

What is your
gift?



Laketon Bethel Church

September 8, 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

“Redeemed”

Call to Worship

“He Has Made Me Glad”

“This Is the Day”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Because I Have Been Given Much”

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

Crosstalk - “What Is Your Gift?”

Offering

“Jesus, Your Name”

Benediction

“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Sing a Song”

Call to Worship

“Open Up the Heavens”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“King of My Heart”

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Crosstalk - “What Is Your Gift?”

Offering

“The Power of God”

Benediction

“Salt & Light”

Back to Church BBQ

On October 6th, after both services, Sherwin is going to share a 100 pounds of his famous smoked pork.

Hope to see you all there and be sure to invite family, friends, and neighbors.



Announcements

LBC Youth Group

The Youth Group Kickoff is on Sunday, September 8th from 4-7pm. We will play flag football at Mullally Park and grill out. Parents, siblings and anyone else are welcome to join us. For questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

Service Opportunities

Nursery Help We are in need of volunteers for Second Service Nursery. If interested, please see Sally Hendrixon or Tina Dadd.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

1st Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen

2nd Service Nursery: Pat Ritsema & Cyndie Bingaman



"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

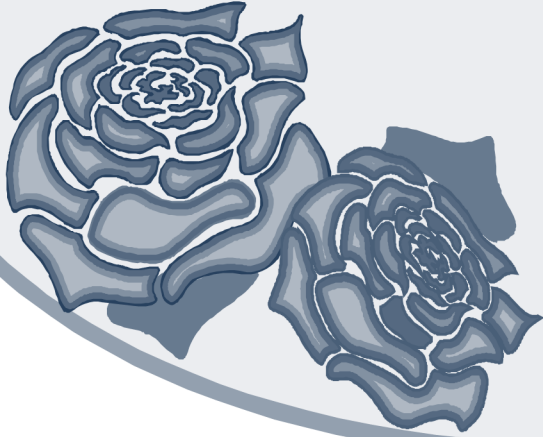


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Special Senior of the Week:

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



Ruthann Hoff

*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

Romans 12.4-11

New Living Translation

⁴Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

⁶In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

⁹Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.

Deep Sheet

What are you naturally good at that can be developed?

What is the devil's favorite strategy for followers of Jesus?

The most significant thought from Romans 12.4-11 is:

Other notes:

September Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
08	Su	1 Corinthians 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	Mo	2 Corinthians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 20	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Tu	2 Corinthians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 21	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	We	2 Corinthians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 22	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Th	2 Corinthians 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 23	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Fr	2 Corinthians 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 24	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Sa	2 Corinthians 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Su	2 Corinthians 7	<input type="checkbox"/>		Joshua 26	<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