

I used to believe that prayer
changes things, but now I know that
prayer changes us, and we change
things.

— *Mother Teresa* —

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Laketon Bethel Church

November 6, 2022

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

“Just a Little Talk With Jesus”

Call to Worship

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Day By Day”

“Yes, Lord, Yes”

Crosstalk - “Does Prayer Matter?”

Offering

“He Knows My Name/Our Great Savior”

Benediction

“Rise Up, O Church of God”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Start Me Up”

Call to Worship

“Let God Arise”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Oceans”

“Holy Water”

Crosstalk - “Does Prayer Matter?”

Offering

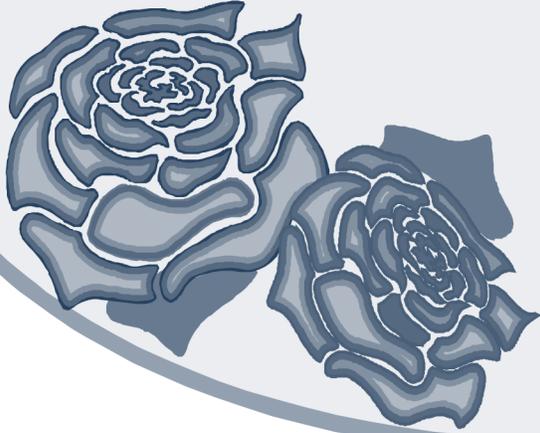
“Dive”

Benediction

“Doxology”

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

Gary Samples

Jana Belladone

Scott Hladki

Joe Shavalier

Betty Bonneville

Avery Lynn

Ida Shealy

Larry Budreau

J.T. Maskell

Sandy Streeter

Patti Buurma

Tom McKee Sr.

Kathy Tabor

Craig Carlson

Patti Mercer

Inga Weavers

Amanda Cihak

Paul Ortquist

Marv Wegner

Stephanie Cutler

Lynn Pluger

Amy Fredericks

Shirly Pummell

Jacob Geers

Aaron Rop

Announcements

Jack and Jean Moore will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday, November 8th!
If you would like to send a card, please send it to:
2320 Marquard St., N. Muskegon, 49445

Membership Class We will have a membership class on November 20th following the second service. Please sign up on the sheet located on the table in the entryway.

Children's Ministry Children's Church is open to children from Preschool through Fifth Grades during the 11:00 Service.

Nursery We are in need of first service volunteers for the nursery. If you are interested in joining this team, see Sally Hendrixon or Joann Petroski or call the office at 744-1749.

Service Opportunities

Hand2Hand We are in need of quart and gallon zipper bags. The cheapest we have found are the Walmart brand at Walmart. The donation box is in the entryway by the Hand2Hand sign. Thank you for your donations.

Coat Drive We will begin collecting *gently used* winter gear for all ages. You may bring your donation in Tuesday-Friday from 8:30-11:30am and on Sundays. All donations will go to Mission for Area People.

Children's Church We are looking for a few people to assist with Children's Church. You will not have to teach! All we ask is to build relationships with the kids. If you are interested, please see Tina or call the office at 744-1749.

Sunday Volunteers

1st Service Coffee: Diane Brantsen

Second Service Coffee: Steve & Maureen Mussman

Bible Readings

Matthew 6, The Message

⁵ “And when you come before God, don’t turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for fifteen minutes of fame! Do you think God sits in a box seat?

⁶ “Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

⁷⁻⁸ “The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They’re full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don’t fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply.

Does Prayer Matter?

[a place for your notes]

Does God have everything planned or has he left room for our actions and requests?

If everything is determined, does prayer matter?

If God says “no” all the time, does prayer matter?

What can we learn from the salamander?

What do you think of the quote from Mother Theresa?

Other Notes:

November Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
06	Su	Revelation 19	<input type="checkbox"/>		Job 26	<input type="checkbox"/>
07	Mo	Revelation 20	<input type="checkbox"/>		Job 27	<input type="checkbox"/>
08	Tu	Revelation 21	<input type="checkbox"/>		Job 28	<input type="checkbox"/>
09	We	Revelation 22	<input type="checkbox"/>		Job 29	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Th	Matthew 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Job 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Fr	Matthew 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Job 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Sa	Matthew 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Job 32	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Su	Matthew 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Job 33	<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, Gay Hudson,
Larry Joslyn, Amy Kunnen, Ed Luzadder,
Jason Peterson, Ron Zant

Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,
Mike George, Alex Lassow, Doug Lubbers,
Kris Meyers, Rita Sikkenga