



What about lust and adultery?

Laketon Bethel Church

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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

“I’m Still Amazed”

Call to Worship

“Holy Spirit, Thou Art Welcome”

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Be Still and Know”

“The Solid Rock”

Crosstalk - “How to Handle Lust and Adultery”

Offering

“God’s Sweet Love”

Benediction

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Some Kind of Wonderful”

Call to Worship

“Here Is Our King”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Jesus, Draw Me Close”

“Let It Rise”

Crosstalk - “How to Handle Lust and Adultery”

Offering

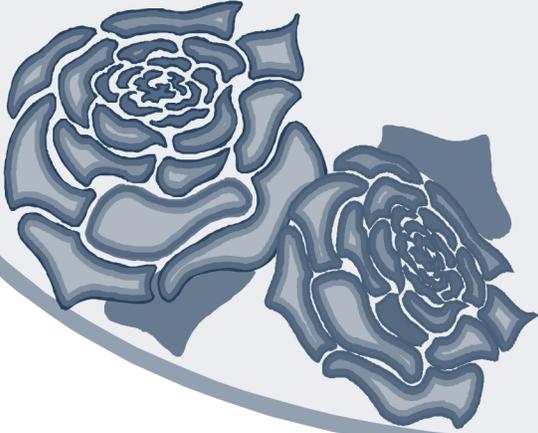
“Land of Hopes and Dreams”

Benediction

“Only a God Like You”

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Larry
Gunn**

*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 6th-12th grades are welcomed to join Laketon Bethel's youth group. 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.

Food Truck The food truck is tomorrow and we ask volunteers to please be at the church by 5:00pm.

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: Steve & Maureen Mussman



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 30TH, 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.

What About Lust and Adultery?

Note from Sherwin:

Lust and adultery are delicate and controversial subjects for religious and non-religious people alike. The teachings of Jesus can provide healing for those who are caught in the aftermath of these things and can show ways to deal with them in the future. Today's crosstalk is not intended to be an exhaustive biblical study of lust and adultery. What I hope to do is reduce the shame some folks feel and reduce the anger and disappointment of others by putting the spotlight on one of the most misunderstood teachings of Jesus.

Questions for your consideration:

What percentage of married men and women have affairs, according to the American Association for Marriage and family therapy?

The definition of attraction is:

The definition of lust is:

The definition of adultery is:

Other Notes:

Today's Difficult Bible Readings

Matthew 5, New Living Translation

²⁷ “You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matthew 7, Contemporary English Version

7 Don't condemn others, and God won't condemn you. ² God will be as hard on you as you are on others! He will treat you exactly as you treat them.

October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
09	Su	2 Peter 2			Esther 8	
10	Mo	2 Peter 3			Esther 9	
11	Tu	1 John 1			Esther 10	
12	We	1 John 2			Job 1	
13	Th	1 John 3			Job 2	
14	Fr	1 John 4			Job 3	
15	Sa	1 John 5			Job 4	
16	Su	2 John			Job 5	

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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

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Brent Ackerman, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,
Mike George, Alex Lassow, Doug Lubbers,
Kris Meyers, Rita Sikkenga