



Laketon Bethel Church

October 22, 2023

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

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.



SO OTHERS CAN EAT FOOD DRIVE

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 POPCORN.

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 3:00-4:30 PM

WHERE: LAKETON BETHEL CHURCH

1568 W. GILES RD.

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!

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

“God’s Sweet Love”

Call to Worship

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Just As I Am”

“Redeemed”

Crosstalk - “How to Shut Down Your Guilt”

Offering

“We Fall Down”

Benediction

“Spirit Song”

Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Holy Water”

Call to Worship

“Did You Fell the Mountains Tremble”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Way Maker”

“Yes, I Will”

Crosstalk - “How to Shut Down Your Guilt”

Offering

“Show Me Your Glory”

Benediction

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Announcements

Bible Study Sherwin has started a 6-week Bible Study on Jeremiah at 6:00pm for pizza and the study starting at 6:30pm. There will be a 6-week break for the holidays and reconvening on January 3rd, 2024. Please sign up on the sheet located in the entryway.

Membership Class We will have a Membership Class TODAY following the Second Service. We will meet in the Parlor, by Sherwin's office.

Opportunities to Serve

Trunk-or-Treat *So Others Can Eat* Help stock the local food pantries by donating non-perishable food items. You can drop them off Tuesday - Friday 9 - 11am or bring them Sunday morning.

Hand2Hand We are still collecting monetary donations, food donations, and the option to sponsor a child for \$100. Please make your check out to Laketon Bethel and note Hand2Hand in the memo. For questions, please see Maureen at the table in the entryway following the services.

Coffee Servers We are in need of volunteers for serving coffee at the second service. If you are interested, please see Tina or call the office at 744-1749.

Current Laketon Bethel Outreach Activities/Programs

Hand2Hand

Food Truck

Supperhouse

Trunk or Treat

Make a Difference Ministry (MadHouse)

Adopt A Family

Coat Drives

Rummage Sales

Santa's Secret Shop

Funerals

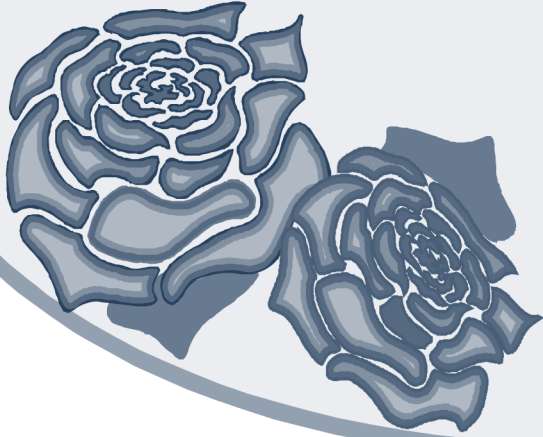
Vacation Bible School

Westshore Christian Academy

Safe Harbor Christian Communities

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Bob
Jewell**

*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

Shirly Pummell

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Larry Shavaler

Ida Shealy

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Marv Wegner

1 John 3.11-24

From THE MESSAGE

¹¹ For this is the original message we heard: We should love each other.

¹²⁻¹³ We must not be like Cain, who joined the Evil One and then killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because he was deep in the practice of evil, while the acts of his brother were righteous. So don't be surprised, friends, when the world hates you. This has been going on a long time.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The way we know we've been transferred from death to life is that we love our brothers and sisters. Anyone who doesn't love is as good as dead. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know very well that eternal life and murder don't go together.

¹⁶⁻¹⁷ This is how we've come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves. If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear.

¹⁸⁻²⁰ My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. **It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it.** For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves.

²¹⁻²⁴ And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God! We're able to stretch our hands out and receive what we asked for because we're doing what he said, doing what pleases him. Again, this is God's command: to believe in his personally named Son, Jesus Christ. He told us to love each other, in line with the original command. As we keep his commands, we live deeply and surely in him, and he lives in us.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes and musings]

When can feeling guilty be a good thing?

When is feeling guilty a bad thing?

What do you feel guilty about?

What is a good substitute for guilt?

Other Notes:

October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22	Su	John 19	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Mo	John 20	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Tu	John 21	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	We	Acts 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Th	Acts 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Fr	Acts 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Sa	Acts 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Su	Acts 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 18	<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

Kyle Bogner, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker,
Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-
Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke

Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Mia Fick, Kathy Forrester,
Mike George, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers,
Rita Sikkenga, Diana Wagbo