

What about foul language?



Laketon Bethel Church

September 25, 2022

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# 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

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

Call to Worship

“We Have Come into His House”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Crosstalk - “What About Foul Language?”

Offering

“We Fall Down”

Benediction

“Glory Be to God the Father”



## **Order of Worship-11:00am**

Gathering Song

“Sing a Song”

Call to Worship

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

“Yes I Will”

Crosstalk - “What About Foul Language?”

Offering

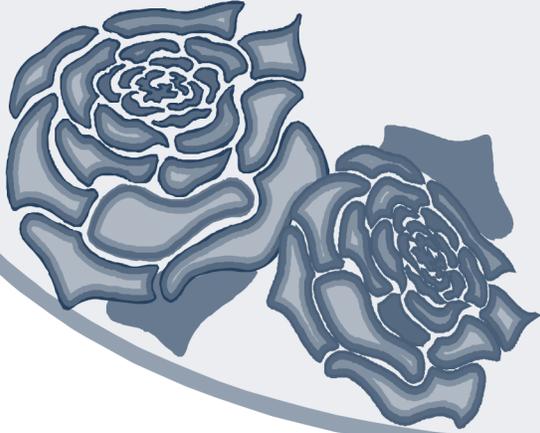
“All My Hope”

Benediction

“Yes I Will”

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



**Larry  
Cone**

*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

**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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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:** Ed Kawaleski

**Second Service Coffee:** Ed & Heidi Kejonen



# SO OTHERS CAN EAT

**WHO:** ALL KIDS OF ALL AGES

**WHAT:** HAVE CHILDREN DRESSED IN HALLOWEEN COSTUMES TO TRICK OR TREAT WHILE LOOKING AT ALL THE COOL DECORATED TRUNKS.

WE WILL ALSO HAVE A FUN SCAVENGER HUNT, HOT DOGS AND POP-CORN.

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 3:00-4:30 PM

**WHERE:** LAKETON BETHEL CHURCH

1568 W. GILES RD., CORNER OF GILES & HORTON

**WHY:** WE ARE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLES TO STOCK OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES. THESE COLLECTED ITEMS ARE YOUR "TICKET IN" TO HAVE A BLAST!

**WE NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

**PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET LOCATED ON THE TABLE IN THE ENTRYWAY.**

# Bible Readings

## Matthew 5 [from The Message]

<sup>21-22</sup> “You’re familiar with the command to the ancients, ‘Do not murder.’ I’m telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother ‘idiot!’ and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell ‘stupid!’ at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words kill.

## James 3 [New Living Translation]

<sup>9</sup> Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. <sup>10</sup> And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! <sup>11</sup> Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? <sup>12</sup> Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can’t draw fresh water from a salty spring.

## Ephesians 4 [nlt]

<sup>29</sup> Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

# What About Foul Language?

[a place for your notes]

What is the difference between profanity and vulgarity?

Jesus equates name-calling with murder in today's passage. Why do you think he did that?

Think about the last person you called a derisive name. What can you do about it?

What is triangulation?

What does triangulation do?

Who can you bless and encourage today?

Other Notes:

## September Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25	Su	Hebrews 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Mo	Hebrews 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Tu	Hebrews 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	We	James 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Th	James 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Fr	James 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
01	Sa	James 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Nehemiah 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
02	Su	James 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Esther 1	<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

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