

Isaiah 45.7 [nlt]

I create the light and make the darkness.
I send good times and bad times.
I, the Lord, am the one who does these things.

John 9 [msg]

9 ¹⁻²Walking down the street, Jesus saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked, “Rabbi, who sinned: this man or his parents, causing him to be born blind?”

³⁻⁵ Jesus said, “You’re asking the wrong question. You’re looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do.

⁴¹ Jesus said, “If you were really blind, you would be blameless, but since you claim to see everything so well, you’re accountable for every fault and failure.”

Exodus 14 [msg]

⁵⁻⁷ When the king of Egypt was told that the people were gone, he and his servants changed their minds. They said, “What have we done, letting Israel, our slave labor, go free?” So he had his chariots harnessed up and got his army together. He took six hundred of his best chariots, with the rest of the Egyptian chariots and their drivers coming along.

¹⁰⁻¹² As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and saw them—Egyptians! Coming at them!

They were totally afraid. They cried out in terror to God. They told Moses, “Weren’t the cemeteries large enough in Egypt so that you had to take us out here in the wilderness to die? What have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? Back in Egypt didn’t we tell you this would happen? Didn’t we tell you, ‘Leave us alone here in Egypt—we’re better off as slaves in Egypt than as corpses in the wilderness.’”

¹³ Moses spoke to the people: “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and watch God do his work of salvation for you today. Take a good look at the Egyptians today for you’re never going to see them again.

¹⁴ God will fight the battle for you.
And you? You keep your mouths shut!”



²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and God, with a terrific east wind all night long, made the sea go back. He made the sea dry ground. The seawaters split.

²²⁻²⁵ The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground with the waters a wall to the right and to the left. The Egyptians came after them in full pursuit, every horse and chariot and driver of Pharaoh racing into the middle of the sea. It was now the morning watch. God looked down from the Pillar of Fire and Cloud on the Egyptian army and threw them into a panic. He clogged the wheels of their chariots; they were stuck in the mud.

The Egyptians said, “Run from Israel! God is fighting on their side and against Egypt!”

²⁶ God said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea and the waters will come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots, over their horsemen.”

²⁷⁻²⁸ Moses stretched his hand out over the sea: As the day broke and the Egyptians were running, the sea returned to its place as before. God dumped the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. The waters returned, drowning the chariots and riders of Pharaoh’s army that had chased after Israel into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹⁻³¹ But the Israelites walked right through the middle of the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall to the right and to the left. God delivered Israel that day from the oppression of the Egyptians. And Israel looked at the Egyptian dead, washed up on the shore of the sea, and realized the tremendous power that God brought against the Egyptians. The people were in reverent awe before God and trusted in God and his servant Moses.

Notes:

Special Senior: Karen Johnson
Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway



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!

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

October 12 – Food Truck

October 14 – Supper House

October 18 – Breakfast Burrito Breakfast

October 20 Hand2Hand Packing

October 25: Trunk-or-Treat

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

Jacket Mix-Up? A few weeks ago, after the 9:00 Service, a navy-blue women’s jacket went missing at the same time that a navy-blue jacket with striped lining remained on the hangers in the entryway. If you find the error, call the office at 231-744-1749.

Today’s Volunteers

- 1st Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski
- 2nd Service Coffee Servers: Theresa & Jim Hanley
- 1st Service Nursery: Connie Reahm
- 2nd Service Nursery: Janice Carrigan

October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
4	Su	Romans 8			Genesis 33	
5	Mo	Romans 9			Genesis 34	
6	Tu	Romans 10			Genesis 35	
7	We	Romans 11			Genesis 36	
8	Th	Romans 12			Genesis 37	
9	Fr	Romans 13			Genesis 38	
10	Sa	Romans 14			Genesis 39	
11	Su	Romans 15			Genesis 40	

Announcements

Welcome New Members Please give a warm welcome to the newest members of the Laketon Bethel Family, Shelley Hall and Sheli Vanderlinde.

Breakfast Burritos The Men’s Group is going to serve breakfast burritos and the fixings, October 18th after both services. Soft shells (regular and gluten free), sausage, cheese, green peppers, onions and scrambled eggs, of course! Proceeds will go to benefit the Wall Project.

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 are collecting donations of candy and if you would like to donate nonperishable food items, we will collect those also. 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. *Current special needs: women's small & medium underwear, body wash, disinfectant wipes, laundry soap, any warmer clothing.*

Order of Worship - 9:00am

- Gathering Song
- “House of the Lord”
- Call to Worship
- “Jesus Is the Joy of Living #369”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “He Hideth My Soul #572”
- “It Is Well With My Soul #554”
- Crosstalk – “Parting the Red Sea”
- Communion
- “I Come With Joy #747”
- “Here at Thy Table, Lord #745”
- Offering
- “There Is a Peace”
- Benediction
- “Forth in the Peace o Christ We Go #781”

Order of Worship - 11:00am

- Call to Worship
- “Praise”
- Welcome & Announcements
- Reception of New Members
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
- “Same God”
- “Who You Say I Am”
- Crosstalk - “Parting the Red Sea”
- Communion
- “Broken Vessels”
- “Amazing Grace”
- Offering
- “Thank You Jesus for the Blood”
- Benediction
- “God Be With You”