



Laketon Bethel Church  
August 14, 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

“Shoutin’ Time”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “God Is Greater than Our Feelings”

Offering

“Word of God Speak”

Concert of Praise and Worship

“I Must Tell Jesus”

“Wonderful Words of Life”

“Sweet By-and-By”

“I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”

“Jesus Saves!”

Benediction

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”



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

Gathering Song

“In the Name of Love”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “God Is Greater than Our Feelings”

Offering

“Believe”

Concert of Praise and Worship

“Open Up the Heavens”

“Oceans”

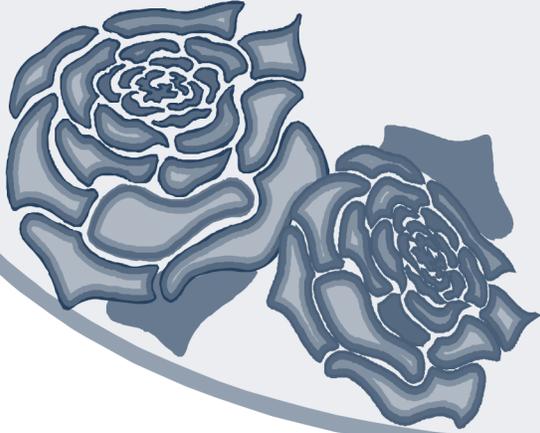
“Only A God Like You”

Benediction

“Only A God Like You”

## **Special Senior of the Week:**

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



# **Maxine Pulsipher**

*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*

*Stephanie Cutler*

*Amy Fredericks*

*Jacob Geers*

*Bob Hanson*

*Scott Hladki*

*Avery Lynn*

*J.T. Maskell*

*Tom McKee Sr.*

*Patti Mercer*

*Paul Ortquist*

*Lynn Pluger*

*Shirly Pummell*

*Aaron Rop*

*Gary Samples*

*Joe Shavalier*

*Ida Shealy*

*Sandy Streeter*

*Kathy Tabor*

*Inga Weavers*

*Marv Wegner*

# Announcements

**Rummage Sale** This year's Rummage Sale will take place on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 4:00 and Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 3:00. There is a pod in the parking lot for your donations. All proceeds go to support Hand-2-Hand.

**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 are interested in joining this team, see Sally Hendrixon or Joann Petroski or call the office at 744-1749.

**J-Walkers Youth Group** All students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcomed 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.

## Service Opportunities

Hand-2-Hand - feeding kids on the weekends.

We are in need of money donations. Please be sure to specify that your donation is for Hand-2-Hand whether donating online or in the collection basket.

We will have sign-up sheets on the tables for those willing to help pack bags and/or deliver food bags to schools. Bags will be packed every two weeks starting the second Tuesday in September. One packing will be in the afternoon the other in the evening. Bags will be delivered to schools every Thursday afternoon.

**Children's Church Help Needed** We are in need of at least four teacher assistants for a once-a-month rotation. Please see Sally, Tina or Ashley if interested in this service opportunity. There is a signup sheet at the children's check-in table.

**Coffee Server** We are in need of coffee servers for both services. If interested, please see Tina or call the office at 744-1749.

## Sunday Volunteers

**1st Service Coffee:** Diane Brantsen

**Second Service Coffee:** Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski

# Laketon Bethel's Children's Church & Youth



## FALL KICKOFF

ALL are invited to join us on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00pm for food, games and family fun.

We will have Sherwin's famous smoked pork BBQs, hotdogs, chips, veggies and fruit with your choice of ice cream or sherbet for dessert.

We will have fun games for all ages to play. Some examples are 9-square, corn hole, cake walk, and many more!

Parents/guardians, be sure to invite your friends and neighbors for this fun fall kickoff!

We will need a few volunteers to "man" the games.

We will also need all you bakers to make your famous cakes!

For questions, please call the office at 744-1749.

# Today's Scripture

## 1 John 3.18-24, New Living Translation

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. <sup>19</sup> Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. <sup>20</sup> Even if we feel guilty, **God is greater than our feelings**, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. <sup>22</sup> And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

# God Is Greater Than Our Feelings

[a place for your notes]

What do you do if you have something you ought to do but don't feel like doing it?

The statement "feelings are vapors" makes me feel:

The statement: "motivation follows action" is: (pick one)

- a. fictitious
- b. psycho-babble
- c. self-help hype
- d. mostly true

Verse 20 of today's Bible reading declares that "God is greater than our feelings." How does that apply to you?

Four "take aways" from today:

- 1. God is greater than our feelings.
- 2. Feelings are like clouds that can be punched through.
- 3. Motivation follows action.
- 4. Loving and serving will punch through clouds of despair and anxiety.

Other Notes:

## August Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Su	Ephesians 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Mo	Ephesians 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Tu	Philippians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	We	Philippians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Th	Philippians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Fr	Philippians 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Sa	Colossians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Su	Colossians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Chronicles 18	<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