

Positive
Networking



Laketon Bethel Church

September 15, 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

“Sing Your Praise to the Lord”

Call to Worship

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

“Gentle Shepherd”

Crosstalk - “Positive Networking”

Offering

“Indescribable”

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Made to Worship”

Call to Worship

“Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“What a Beautiful Name”

Revelation Song”

Crosstalk - “Positive Networking”

Offering

“Chain Breaker”

Benediction

“God Be With You”



BACK TO CHURCH

BBQ

OCTOBER 6, 2024

AFTER 9 A.M. & 11 A.M SERVICES

1568 W. GILES RD.

Announcements

Jr. High J.A.M.

For students grades 6th and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk in the Parlor the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

Grades Preschool – 5 and Nursery

Ladies' Monday Morning Bible Study We have begun our book study and meet every Monday morning at 9:30. We will be using the book "Women of the Bible" by Jean E. Syswerda. Come join us for some good fellowship.

Hand2Hand We will have our first packing this Tuesday at 2:30 in the basement. Come check us out if you have the time and see what we're all about. Hope to see you there!

Service Opportunities

Jr. High We are in need of volunteers for Jr. High J.A.M.. If interested, please see Mia Fick.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Theresa Schiltz & Jim Hanley

1st Service Nursery: Joann Petroski

2nd Service Nursery: Cyndie Bingaman & Melissa Wynsma

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

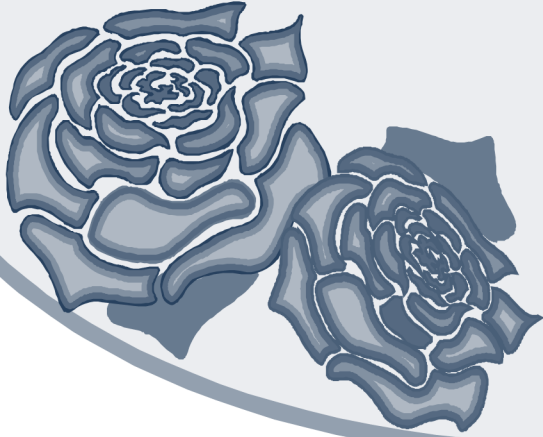


Laketon Bethel Youth Group

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.

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Betty
Kraai**

*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

Sally Legard

Larry Shavaler

Larry Budreau

Avery Lynn

Ida Shealy

Patti Buurma

J.T. Maskell

Sandy Streeter

Craig Carlson

Tom McKee Sr.

Kathy Tabor

Amanda Cihak

Patti Mercer

Inga Weavers

Larry Cone

Paul Ortquist

Amy Fredericks

Lynn Pluger

Jacob Geers

Aaron Rop

Bible Readings

Proverbs 27.17 (nlt)

As iron sharpens iron,
so a friend sharpens a friend.

Ecclesiastes 4 (nlt)

⁹Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. ¹⁰If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. ¹²A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Matthew 7.12 (sbv)

Treat others the way you want to be treated. That's what the Bible is all about.

Deep Sheet

What is “networking?”

Do your friends change you more than you change them?

7 “Be’s” of positive networking:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

Other notes:

September Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Su	2 Corinthians 7			Judges 2	
16	Mo	2 Corinthians 8			Judges 3	
17	Tu	2 Corinthians 9			Judges 4	
18	We	2 Corinthians 10			Judges 5	
19	Th	2 Corinthians 11			Judges 6	
20	Fr	2 Corinthians 12			Judges 7	
21	Sa	2 Corinthians 13			Judges 8	
22	Su	Galatians 1			Judges 9	

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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