



# Currency for the Soul

Laketon Bethel Church

November 13, 2022

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# 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

“Melody of Love Medley”

Call to Worship

“A New Name in Glory”

“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Jesus Is Lord of All”

“Living For Jesus”

Crosstalk - “Currency for the Soul”

Offering

“Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty”

Benediction

“Glory Be to God the Father”

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

Gathering Song

“Some Kind of Wonderful”

Call to Worship

“Open Up the Heavens”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Waiting Here for You”

“Grace Like Rain”

Crosstalk - “Currency for the Soul”

Offering

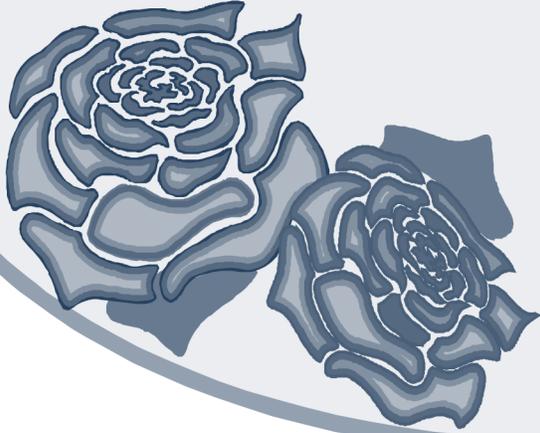
“All My Hope”

Benediction

“Doxology”

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



**Mick  
Meyers**

*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

**Membership Class** We will have a membership class on November 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**Food Truck** The food truck is tomorrow and we ask that all volunteers be at the church by 5:00pm. Please see Jill Mouw if you have any questions.

**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 the 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.

The Children's Christmas Program is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of the second service. The kids with speaking parts will practice after the second service for 15 minutes. Please see Tina if you have any questions.

# TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS

## MATTHEW 6, CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

<sup>19</sup> Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. <sup>20</sup> Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. <sup>21</sup> Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

<sup>22</sup> Your eyes are a window for your body. When they are good, you have all the light you need. <sup>23</sup> But when your eyes are bad, everything is dark. If the light inside you is dark, you surely are in the dark.

<sup>24</sup> You cannot be the slave of two masters! You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

# CURRENCY FOR THE SOUL

*[A PLACE FOR YOUR NOTES]*

Can you serve two masters at the same time?

What is a hyperbole?

How can you build currency for your soul?

**OTHER NOTES:**

## **November Weekly Bible Readings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>New Testament</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Special Prayer</b>	<b>Old Testament</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Su	Matthew 4			Job 33	
14	Mo	Matthew 5			Job 34	
15	Tu	Matthew 6			Job 35	
16	We	Matthew 7			Job 36	
17	Th	Matthew 8			Job 37	
18	Fr	Matthew 9			Job 38	
19	Sa	Matthew 10			Job 39	
20	Su	Matthew 11			Job 40	

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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