

Laketon Bethel Church

October 13, 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)

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*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.*

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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?

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

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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”

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Love Lifted Me”

“Redeemed”

Crosstalk - “Is Your Soul Fit?”

Offering

“He Knows My Name”

Benediction

“Make Me a Blessing”



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

Gathering Song

“Did You Hear the Mountains Tremble?”

Call to Worship

“Only a God Like You”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Made for More”

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Crosstalk - “Is Your Soul Fit?”

Offering

“Maybe I’m Amazed”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

# Announcements

## Jr. High J.A.M.

For students grades 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

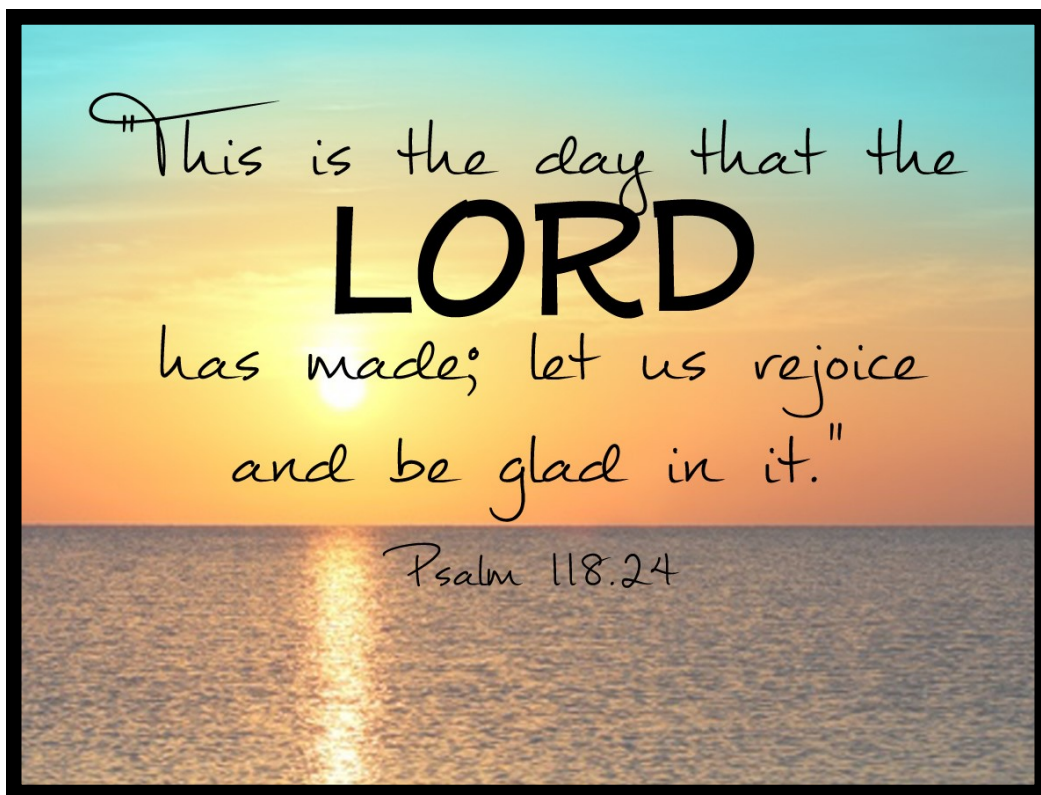
## Volunteers

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Kathy Young

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Jan Kovalcik & Sherri Vanderlaan

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Lorri Anderson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Tina Dadd & Hillary Crandall







# 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, GAMES, HOT DOGS AND POPCORN.

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27<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 CANDY AND DECORATED TRUNKS FOR THIS COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

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

## 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](http://laketonbethel.org) or stop at the check-in station to pick up a form.

Grades Preschool – 5 and Nursery

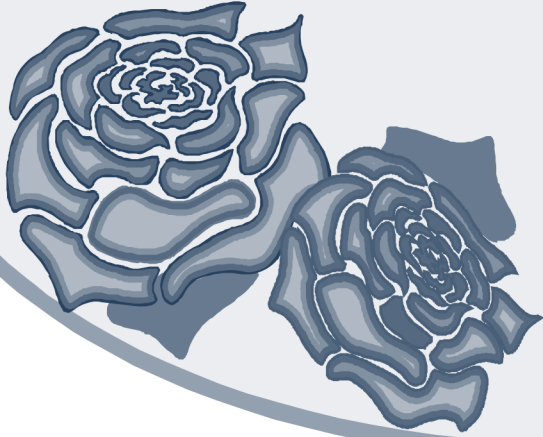


### *Laketon Bethel Youth Group*

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.*



# **Helen Powell**

*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*



# 1 Timothy 4

from The Message

**4** <sup>1</sup>The Spirit makes it clear that as time goes on, some are going to give up on the faith and chase after demonic illusions put forth by professional liars. <sup>2</sup>These liars have lied so well and for so long that they've lost their capacity for truth. <sup>3</sup>They will tell you not to get married. They'll tell you not to eat this or that food—perfectly good food God created to be eaten heartily and with thanksgiving by believers who know better! <sup>4</sup>Everything God created is good, and to be received with thanks. Nothing is to be sneered at and thrown out. <sup>5</sup>God's Word and our prayers make every item in creation holy.

<sup>6</sup>You've been raised on the Message of the faith and have followed sound teaching. Now pass on this counsel to the followers of Jesus there, and you'll be a good servant of Jesus.

<sup>7</sup>Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion.

<sup>8</sup>Exercise daily in God—no spiritual flabbiness, please! <sup>9</sup>Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever. You can count on this. Take it to heart. <sup>10</sup>This is why we've thrown ourselves into this venture so totally. We're banking on the living God, Savior of all men and women, especially believers.

# Deep Sheet

*Physical fitness is useful, but spiritual fitness will outlast this life. Get spiritually fit.*

What does the Bible have to say about physical fitness?

Are you interested in eating szalonna?

How can you exercise your soul?

Why is it important to be spiritually fit?

Other Notes:

## October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Su	1 Thessalonians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Mo	1 Thessalonians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Tu	1 Thessalonians 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	We	1 Thessalonians 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Th	2 Thessalonians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Fr	2 Thessalonians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Sa	2 Thessalonians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Su	1 Timothy 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 12	<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**

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