



Laketon Bethel Church

October 27, 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

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Call to Worship

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Be Thou My Vision”

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Crosstalk - “Muddy Eyes”

Offering

“We Fall Down”

Benediction

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Call to Worship

“Everlasting God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Amazing Grace”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “Muddy Eyes”

Offering

“Show Me Your Glory”

Benediction

“Everlasting God”

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.

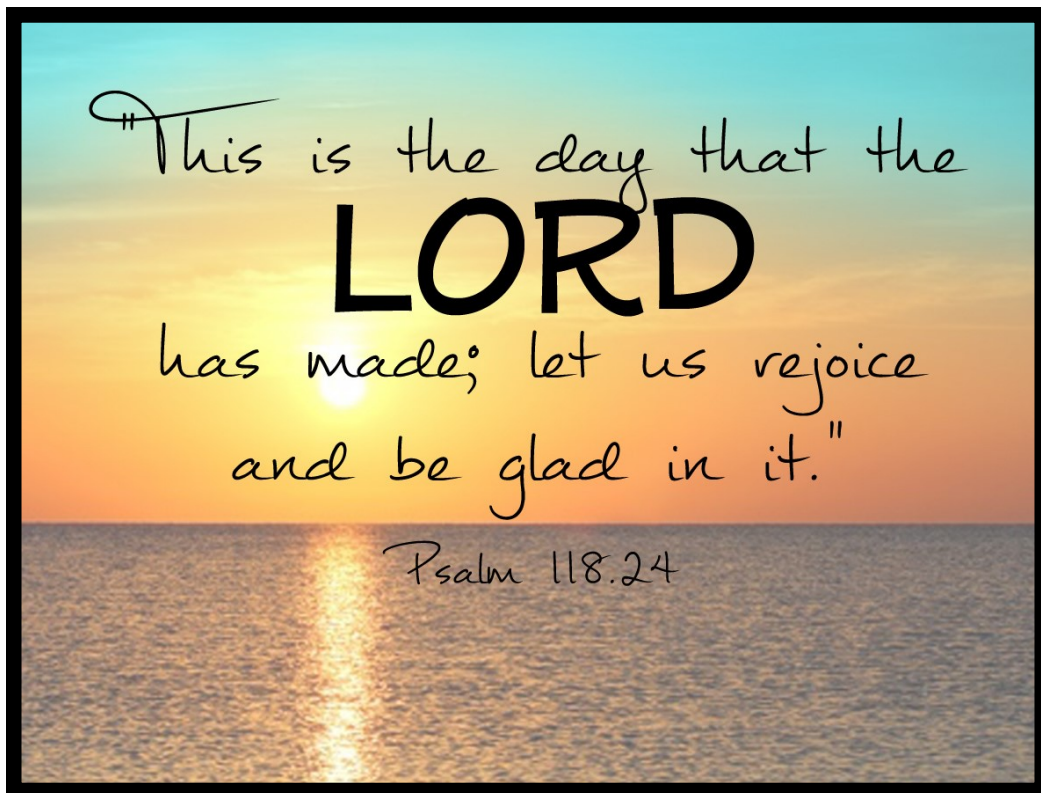
Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: DeColores

2nd Service Coffee Server: DeColores

1st Service Nursery: Connie Reahm

2nd Service Nursery: Sally & Melissa Wynsma





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

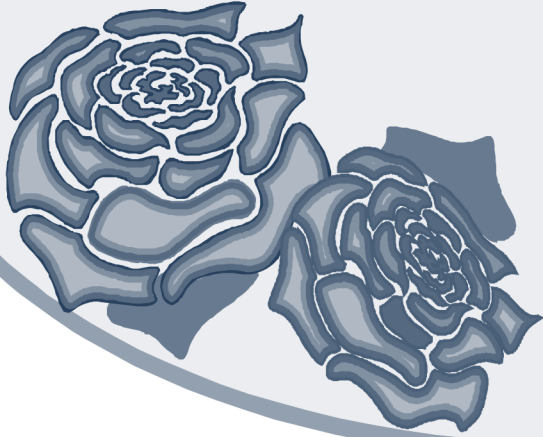


Laketon Bethel Youth Group

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.*



Dave Utzinger

*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

John 9

[New Living Translation]

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. ² “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”

³ “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. ⁴ We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us.

⁶ Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. ⁷ He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

¹³ Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, ¹⁴ because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. ¹⁵ The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, “He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!”

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath.” Others said, “But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?” So there was a deep division of opinion among them.

²⁴ So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, “God should get the glory for this, ^[b] because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.”

²⁵ “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!”

²⁶ “But what did he do?” they asked. “How did he heal you?”

²⁷ “Look!” the man exclaimed. “I told you once. Didn’t you listen? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?”

²⁸ Then they cursed him and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know God spoke to Moses, but we don’t even know where this man comes from.”

³⁰ “Why, that’s very strange!” the man replied. “He healed my eyes, and yet you don’t know where he comes from? ³¹ We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will. ³² Ever since the world began, no one has been able to open the eyes of someone born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he couldn’t have done it.”

³⁴ “You were born a total sinner!” they answered. “Are you trying to teach us?” And they threw him out of the synagogue.

³⁵ When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶ The man answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.”

³⁷ “You have seen him,” Jesus said, “and he is speaking to you!”

³⁸ “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

³⁹ Then Jesus told him, “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.”

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

⁴¹ “If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Who is the master of disinformation?

Why did Jesus perform miracles?

What did you think of the Pharisees idea of “pre-natal” sins?

Why do you think Jesus put mud and spit on the man’s eyes?

What do you think will change if we all see more of the light?

other notes:

October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
27	Su	2 Timothy 2			1 Samuel 19	
28	Mo	2 Timothy 3			1 Samuel 20	
29	Tu	2 Timothy 4			1 Samuel 21	
30	We	Titus 1			1 Samuel 22	
01	Th	Titus 2			1 Samuel 23	
02	Fr	Titus 3			1 Samuel 24	
03	Sa	Philemon			1 Samuel 25	
04	Su	Hebrews 1			1 Samuel 26	

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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