

Do You Have Enough Merits to Get Into Heaven?



Laketon Bethel Church

November 21, 2021

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

Order of Worship-9:00am

We Approach Our Friend

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

#767 - "We Gather Together"

#774 - "Give Thanks My Soul for Harvest"

#771 - "Count Your Blessings"

#773 - "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings-We Give Back

Special Music

We Learn, Remember and Renew

Crosstalk - "Do You Have Enough Merits for Heaven?"

Benediction

#7 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"



Order of Worship-11:00am

We Approach our Friend

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"10,000 Reasons"

Congregational Prayer

Offerings-We Give Back

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

We Learn, Remember and Renew

Crosstalk - "Do You Have Enough Merits for Heaven?"

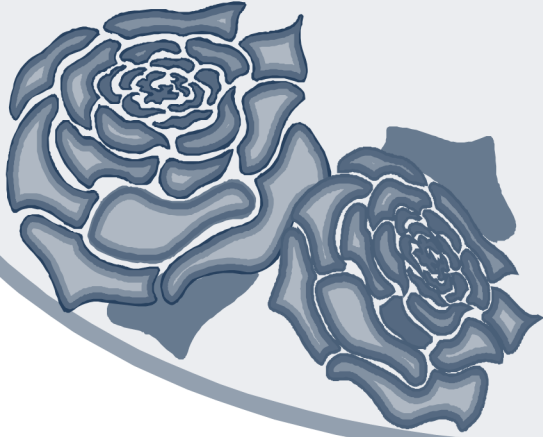
We Respond to Our Friend

Benediction

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Special Senior of the Week:

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



***Bob
Jewell***

***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

Stephanie Cutler

Amy Fredericks

Jacob Geers

Bob Hanson

Scott Hladki

Avery Lynn

J.T. Maskell

Tom McKee Sr.

Patti Mercer

Paul Ortquist

Lynn Pluger

Shirly Pummell

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Ida Shealy

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Marv Wegner

Announcements

Bible Study Sherwin is leading a bible study titled, “End Times”. We will have our fifth session, but feel on December 1st at 6:00pm. We will have pizza before the study.

Food Truck The Food Truck is tomorrow and we ask that all volunteers please be at the church between 5:15-5:30pm. For any questions, please see Jill Mouw.

Coat Drive We are collecting winter gear now until December 5th. There are bins by the table in the entryway. Thanks in advance for helping keep our community warm!

Children’s Christmas Message We have begun practicing for our annual Children’s Christmas Message. The kids will have a quick walk-through on Sunday, November 28th and a full rehearsal on Sunday December 5th following the second service. If your child/children have not gotten their CD and lyric sheets, they are available at check-in.

Children’s Ministry Children’s Church is open to children from Preschool through Fifth Grades. Families can now register their kids on our web page. The Nursery will not be staffed at this time, but will be open as a cry room and changing station. For any questions, please call the office at 744-1749.

LBC Youth Group If you’re a 6th-12th grader, or you know one and would like to attend our next youth meeting, we would LOVE to have you! Please reach out to Ashley Cleary by text/phone at (231) 747-0136 to register your child, be added to our parent email list, have any questions or would like more information about youth and children’s ministries.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Our Christmas Adopt-a-Family tree is up and loaded with gift ideas for some of our needy north side kids! Please stop by and take a tag, sign it out, and return your gift to the church by December 12. If you are able to purchase more than one gift, please take another tag, as we request just one gift per tag. If you prefer to make a financial gift and let us do the shopping, there are envelopes available on the tree that can be placed in the collection plate. Keep in mind that gift cards make great gifts for those 10 and over!

Scriptures for Today

From Romans 3, New Living Translation

All have turned away;
all have become useless.

No one does good,
not a single one.”

¹³ “Their talk is foul, like the stench from an open grave.

Their tongues are filled with lies.”

“Snake venom drips from their lips.”

²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. ²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

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[a place for your notes]

Supplemental Questions:

What good deeds did you do this week?

What not-so-good deeds did you do this week?

Do your good deeds outweigh your bad deeds?

Other Questions:

Is there anything we can do to merit our entrance into heaven?

How are we made right with God?

Other Notes:

November Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Su	Galatians 6			Leviticus 23	
22	Mo	Ephesians 1			Leviticus 24	
23	Tu	Ephesians 2			Leviticus 25	
24	We	Ephesians 3			Leviticus 26	
25	Th	Ephesians 4			Leviticus 27	
26	Fr	Ephesians 5			Numbers 1	
27	Sa	Ephesians 6			Numbers 2	
28	Su	Philippians 1			Numbers 3	

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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 Bible is the final authority for faith and practice. We will study it 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

Gay Hudson, Larry Joslyn, Amy Kunnen,
Ed Luzadder, Grant Meyers, Jason Peterson,
Louanne Utzinger, Ron Zant

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Kathy Andrews, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,
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