

Is the Bible a Buffet?



Laketon Bethel Church

October 29, 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

“My Answer Is Yes”

Call to Worship

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“If Jesus Goes With Me”

“Jesus Is the Joy of Living”

Crosstalk - “ ”

Offering

“Adonai”

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“You Are Good”

Call to Worship

“Of All the Things About You”

Welcome & Announcements

Reception of New Members/Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Be the Center”

“Great I Am”

Crosstalk - “ ”

Offering

“Washed Clean”

Benediction

“The Blessing”

Announcements

Please give a warm welcome to the newest members of the Laketon Bethel family: Madyson Dorgan, Karen Ervin and Deborah Groeneveld.

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.

Opportunities to Serve

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.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Diane Brantsen

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

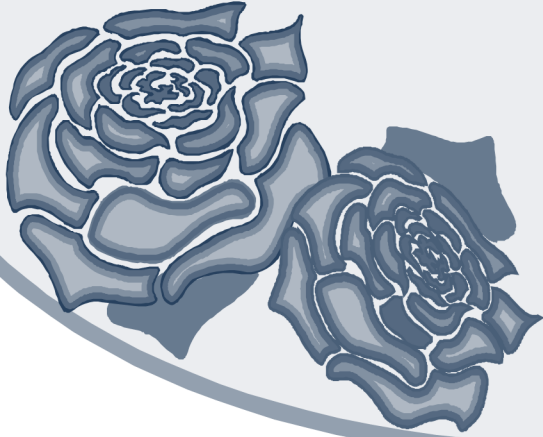
Vacation Bible School

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.*



**Betty
Kraai**

*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

Bible Readings

2 Timothy 3, New Living Translation

¹⁴ But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. ¹⁵ You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

John 1, NLT

In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

² He existed in the beginning with God.

³ God created everything through him,
and nothing was created except through him.

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.

John 20 Contemporary English Version

³⁰ Jesus worked many other miracles for his disciples, and not all of them are written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God. If you have faith in him, you will have true life.

John 21 CEV

²⁵ Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

Matthew 7.12 SBV

¹² Treat others as you want them to treat you. This is what the Bible is all about.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes and other musings]

What is the Bible?

All Scripture is:

All Scripture is not:

Is the Bible the Word of God?

Other Notes:

October/November Weekly Bible Readings

ate	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29	Su	Acts 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Mo	Acts 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Tu	Acts 7	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 20	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	We	Acts 8	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 21	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Th	Acts 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 22	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Fr	Acts 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 23	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Sa	Acts 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 24	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Su	Acts 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 25	<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