

Genesis 1

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.<sup>12</sup>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.

Genesis 6.5-22

<sup>5</sup>The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. <sup>6</sup>So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord said, “I will wipe this human race I have created from the face of the earth. Yes, and I will destroy every living thing—all the people, the large animals, the small animals that scurry along the ground, and even the birds of the sky. I am sorry I ever made them.” <sup>8</sup>But Noah found favor with the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God. <sup>10</sup>Noah was the father of three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup>Now God saw that the earth had become corrupt and was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>God observed all this corruption in the world, for everyone on earth was corrupt. <sup>13</sup>So God said to Noah, “I have decided to destroy all living creatures, for they have filled the earth with violence. Yes, I will wipe them all out along with the earth!

<sup>14</sup>“Build a large boat from cypress wood and waterproof it with tar, inside and out. Then construct decks and stalls throughout its interior. <sup>15</sup>Make the boat 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>16</sup>Leave an 18-inch opening<sup>[1]</sup> below the roof all the way around the boat. Put the door on the side, and build three decks inside the boat—lower, middle, and upper.

<sup>17</sup>“Look! I am about to cover the earth with a flood that will destroy every living thing that breathes. Everything on earth will die. <sup>18</sup>But I will confirm my covenant with you. So enter the boat—you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>19</sup>Bring a pair of every kind of animal—a male and a female—into the boat with you to keep them alive during the flood. <sup>20</sup>Pairs of every kind of bird, and every kind of animal, and every kind of small animal that scurries along the ground, will come to you to be kept alive. <sup>21</sup>And be sure to take on board enough food for your family and for all the animals.”

<sup>22</sup>So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.

Genesis 8.6-12

<sup>6</sup>After another forty days, Noah opened the window he had made in the boat <sup>7</sup>and released a raven. The bird flew back and forth until the floodwaters on the earth had dried up. <sup>8</sup>He also released a dove to see if the water had receded and it could find dry ground. <sup>9</sup>But the dove could find no place to land because the water still covered the ground. So it returned to the boat, and Noah held out his hand and drew the dove back inside. <sup>10</sup>After waiting another seven days, Noah released the dove again. <sup>11</sup>This time the dove returned to him in the evening with a fresh olive leaf in its beak. Then Noah knew that the floodwaters were almost gone. <sup>12</sup>He waited another seven days and then released the dove again. This time it did not come back.

Genesis 9.8-17

<sup>8</sup>Then God told Noah and his sons, <sup>9</sup>“I hereby confirm my covenant with you and your descendants, <sup>10</sup>and with all the animals that were on the boat with you—the birds, the livestock, and all the wild animals—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup>Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup>Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. <sup>13</sup>I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life.<sup>16</sup>When I see the rainbow in the clouds, I will remember the eternal covenant between God and every living creature on earth.” <sup>17</sup>Then God said to Noah, “Yes, this rainbow is the sign of the covenant I am confirming with all the creatures on earth.”

Notes:



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.

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# Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

September 14: Food Truck

September 15 & 29: Hand2Hand Packing

September 18-20: Deco-TEC Weekend #127

October 12: Women’s Bible Study Resumes  
9:30am & 10:45am

October 25: Trunk-or-Treat

*Watch for more information in the bulletin as we get closer to these dates.*

**Special Senior: Sharron Gunn**

*Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway*

## Today’s Volunteers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Servers: Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski
- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Larry Hecksel & Sally Hendrixon

## September Weekly Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|------|-----|---------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 13   | Su  | Acts 15       |                                     |                | Genesis 12    |                                     |
| 14   | Mo  | Acts 16       |                                     |                | Genesis 13    |                                     |
| 15   | Tu  | Acts 17       |                                     |                | Genesis 14    |                                     |
| 16   | We  | Acts 18       |                                     |                | Genesis 15    |                                     |
| 17   | Th  | Acts 19       |                                     |                | Genesis 16    |                                     |
| 18   | Fr  | Acts 20       |                                     |                | Genesis 17    |                                     |
| 19   | Sa  | Acts 21       |                                     |                | Genesis 18    |                                     |
| 20   | Su  | Acts 22       |                                     |                | Genesis 19    |                                     |

## Announcements

**Food Truck** The Food Truck will be here TOMORROW, anyone volunteering should be here by 5pm. See Jill Mouw for more information.

**Trunk-Or-Treat** We will be hosting the Trunk-Or-Treat So Others Can Eat on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-4:30pm. It isn’t too early to think about ideas to decorate your trunks! We would like to have about 25 decorated trunks. We will also need many volunteers. For more information, see Jill Mouw.

**Women’s Bible Study** We will have two Women's Bible Studies beginning October 12<sup>th</sup>. *Please note the change of the beginning date!* The first one will be at 9:30am, and the book we will be studying is *Women of Faith, Overcoming Worry* by Margaret Feinberg. We will be doing a second book on Mondays at 10:45am. This book will be *52 Weeks of Systematic Theology* by Ella Radley. Join us for one or both! See Maureen Mussman for more information.

## Service Opportunities

**Hand2Hand** provides weekend meals to students at Reeths-Puffer Elementary and Intermediate Schools. If you choose to donate financially, please mark your donation Hand2Hand. Any amount helps. Checks should be made out to Laketon Bethel. If donating food, the needs are always the same. There are flyers on the tables by the Sanctuary doors that list the needed items.

**Sacred Suds (Helping Every Living Person Survive)** Autumn and winter will be here soon, sweatshirts and pants, long sleeve shirts, sweaters and warm jackets will be appreciated. Laundry detergent, towels, washcloths, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, are always welcome donations also. *Here are the current special needs: women's small & medium underwear, body wash, disinfectant wipes, laundry soap, any warmer clothing.*

## Order of Worship - 9:00am

(Songs with #'s can be found in the Hymnal under the chairs)

- Gathering Song
- “Almighty”
- Call to Worship
- “I Sing the Mighty Power of God #74”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “Softly and Tenderly #337”
- “Lord, I’m Coming Home #345”
- Crosstalk – “What About Noah’s Ark?”
- Offering
- “This I Believe”
- Benediction
- “The Lord Bless You and Keep You #784”

## Order of Worship - 11:00am

- Gathering Song
- “Holy Water”
- Call to Worship
- “Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “Amazing Grace”
- “This Is Amazing Grace”
- Crosstalk - “What About Noah’s Ark?”
- Offering
- “New Creation”
- Benediction
- “God Be With You”