



A New Plan  
for You

Laketon Bethel Church

November 5, 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.

## **Order of Worship-9:00am**

Gathering Song

“Here I Am to Worship”

Call to Worship

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Count Your Blessings”

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Crosstalk - “A New Plan For You”

Offering

Jesus, Your Name”

Benediction

“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

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

Gathering Song

“I Hope I’m Doing This Right”

Call to Worship

“Everlasting God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Amazing Grace”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “A New Plan For You”

Offering

“Surrender”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Sue Vannette

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

## 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**

**KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM THIS WINTER**



**DONATE WINTER CLOTHING!**

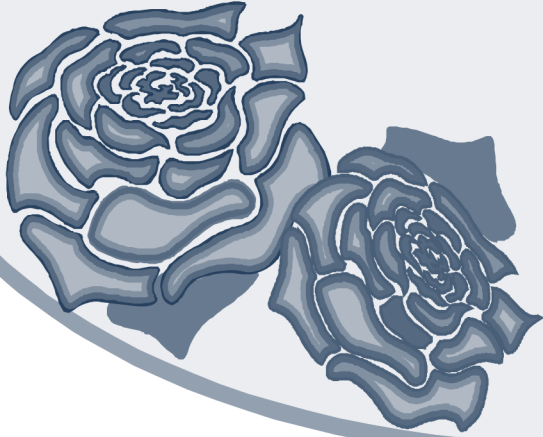
We are accepting *gently used*  
winter gear and coats.

The community needs are hats, gloves/mittens,  
scarves, boots,  
coats, snowpants and warm socks.

All donations will go to  
Westshore Christian Academy.

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



**Sally  
Legard**

*Please remember in prayer our friends who are  
battling long-term illnesses:*

*Donald Bayne*

*Bob Hanson*

*Aaron Rop*

*Jana Belladone*

*Scott Hladki*

*Gary Samples*

*Betty Bonneville*

*Sally Legard*

*Joe Shavalier*

*Larry Budreau*

*Avery Lynn*

*Larry Shavaler*

*Patti Buurma*

*J.T. Maskell*

*Ida Shealy*

*Craig Carlson*

*Tom McKee Sr.*

*Sandy Streeter*

*Amanda Cihak*

*Patti Mercer*

*Kathy Tabor*

*Larry Cone*

*Paul Ortquist*

*Inga Weavers*

*Amy Fredericks*

*Lynn Pluger*

*Marv Wegner*

*Jacob Geers*

*Shirly Pummell*

# Bible Readings

From Hebrews 8, New Living Translation and the Message

<sup>7</sup> If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it.

<sup>8</sup> But when God found fault with the people, he said:

Heads up! The days are coming  
when I'll set up a new plan  
for dealing with Israel and Judah.  
I'll throw out the old plan  
I set up with their ancestors  
when I led them by the hand out of Egypt.

They didn't keep their part of the bargain,  
so I looked away and let it go.

This new plan I'm making with Israel  
isn't going to be written on paper,  
isn't going to be chiseled in stone;

This time I'm writing out the plan *in* them,  
carving it on the lining of their hearts.

I'll be their God,  
they'll be my people.

They won't go to school to learn about me,  
or buy a book called *God in Five Easy Lessons*.

They'll all get to know me firsthand,  
the little and the big, the small and the great.

They'll get to know me by being kindly forgiven,  
with the slate of their sins forever wiped clean.

<sup>13</sup> When God speaks of a "new" covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.

# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes and other musings]

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*The old way of living, based on merit, doesn't work. God saw this and sent Jesus. Now we have a new plan, based on mercy, that works.*

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How would you explain to a 12-year-old the difference between the merit system and the mercy system?

Does it bother you when you read that the New Testament teaches that the Old Testament is obsolete?

Other Notes:

## November Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Su	Acts 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Mo	Acts 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 26	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Tu	Acts 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 27	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	We	Acts 15	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 28	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Th	Acts 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 29	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Fr	Acts 17	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Sa	Acts 18	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Su	Acts 19	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 32	<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