

Is church
worth
saving?



Laketon Bethel Church

October 20, 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

“I Can See the Hand”

Call to Worship

“How Great Thou Art”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Heaven Came Down”

“Sunshine In My Soul”

Crosstalk - “Is Church Worth Saving?”

Offering

“Here I Am to Worship”

Benediction

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Don’t Stop”

Call to Worship

“Open Up the Heavens”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“I Lift My Hands”

“Way Maker”

Crosstalk - “Is Church Worth Saving?”

Offering

“The More I Seek You”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

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: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley & Theresa Schiltz

1st Service Nursery: Joann Petroski

2nd Service Nursery: Jill Mouw & Larry Hecksel





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 27TH, 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 or stop at the check-in station to pick up a form.

Grades Preschool – 5 and Nursery

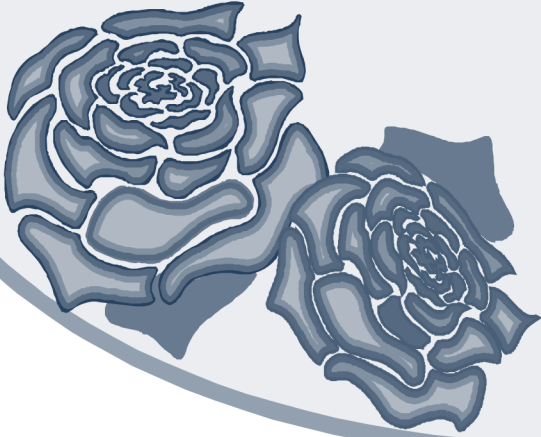


Laketon Bethel Youth Group

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.*



Ardie Pulsipher

*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

Bible Readings

from The Message

Amos 5

²¹⁻²⁴ “I can’t stand your religious meetings.

I’m fed up with your conferences and conventions.

I want nothing to do with your religion projects,
your pretentious slogans and goals.

I’m sick of your fund-raising schemes,
your public relations and image making.

I’ve had all I can take of your noisy ego-music.

When was the last time you sang to *me*?

Do you know what I want?

I want justice—oceans of it.

I want fairness—rivers of it.

That’s what I want. That’s *all* I want.

1 Peter 2

⁹⁻¹⁰ But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God’s instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—from nothing to something, from rejected to accepted.

1 Corinthians 15

⁵⁸ With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don’t hold back. Throw yourselves into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.

Deep Sheet

Do you think the church is worth saving?

Do you think the Lord wants it saved?

Do you think the reading from the prophet Amos applies to many churches?

Does it apply to Laketon Bethel?

Did you know that you are a priest?

Other Notes:

October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20	Su	1 Timothy 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Mo	1 Timothy 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Tu	1 Timothy 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	We	1 Timothy 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Th	1 Timothy 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Fr	1 Timothy 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Sa	2 Timothy 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Su	2 Timothy 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		1 Samuel 19	<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