



Laketon Bethel Church

September 29, 2024

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

Sherwin's Adult Bible Study

We will have pizza at 6:00pm with the Bible Study beginning at 6:30pm.

Questions (Part One)

This is a new adult Bible study based on the questions you have asked. Put these dates on your calendar and hold on to your hat because we will be exploring some of the nitty-gritty topics addressed in Scripture.

Oct. 16: What does the Bible teach about abortion?

Oct. 23: Does the Bible have mistakes and contradictions?

Oct. 30: Does God know the future?

Nov. 6: Did God create the earth in six literal days?

Nov. 13: Are we created in the image of God?

Nov. 20: Was Jesus really born of a virgin and what does that mean for us?

This is part one. More will follow if these topics and others are of interest to you.

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

“Almighty”

Call to Worship

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Grace Greater than Our Sin”

“Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “Glass Houses”

Offering

“As the Deer”

Benediction

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Say So”

Call to Worship

“Good God Almighty”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“10,000 Reasons”

“Praise”

Crosstalk - “Glass Houses”

Offering

“Land of Hope and Dreams”

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.

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.

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: Diane Brantsen

2nd Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

1st Service Nursery: Tina Dadd

2nd Service Nursery: Karen Ervin & Sally Hendrixon



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

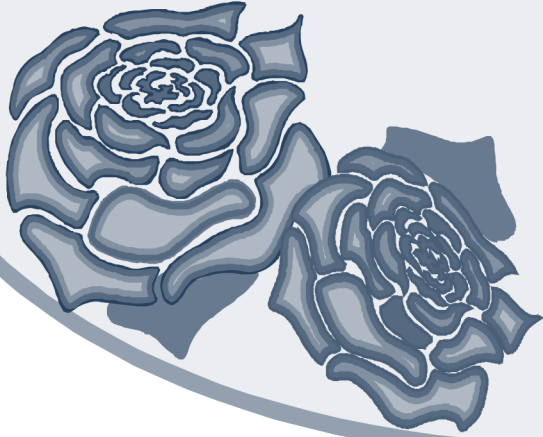


Laketon Bethel Youth Group

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.*



Mick Meyers

*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

John 8

New Living Translation

8 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, ²but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. ³As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.

⁴“Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”

⁶They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!” ⁸Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.

⁹When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. ¹⁰Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”

¹¹“No, Lord,” she said.

And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

³¹Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³²And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Deep Sheet

The followers of the accuser, Satan, are quick to “throw stones.” By contrast, the followers of Jesus are quick to forgive and “throw blessings.” God’s children see things from God’s perspective.

Have you ever lost faith in humanity?

What caused your lack of faith in humanity?

Who would you like to throw a stone at?

How often in a day do you “throw a stone” at yourself?

other notes:

September/October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29	Su	Ephesians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Mo	Ephesians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
01	Tu	Ephesians 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
02	We	Ephesians 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	Th	Ephesians 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 20	<input type="checkbox"/>
04	Fr	Philippians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 21	<input type="checkbox"/>
05	Sa	Philippians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ruth 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
06	Su	Philippians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ruth 2	<input type="checkbox"/>

LAKETON BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH

1568 W. Giles Rd. Muskegon, Mi. 49445

Ph. #744-1749 Fax #744-2848

Website address: laketonbethel.org & e-mail: lbrcoffice@gmail.com

Pastor – Dr. Sherwin Brantsen (drbrantsen@gmail.com)

Director of Operations – Gary Gifford (garygifford4@gmail.com)

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