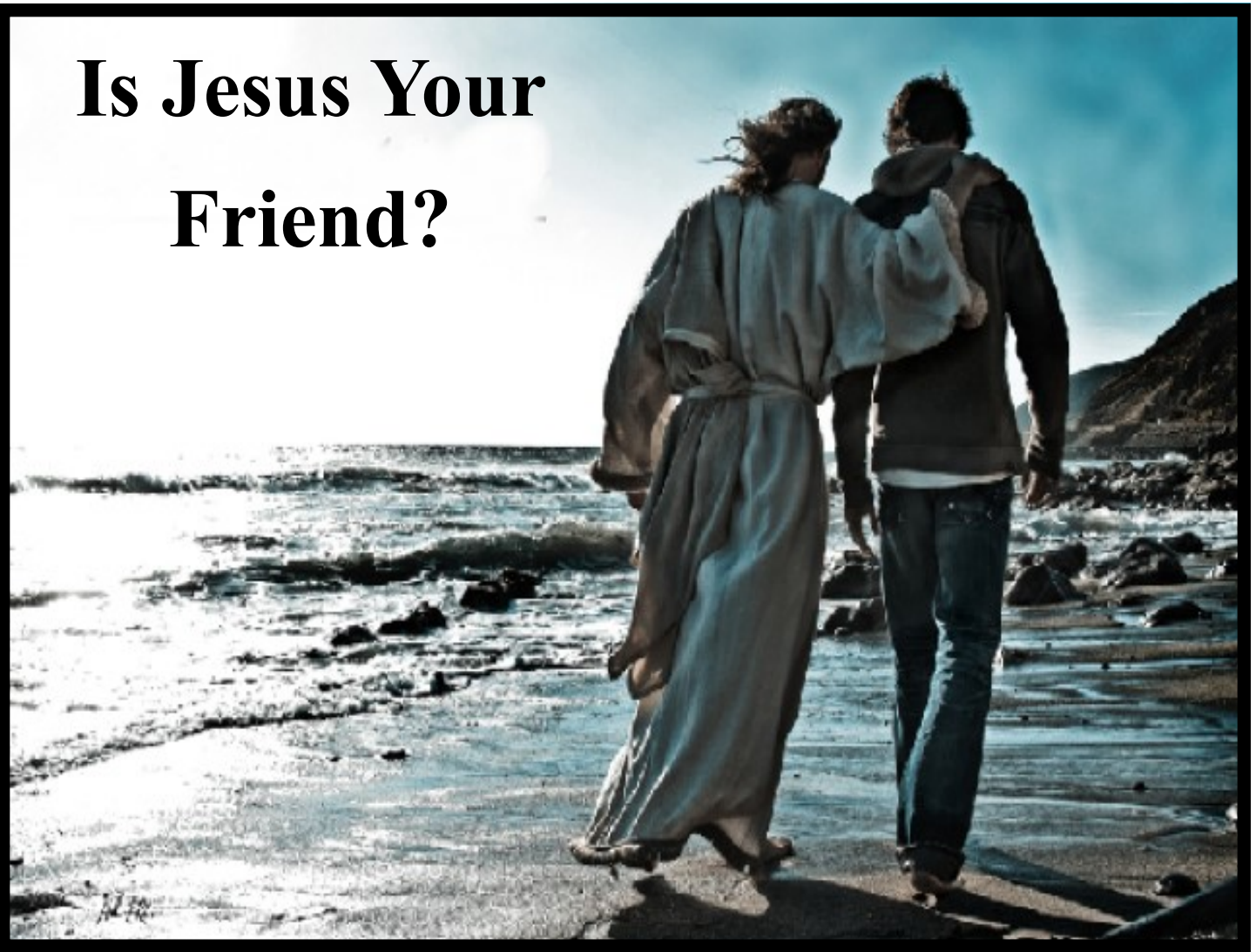


Is Jesus Your Friend?



Laketon Bethel Church

August 12, 2018

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

THE PURPOSE OF LAKETON BETHEL: *To Know Christ and Make Him Known*

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 Bible is the final authority for faith and practice. We will study it 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.

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 – 9:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

Hymn #259 - “Worship Christ the Risen King”

Hymn #308 - “Come, Holy Spirit”

Hymn #309 - “Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”

Hymn #310 - “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

Hymn #246 - “There Is a Redeemer”

Hymn #437 - “Trust and Obey”

Tithes and Offerings – Special Music

Crosstalk: “Is Jesus Your Friend?”

Worship in Song

Hymn #785 - “God Be with You”

Benediction



ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE

Worship in Song

“Some Kind of Wonderful”

Congregational Prayer

“Grace Like Rain”

“One Thing Remains”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Tithes and Offerings - “This Is God”

Crosstalk: “Is Jesus Your Friend?”

Worship in Song - “This Is Amazing Grace”

Benediction

Join us in the gym for coffee and cookies as a time of fellowship.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Children's Church - Preschool thru 5th Grade:

- ◇ Bible Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15
- ◇ Bible Story: God is generous with us so we can be generous to others.
- ◇ Bible Point: The Holy Spirit changes us to be like Jesus for God's glory.
- ◇ *For any questions please contact Mike Lyons at 231-744-8389.*



**Each Communion Sunday, students will sit with their families
for Family Worship.**

**For more information for our Children's Church and Youth
Connections, please call the office at 231-744-1749.**

SMALL GROUPS

BIBLE STUDY - Women

Leader: Maureen Mussman

Thursday evening 7:00 at the church.

We are starting a new book titled, "Proverbs & Parables God's Wisdom for Living" by Dee Brestin. This study parallel the truths of Old Testament proverbs with New Testament parables and applies them to contemporary living.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Leader: Patti Shavalier (231) 292-1488

This support group meets on Tuesday nights at 6:00pm. We will share our struggles and our triumphs while offering support to one another as we battle cancer.

THE CLEAN AND FIX CREW - Men & Women

Leader: Vicky Wierengo 231-719-0857

We welcome anyone interested in joining, even for one time. Our church needs a lot of TLC, and we are having fun forming new relationships along the way!!

COUPLES SMALL GROUP

Leader: Steve & Maureen Mussman

Meets once a month, usually on a Saturday. Time and date varies.

Outings vary each month. A few things we have done in the past are: sleigh ride, White Caps game, hockey game, bonfire, and cross country skiing.

MISSIONS - Men & Women

Leader: Dave DeBoer

We are collecting adult bicycles and bicycle locks for the residents at Muskegon Rescue Mission. Transportation is a large problem for them and your donation(s) would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to church or call Dave DeBoer for pick up. We are also collecting personal care/hygiene products. Thank you for helping your neighbor!

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL'S GROUP

Leader: Stefanie Sweany 231-719-2252

6th-8th grade girls, this group is for you. We will meet for fun, food, games, and discussions about topics affecting you. Please see Stefanie Sweany for a handout with more information. Spread the word and invite your friends!

LIFE SUPPORT GROUP

The women's support group will be meeting the last Wednesday of the month at Heather Wilke's home at 6:30pm. Please call Heather at 215-8593 or Heidi 730-2395 for details.

DECOLORES REUNION GROUP

Leaders: Tim & Misty Sikkenga 231-747-6530

The Laketon Bethel DeColores Reunion Group will be meeting at the church on August 12th at 7pm to support the upcoming Westshore DeColores Men's Weekend #111. If you have attended any type of DeColores weekend in the past, we invite you to come. If you are interested in more information, please contact Tim or Misty Sikkenga at 747-6530.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary's House (Muskegon) is a faith-based group home for persons with developmental disabilities. As a community, we promote independence, security, and loving Christian fellowship. Our residents are provided with 24 hour care with live-in caregivers who encourage residents to work together to live independently inside and outside of the home. We are seeking caregivers who are hardworking, punctual, and compassionate and able to work anywhere between 25-35 hours per week. Must be able to pass a physical exam, TB test, and background check. If you or someone you know is looking for a new opportunity to serve our residents please contact Lynn at (231) 780-9144 or lynn.stroven@yahoo.com.

Youth Summer Fun Sunday, August 19th 4-7 p.m. at Sally Hendrixon's Cottage All youth 6th-12th grade for the 2018-19 school year are invited to join us for summer fun. There is no cost for this event which includes canoeing, kayaking, boating, yard games and a light dinner. Bring your friends to have a fun engaging time with us. Signup in the entryway after service or by emailing Mike Lyons lyonsmike61@gmail.com. Please sign up by August 17th on the sheet located in the entryway.

Other Planned Events:

Sunday, September 16th 4-7 p.m. Muskegon State Park

Sunday, September 30th 5-6:30 p.m. Laketon Bethel Church

Children's Ministry Registration Registration cards are now available for parents to update their child's information for our Children's Ministry program Nursery - 5th grade for the 2018-19 school year. The cards are available at the student check-in center and it's important that we have current information. Please take the time to register your child(ren) so that we can keep our system updated.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

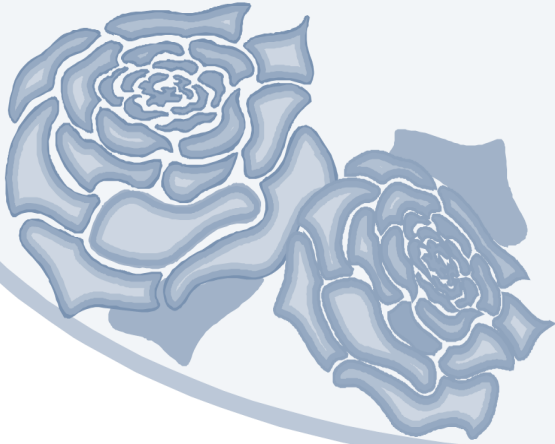
LBC Backpack Giveaway Mark your calendars for August 25th, 9:00-11:00am for our annual backpack giveaway. Many volunteers are needed to make this community outreach a success. We need help with set-up, take-down, cosmetologists, and those who pass out backpacks to the students. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Tami Jahnke or call her at 719-1858.

Food Truck The next Food Truck is August 13th. We ask that all volunteers to please be here at church no later than 5:30pm. If you have any questions, please see John Wilke or Rick Anderson after the service.

Senior Connections Our next meeting is August 26th in the Parlor at 10:00am. The mission is to keep our senior and homebound members connected to God and to Laketon Bethel. If interested, please join us at the meeting or call Gay at 343-0898 or Joann at 327-2785.

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Roger Vos

*Please remember in prayer our friends who are
battling long-term illnesses:*

Ellie Anderson

Donald Bayne

Jana Belladone

Betty Bonneville

Larry Budreau

Patti Buurma

Craig Carlson

Amy Fredericks

Jacob Geers

Bob Hanson

Scott Hladki

Debbie LeMieux

Avery Lynn

J.T. Maskell

Tom McKee Sr.

Patti Mercer

Paul Ortquist

Jane Peterman

Lynn Pluger

Shirly Pummell

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Patti Shavalier

Ida Shealy

Dale Sherburn

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Marv Wegner

HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - August 12

9:00am Coffee Servers: Tom & Pat Peterson

11:00am Coffee Servers: Diane Brantsen & Family

9:00am Greeters: Carl & Alice Babinec

11:00am Greeters: Ron & Debbie Zant

NEXT SUNDAY - August 19

9:00am Coffee Servers: Jeff March

11:00am Coffee Servers: Ed & Kay Kawaleski

9:00am Greeters: Mick & Jackie Meyers

11:00am Greeters: Rod & Pat Runyan



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

THIS SUNDAY - August 12

Nursery: (1) Sue Vannette

Nursery: (2) Scott & Amy Zonnebelt, Larry Hecksel

NEXT SUNDAY - August 19

Nursery: (1) Adonica Kunnen

Nursery: (2) Kelly & Anna Toebe, Laura Moat

Children's Church Greeters: Malaina Peterson,
Rebekah Sweany

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

***Senior Connections**

***Children's Ministry**

***Food Truck Ministry**

***Greeter/Coffee Server**

***Senior Ministry**

***Music Ministry**

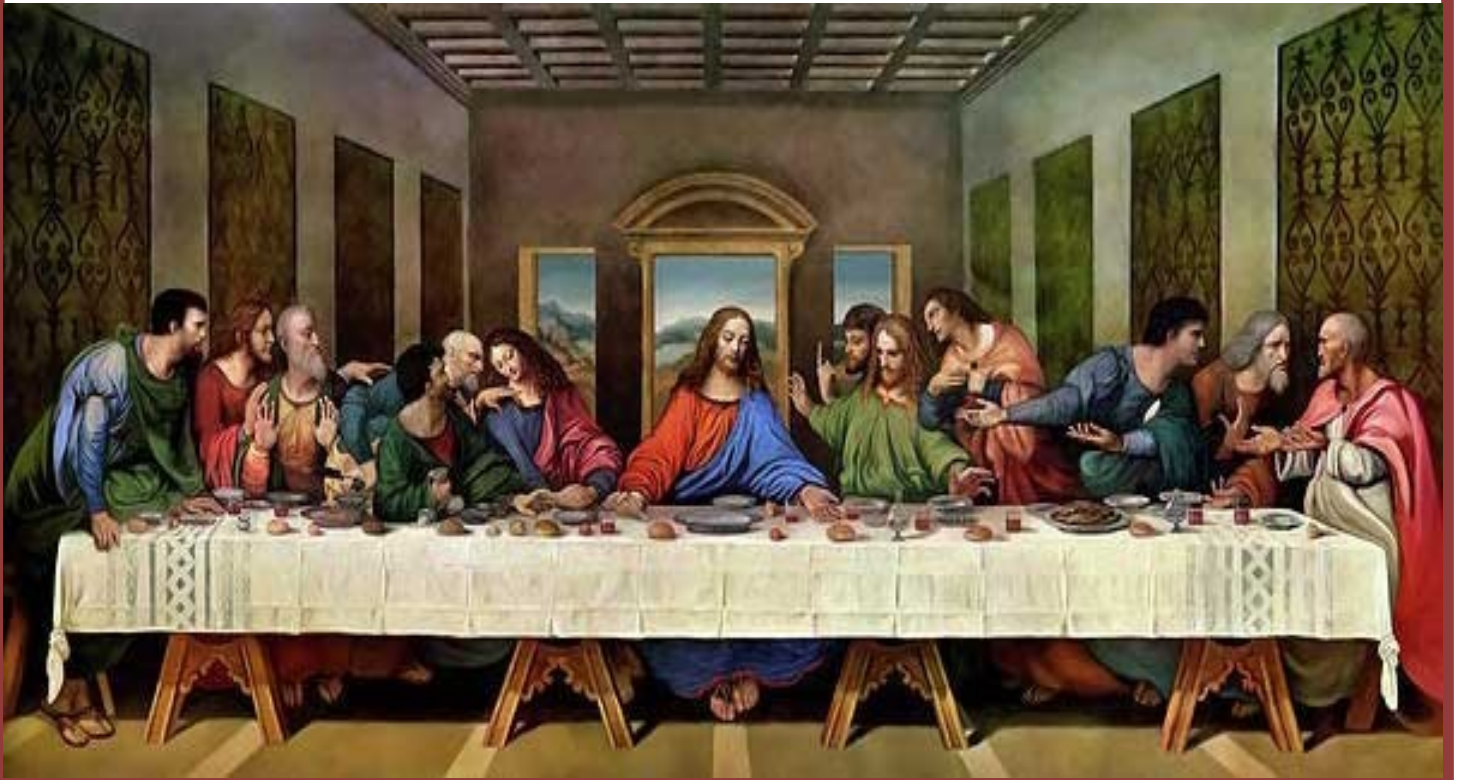
***Meal Ministry**

***Jr./Sr. High Ministry**

***Prayer Warrior**

***Nursery**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.



LAKETON BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH

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Pastor – Dr. Sherwin Brantsen (drbrantsen@gmail.com)

Director of Operations – Gary Gifford (garygifford4@gmail.com)

WORSHIP

Worship Team Leader for 9:00 Service – Jan Reahm

Worship Team Leader for 11:00 Service – Shelly Deblock

Technical Support Team Leader - Scott Johnson

Accompanist for 9:00 Service - Shelly Deblock

EDUCATION

Nursery Team Leader – Joann Petroski

Children’s Church & Youth Director - Mike Lyons

ADMINISTRATION

Secretary – Tina Dadd

Administrative Assistant - Joann Petroski

Bookkeeper – Pat Peterson

Janitor - Bill Feigert

OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Senior Ministries Team Leader – Jill VerHulst

Meal Ministry Team Leader – Art Jacobs

Food Truck Team Leader – John Wilke

Prayer Warrior Team Leader – Paula Scott-Stewart

Senior Connections Team Leaders– Gay Hudson & Joann Petroski

Community Backpack Program Leader - Tami Jahnke

OUR CONSISTORY

Elders

Bob Buwalda, Lucy Hughes, Amy Kunnen,
Ed Luzadder, Donna Spytma, Louanne Utzinger,
John Wilke, Ron Zant

Deacons

Kathy Andrews, Kyle Bogner,
Nancy Crider, Larry Cone,
Kathy Forrester, Alex Lassow,
Mary Salter, Kathy Young

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August 12, 2018 Note Sheet

Romans 3:23 NLT

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

John 15:15 NLT

I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.

Luke 5:27-32 NLT

Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector's booth. "Follow me and be my disciple," Jesus said to him. So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.

Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them. But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus' disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with such scum?" Jesus answered them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent."

August Daily Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Su	Matthew 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 29	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Mo	Matthew 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Tu	Matthew 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	We	Matthew 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 32	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Th	Matthew 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 33	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Fr	Matthew 15	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 34	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Sa	Matthew 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 35	<input type="checkbox"/>
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