

WILL YOU PASS THE TEST?



Laketon Bethel Church
August 21, 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

“I’m Still Amazed”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “Will You Pass the Test?”

Offering

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Concert of Praise and Worship

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

“What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

“Gentle Shepherd”

“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

Benediction

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Land of Hope and Dreams”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Crosstalk - “Will You Pass the Test?”

Offering

“Oh, the Glory of It All”

Concert of Praise and Worship

“God of Wonders”

“Above All”

“Lord, I Need You”

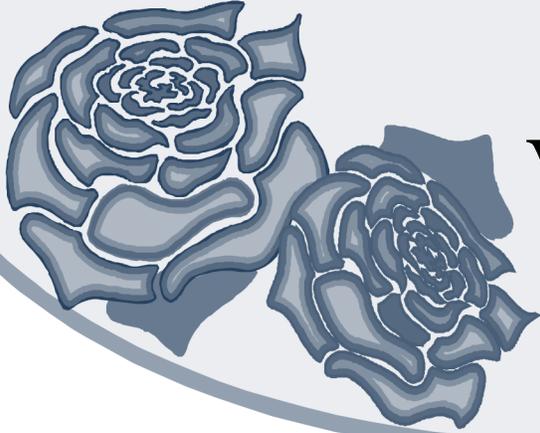
“God So Loved”

Benediction

“God So Loved”

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Leona
Vanderberg**

*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

Avery Lynn

Ida Shealy

Larry Budreau

J.T. Maskell

Sandy Streeter

Patti Buurma

Tom McKee Sr.

Kathy Tabor

Craig Carlson

Patti Mercer

Inga Weavers

Amanda Cihak

Paul Ortquist

Marv Wegner

Stephanie Cutler

Lynn Pluger

Amy Fredericks

Shirly Pummell

Jacob Geers

Aaron Rop

Announcements

Rummage Sale This year's Rummage Sale will take place on Thursday, September 8th from 9:00 - 4:00 and Friday, September 9th 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 6th-12th 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: Kathy Young

Second Service Coffee: Steve & Maureen Mussman

Laketon Bethel's Children's Church & Youth



FALL KICKOFF

ALL are invited to join us on Sunday, August 28th 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.

Bible Readings

Matthew 4, NLT

⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”

¹⁰ “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’”

¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

Luke 22, NLT

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. ³² But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.”

1 Peter 1, New Living Translation

⁷ These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.

⁸ You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. ⁹ The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls.

Will You Pass the Test?

[a place for your notes]

Why did God allow the serpent to be in the Garden of Eden?

Why did God put the “forbidden fruit” in the Garden of Eden?

Why was Abel accepted and not Cain?

Why was Jesus tested in the wilderness?

Why was Satan given permission to test Simon Peter?

Are you going to be tested?

other notes:

August Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Su	Colossians 2			2 Chronicles 18	
22	Mo	Colossians 3			2 Chronicles 19	
23	Tu	Colossians 4			2 Chronicles 20	
24	We	1 Thessalonians 1			2 Chronicles 21	
25	Th	1 Thessalonians 2			2 Chronicles 22	
26	Fr	1 Thessalonians 3			2 Chronicles 23	
27	Sa	1 Thessalonians 4			2 Chronicles 24	
28	Su	1 Thessalonians 5			2 Chronicles 25	

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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