



Laketon Bethel Church

August 18, 2024

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

“We Will Remember”

Call to Worship

“A New Name in Glory”

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Jesus Is Lord of All”

“Living For Jesus”

Crosstalk - “Why Are we Alive?”

Offering

“Adonai”

Benediction

“Glory Be to the Father”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“10,000 Reasons”

Call to Worship

“Praise”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Another in the Fire”

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Crosstalk - “Why Are We Alive?”

Offering

“He Is”

Benediction

“Salt & Light”

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 between service 10-11am and for second service Nursery. If interested, see Sally Hendrixon or call the office at 744-1749.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jan Kovalcik & Sherri Vanderlaan

1st Service Nursery: Joann Petroski

2nd Service Nursery: Melissa Wynsma, Tina Dadd



"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 or stop at the check-in station to pick up a form.

Grades Preschool – 5 and Nursery

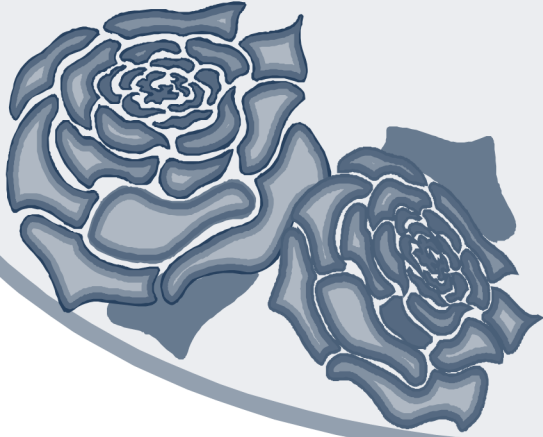
Laketon Bethel Youth Group



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.*



Donna Doctor

*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

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Larry Shavaler

Ida Shealy

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Bible Readings

Genesis 1, New Living Translation

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

The struggle between light and darkness.

The gap theory of creation.

Genesis 1.26-28, 31 The Message

God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them

reflecting our nature

So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,

the birds in the air, the cattle,

And, yes, Earth itself,

and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”

God created human beings;

he created them godlike,

Reflecting God’s nature.

He created them male and female.

God blessed them:

“Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge!

Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air,

for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”

God looked over everything he had made;

it was so good, so very good!

It was evening, it was morning—

Day Six.

John 1, New Living Translation

In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,

and the Word was God.

² He existed in the beginning with God.

³ God created everything through him,

and nothing was created except through him.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Is it more likely that we are here by accident or by a careful plan?

What is the “gap” theory of creation?

Do you have any idea why God made us male and female?

What or who is the Word of God?

Why are you alive?

Other Notes:

August Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Su	Romans 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 32	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Mo	Romans 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 33	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Tu	Romans 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Deuteronomy 34	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	We	Romans 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Th	Romans 15	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Fr	Romans 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Sa	1 Corinthians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Su	1 Corinthians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 5	<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

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