



# Seeds of Sustainable Relationships

Laketon Bethel Church

August 19, 2018

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# **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 #473 - “I Am Thine, O Lord”

Hymn #493 - “I Would Be True”

Hymn #560 - “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Hymn #218 - “Jesus Paid It All”

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **Worship in Song**

Hymn #516 - “Cleanse Me”

**Tithes and Offerings – Special Music**

**Crosstalk: “Seeds of Sustainable Relationships”**

### **Worship in Song**

Hymn #526 - “Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me”

### **Benediction**



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE**

### **Worship in Song**

“Doxology”

“Here Is Our King”

### **Congregational Prayer**

“How Great Is Our God”

“God of This City”

“Here & Now”

**Tithes and Offerings - “Word of God Speak”**

**Crosstalk: “Seeds of Sustainable Relationships”**

**Worship in Song - “Here & Now”**

### **Benediction**

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

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## Children's Church - Preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:

- ◇ Bible Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-12:2
- ◇ Bible Story: The Bible tells us about people who lived by faith.
- ◇ 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.*

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades, we are having a fun day at Sally Hendrixon's cabin 4-7PM, Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.



**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

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lynn.stroven@yahoo.com).

**Youth Summer Fun** All youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2018-19 school year are invited to join us for fun and fellowship! For any questions, please email Mike Lyons at [lyonsmike61@gmail.com](mailto:lyonsmike61@gmail.com).

## **Planned Events:**

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 4-7 p.m. Muskegon State Park

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

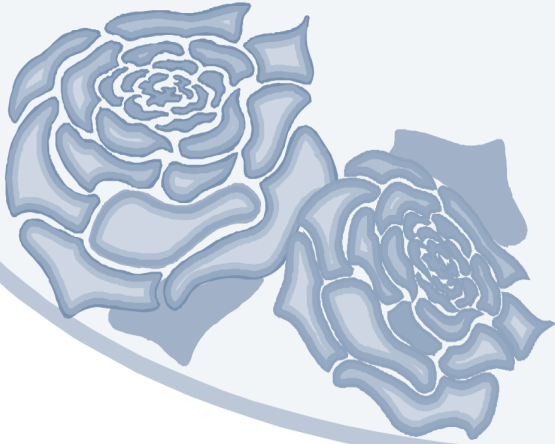
**LBC Backpack Giveaway** The backpack giveaway is this Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-11:00am. Many volunteers are needed to make this community outreach a success. We need help with set-up, take-down, cosmetologists, and those who pass out backpacks to the students. If you have any questions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

**Senior Connections** Our next meeting is next Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 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.*



***Ellie  
Anderson***

***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 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

**NEXT SUNDAY - August 26**

**9:00am Coffee Servers:** Adonica Kunnen

**11:00am Coffee Servers:** Dave & Becky Bennett

**9:00am Greeters:** Terry & Amy Kunnen

**11:00am Greeters:** Sally Legard, Tina & Izzy Dadd



# **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**THIS SUNDAY - August 19**

**Nursery: (1)** Adonica Kunnen

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

**NEXT SUNDAY - August 26**

**Nursery: (1)** Louanne Utzinger

**Nursery: (2)** Maddie Peterson, Holly Morrall,

Marcia Wynsma

**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**

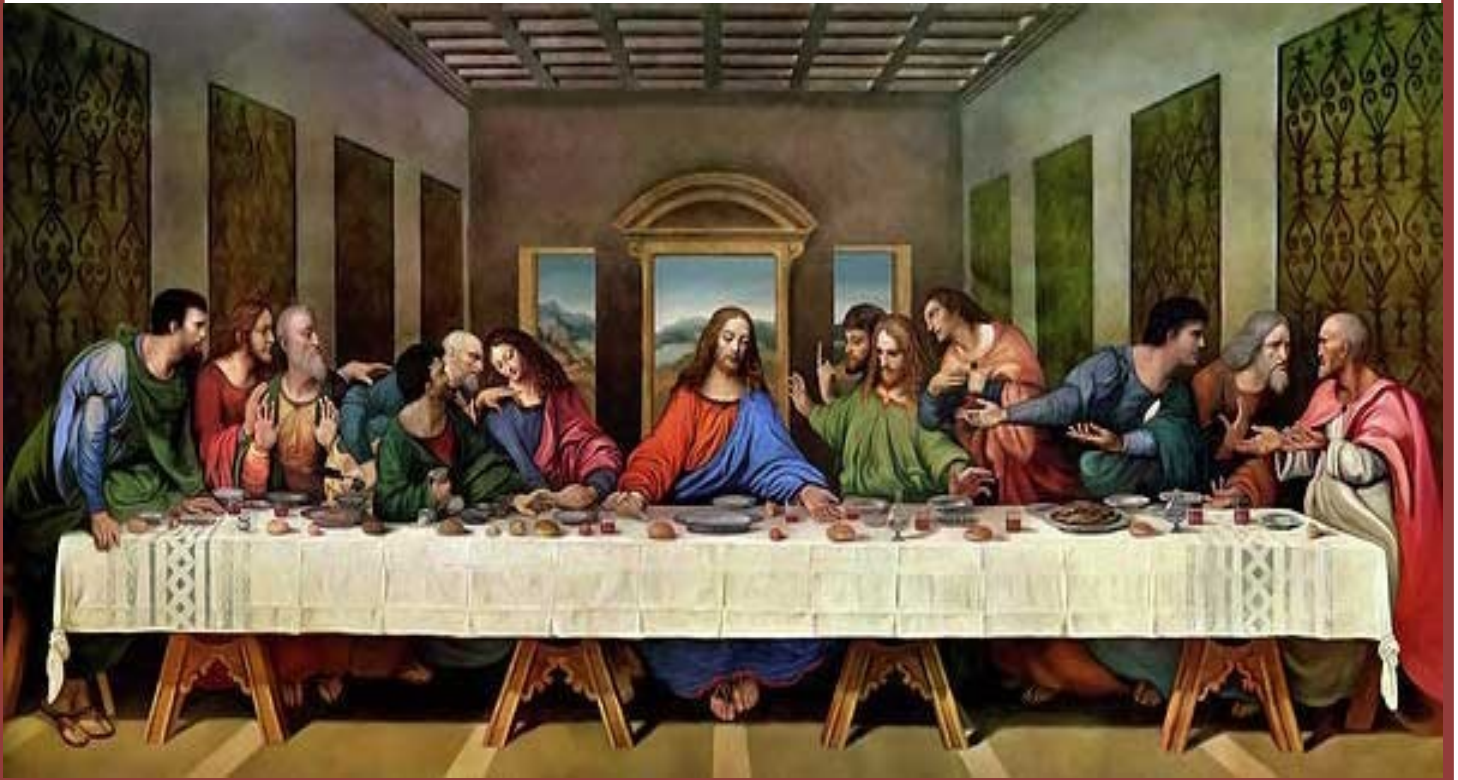
**\*Meal Ministry**

**\*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](mailto:drbrantsen@gmail.com))

**Director of Operations** – Gary Gifford ([garygifford4@gmail.com](mailto: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

# 7 Seeds of Sustainable Relationships

Part One of the "You Make Me Crazy" Series

<sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first of all **pure**. It is also **peace loving, gentle** at all times, and willing to **yield** to others. It is full of **mercy and good deeds**. It **shows no favoritism** and is always **sincere**. <sup>18</sup>And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. [James 3.17-18 NLT]

1. Sustainable relationships are first of all \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Sustainable relationships are \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Sustainable relationships are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Sustainable relationships are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
5. Sustainable relationships are full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Sustainable relationships \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Sustainable relationships are always \_\_\_\_\_.

## August Daily Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Su	Matthew 17			Jeremiah 36	
20	Mo	Matthew 18			Jeremiah 37	
21	Tu	Matthew 19			Jeremiah 38	
22	We	Matthew 20			Jeremiah 39	
23	Th	Matthew 21			Jeremiah 40	
24	Fr	Matthew 22			Jeremiah 41	
25	Sa	Matthew 23			Jeremiah 42	
26	Su	Matthew 24			Jeremiah 43	