to be disgusting?

What do you think of the “sinner’s prayer” in Luke 18.13?

What is the “Ordo Salutis?”

What do you get when you admit your sins?

Other Notes:

## August Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Su	Romans 4			Deuteronomy 25	
12	Mo	Romans 5			Deuteronomy 26	
13	Tu	Romans 6			Deuteronomy 27	
14	We	Romans 7			Deuteronomy 28	
15	Th	Romans 8			Deuteronomy 29	
16	Fr	Romans 9			Deuteronomy 30	
17	Sa	Romans 10			Deuteronomy 31	
18	Su	Romans 11			Deuteronomy 32	



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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