

Bible Readings

James 1.2-4¹

²⁻⁴ Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

Genesis 12²

12 Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

¹⁰Now there was a famine in the land. So Abram went down to Egypt to reside there as an alien, for the famine was severe in the land. ¹¹When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, “I know well that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, ¹²and when the Egyptians see you, they will say,

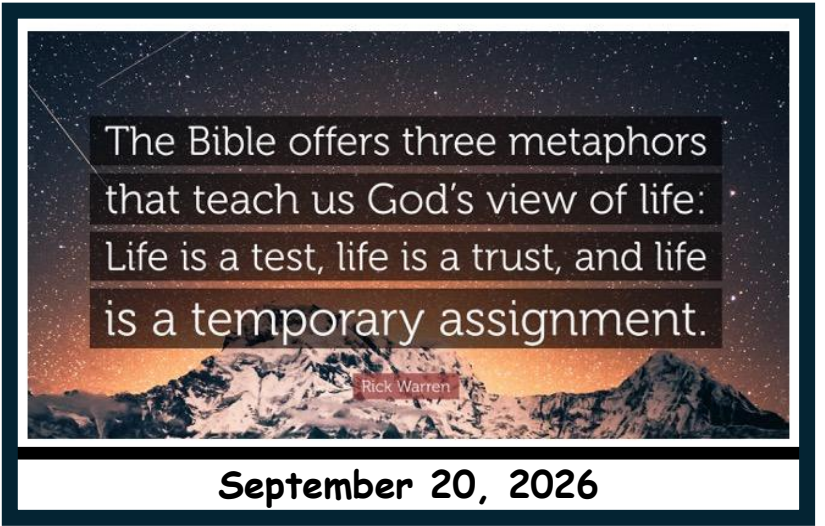
because of you and that my life may be spared on your account.”¹⁴When Abram entered Egypt the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵When the officials of Pharaoh saw her, they praised her to Pharaoh. And the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. ¹⁶And for her sake he dealt well with Abram, and he had sheep, oxen, male donkeys, male and female slaves, female donkeys, and camels.

¹⁷But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram’s wife. ¹⁸So Pharaoh called Abram and said, “What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹Why did you say, ‘She is my sister,’ so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her, and be gone.” ²⁰And Pharaoh gave his men orders concerning him, and they set him on the way with his wife and all that he had.

Notes:

September Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
20	Su	Acts 22			Genesis 19	
21	Mo	Acts 23			Genesis 20	
22	Tu	Acts 24			Genesis 21	
23	We	Acts 25			Genesis 22	
24	Th	Acts 26			Genesis 23	
25	Fr	Acts 27			Genesis 24	
26	Sa	Acts 28			Genesis 25	
27	Su	Romans 1			Genesis 26	



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.

LAKETON BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH
1568 W. Giles Rd. Muskegon, Mi. 49445
Ph.#744-1749
Pastor - Dr. Sherwin Brantsen: drbrantsen@gmail.com
Website address: laketonbethel.org & e-mail: lbrcoffice@gmail.com
Office Hours Tues.- Fri. 9am - 1pm

¹ The Message
² New living Translation

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

September 29: Hand2Hand Packing

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

October 12 – Food Truck

October 14 – Supper House

October 20 Hand2Hand Packing

October 25: Trunk-or-Treat

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

Special Senior: Jim Hoekzema

Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway

Today's Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Deco-TEC

2nd Service Coffee Servers: Deco-TEC

1st Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson

2nd Service Nursery: Pat Ritsema & Kaylah Lassow

Announcements

Trunk or Treat So Others Can Eat This fun event is scheduled for October 25th, 3:00 - 4:30pm. We will need many volunteers, most importantly we need decorated trunks! There are sign-up sheets on a table in the entryway. We will also begin accepting donations of candy this week. See Jill Mouw for more information.

Women's Bible Study We will have two Women's Bible Studies beginning October 12th. 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

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Call to Worship

“Rejoice the Lord is King #276”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“He Leadeth Me #99”

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow #103”

Crosstalk – “A Test, A Trust and A Temp”

Offering

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Benediction

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated #455”

Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Song

“Lion and the Lamb”

Call to Worship

“Everlasting God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Way Maker”

“Battle Belongs

Deco-TEC Presentation

Crosstalk - “A Test, A Trust and A Temp”

“Make It Well”

Benediction

“The Blessing”