

Laketon Bethel Church
November 10, 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** 

"How Great Is Our God"

Call to Worship

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"The Gift of Love"

"I Then Shall Live"

Crosstalk - "How to Be Relaxed and Content"

Offering

"God's Sweet Love"

Benediction

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"



## Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

"Doxology"

Call to Worship

"Here & Now"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Amazed"

"Salt & Light"

Crosstalk - "How to Be Relaxed and Content"

Offering

"Washed Clean"

Benediction

"God Be With You"

#### **Announcements**

<u>Membership Class</u> This class is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> following the Second Service. We meet in the Parlor with a pizza lunch provided. Please sign up on the sheets available in the entryway.

<u>Jr.&HS Youth Group</u> Students 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to come. We meet TODAY and the 24<sup>th</sup> to do Christmas card decorating. Join us 5:00pm-7:00pm for dinner, a lesson and lots of fun.

<u>Jr. High J.A.M.</u> Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk in the Parlor the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

## **Service Opportunities**

<u>Volunteers Needed</u> We are in need of volunteers to remove snow from sidewalks and curbs in the upcoming winter months. We are also looking for volunteers to help in the sound booth. For any questions for both Service Opportunities, please see Scott Johnson.

#### **Volunteers**

1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Mark Gaultney

1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery: Tina Dadd & Chelsea Deblock



## **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



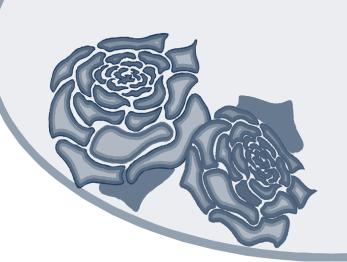
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For questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

## **Special Senior of the Week:**

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



# Bill Birr

# 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 Sally Legard Larry Shavaler

Larry Budreau Avery Lynn Ida Shealy

Patti Buurma J.T. Maskell Sandy Streeter

Craig Carlson Tom McKee Sr. Kathy Tabor

Amanda Cihak Patti Mercer Inga Weavers

Larry Cone Paul Ortquist

Amy Fredericks Lynn Pluger

Jacob Geers Aaron Rop

## John 13

## **New Living Translation**

13 Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. <sup>2</sup> It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. <sup>3</sup> Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. <sup>4</sup>So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, <sup>5</sup> and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

<sup>6</sup>When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

<sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."

<sup>8</sup> "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."

<sup>9</sup>Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup> After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? <sup>13</sup> You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. <sup>14</sup> And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. <sup>17</sup> Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

## Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What is your simple calling in life?

Thoughts plus actions equal mood. True or False

Why did Jesus wash his students' feet?

Give a blessing a day and keep the \_\_\_\_\_ away.

Other Notes:

## **October Weekly Bible Readings**

Date	Day	New Testament	V	Special Prayer	Old Testament	V
10	Su	Hebrews 8			2 Samuel 2	
11	Mo	Hebrews 9			2 Samuel 3	
12	Tu	Hebrews 10			2 Samuel 4	
13	We	Hebrews 11			2 Samuel 5	
14	Th	Hebrews 12			2 Samuel 6	
15	Fr	Hebrews 13			2 Samuel 7	
16	Sa	James 1			2 Samuel 8	
17	Su	James 2			2 Samuel 9	

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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