



Laketon Bethel Church

November 17, 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.

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.

Share The Warmth

WINTER COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE

Let's help families in need by donating clean new or gently used winter gear and blankets that can last them through the colder months.

COATS, GLOVES,
SCARVES, SOCKS,
BOOTS, & BLANKETS

**We are
collecting
now through
Dec. 15th.**

**Thanks
in advance
for your
donations!**

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

“The Solid Rock”

Call to Worship

“Glorify Thy Name”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Day By Day”

“Be Still My Soul”

Crosstalk - “Impure and Unclean”

Offering

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Benediction

“Rise Up, O Church of God”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“That’s My King”

Call to Worship

“This Is Our God”

Welcome & Announcements

Installation of New Members

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Trust in God”

“Raise a Hallelujah”

Crosstalk - “Impure and Unclean”

Offering

“Word of God Speak”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

Announcements

A warm welcome to our newest members:

*Avalynn Walker, Jaslin Walker, Ajahlyn Bell, Malika Bell, and
Marissa Zonnebelt.*

Informational Meeting Can we help you save on your taxes? Have you ever wondered about the different options to give at church? Need help selling stock that you want to donate? What does tithing mean to you and your church? We have an informational meeting that will discuss this, giving habits and goals you can set. This is informational only, just for you and will only provide tips and answer questions. A no pressure event! A Financial Advisor will also be present and be available to answer questions for you! The meeting will be Wednesday December 4th at 6:30pm here at church. For any questions, please see Dave DeBoer or Ed Luzadder.

Jr.&HS Youth Group Students 6th grade - 12th grade are welcome to come. We meet on Sunday, November 24th to do Christmas card decorating. Join us 5:00pm-7:00pm for dinner, a lesson and lots of fun. For questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

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

Service Opportunities

Secret Santa Shop Laketon Bethel will be hosting Santa Secret Shop on December 17th & 18th for the McMillan Head Start children. We are in need of new or gently used items for the children to choose from for their moms and dads. There will be a box for these items by the Hand2Hand table. If you would like to help when the children come there will be a sign up sheet on the table next to the box.

Volunteers Needed 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

1st Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young

2nd Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman

1st Service Nursery: Joann Petroski

2nd Service Nursery: Cyndie Bingaman, Melissa Wynsma

Children & Youth News



LBC Children's Church

The new class year has begun, and we would like to have new registrations for each child. You can register online at laketonbethel.org or stop at the check-in station to pick up a form.

Grades Preschool – 5 and Nursery

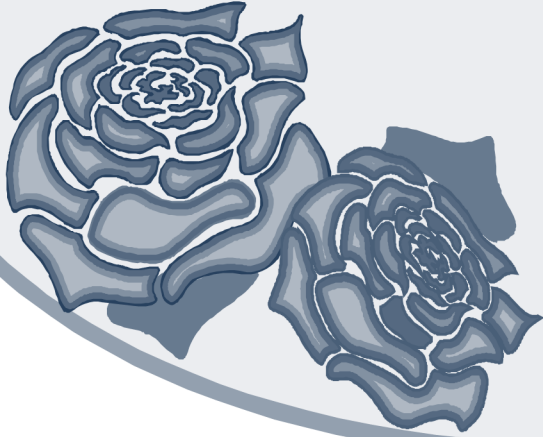


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Special Senior of the Week:

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



Jackie Buck

*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

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Larry Shavaler

Ida Shealy

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Titus 3.1-2 from The Message

3 ¹⁻² Remind the people to respect the government and be law-abiding, always ready to lend a helping hand. No insults, no fights. God's people should be bighearted and courteous.

Acts 10 (msg)

³⁴⁻³⁶ Peter fairly exploded with his good news: "It's God's own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. The Message he sent to the children of Israel—that through Jesus Christ everything is being put together again—well, he's doing it everywhere, among everyone.

Galatians 2.11-13 (msg)

¹¹⁻¹³ Later, when Peter came to Antioch, I had a face-to-face confrontation with him because he was clearly out of line. Here's the situation. Earlier, before certain persons had come from James, Peter regularly ate with the non-Jews. But when that conservative group came from Jerusalem, he cautiously pulled back and put as much distance as he could manage between himself and his non-Jewish friends. That's how fearful he was of the conservative Jewish clique that's been pushing the old system of circumcision. Unfortunately, the rest of the Jews in the Antioch church joined in that hypocrisy so that even Barnabas was swept along in the charade.

Deep Sheet: A Place for your Notes

Do you ever feel frustrated with the government?

How does Titus 3.1-2 speak to your frustration?

Why did Paul feel the need to confront Peter?

Can followers of Jesus legitimately critique government policy?

Does respect for government mean condoning corruption?

Does respect for government mean that you stop working for change?

Other Notes:

October Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Su	James 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Mo	James 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Tu	James 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	We	James 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Th	1 Peter 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Fr	1 Peter 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Sa	1 Peter 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Su	1 Peter 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 16	<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

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