Isaiah 36

36 [1-3] In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria made war on all the fortress cities of Judah and took them. Then the king of Assyria sent his general, the "Rabshekah," accompanied by a huge army, from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah. The general stopped at the aqueduct where it empties into the upper pool on the road to the public laundry. Three men went out to meet him: Eliakim son of Hilkiah, in charge of the palace; Shebna the secretary; and Joah son of Asaph, the official historian.

[12] But the Rabshekah replied, "Do you think my master has sent me to give this message to your master and you but not also to the people clustered here? It's their fate that's at stake. They're the ones who are going to end up eating their own excrement and drinking their own urine."

[13-15] Then the Rabshekah stood up and called out loudly in Hebrew, the common language, "Listen to the message of the Great King, the king of Assyria! Don't listen to Hezekiah's lies. He can't save you. And don't pay any attention to Hezekiah's pious sermons telling you to lean on God, telling you 'God will save us, depend on it. God won't let this city fall to the king of Assyria.'

[16-20] "Don't listen to Hezekiah. Listen to the king of Assyria's offer: 'Make peace with me. Come and join me. Everyone will end up with a good life, with plenty of land and water, and eventually something far better. I'll turn you loose in wide open spaces, with more than enough fertile and productive land for everyone.' Don't let Hezekiah mislead you with his lies, 'God will save us.' Has that ever happened? Has any god in history ever gotten the best of the king of Assyria? Look around you. Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? The gods of Sepharvaim? Did the gods do anything for Samaria? Name one god that has ever saved its countries from me. So what makes you think that God could save Jerusalem from me?'"

Isaiah 37

37 [1-2] When King Hezekiah heard the report, he also tore his clothes and dressed in rough, penitential burlap gunnysacks, and went into the sanctuary of God. He sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, all of them also dressed in penitential burlap, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.

[3-4] They said to him, "Hezekiah says, 'This is a black day. We're in crisis. We're like pregnant women without even the strength to have a baby! Do you think your God heard what the Rabshekah said, sent by his master the king of Assyria to mock the living God? And do you think your God will do anything about it? Pray for us, Isaiah. Pray for those of us left here holding the fort!'" →

[5-7] Then King Hezekiah's servants came to Isaiah. Isaiah said, "Tell your master this, 'God's Message: Don't be upset by what you've heard, all those words the servants of the Assyrian king have used to mock me. I personally will take care of him. I'll arrange it so that he'll get a rumor of bad news back home and rush home to take care of it. And he'll die there. Killed—a violent death.'"

Isaiah 2

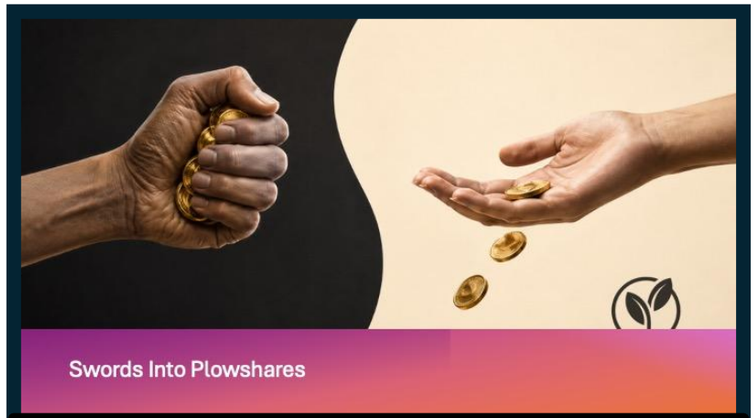
2 This is a vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

[2] In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house
will be the highest of all—
the most important place on earth.
It will be raised above the other hills,
and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.
[3] People from many nations will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of Jacob's God.
There he will teach us his ways,
and we will walk in his paths."
For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion;
his word will go out from Jerusalem.
[4] The Lord will mediate between nations
and will settle international disputes.
They will hammer their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will no longer fight against

Notes:

November Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
22	Su	Ephesians 6			Exodus 32	
23	Mo	Philippians 1			Exodus 33	
24	Tu	Philippians 2			Exodus 34	
25	We	Philippians 3			Exodus 35	
26	Th	Philippians 4			Exodus 36	
27	Fr	Colossians 1			Exodus 37	
28	Sa	Colossians 2			Exodus 38	
29	Su	Colossians 3			Exodus 39	



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.

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Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

December 1: Hand2Hand Packing 7pm
December 6: Family Worship Sunday/ Communion
December 9: Supper House
December 13: Children's Christmas Program
December 14: Food Truck

Adopt-A-Family Our Christmas Adopt-a-Family tree is up and loaded with gift ideas. This year we have 70 kids assigned to us, there are two tags for each child. All of these children attend Reeths-Puffer or North Muskegon schools, so your gifts stay local. Please stop by, take a tag and return your wrapped gift (with the tag attached) to the church by December 5! This gives you two weeks to shop for that perfect gift! ***If you are unable to complete shopping by December 5, please contact Connie at (231) 740-0818 so we can arrange for a different date.*** Here are some helpful hints to aid in your shopping: •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 donation 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! Buying clothing especially for teens can be risky so a gift card makes it easy! •If you purchase a gift, please include a gift receipt in case it's not quite right.

Thank you, Laketon Bethel, for always being a generous supporter of this community-wide Christmas project. "May no child be left behind"

Special Senior: Marcia Wynsma

Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway

Today's Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Men's Group Breakfast
2nd Service Coffee Server: Men's Group Breakfast
1st Service Nursery: 2nd: Amy Kunnen
2nd Service Nursery: Cindy Bingaman

Announcements

Breakfast Fundraiser The Men's Group is having a breakfast following both services TODAY. They will be serving scrambled eggs, sausage and hash browns. No charge, but your donations will go toward the wall repairs and would be greatly appreciated.

Hearing Impaired Loop If you are hearing impaired and use the Loop from the sound booth, it will be out of service during the repairs of the wall.

Children's Christmas Program Updates
Today & next Sunday: Practice during Sunday School.
December 6 – Family Worship: Rehearsal during church. Children will join the congregation at the end for Communion. **December 13:** Christmas program during **both services!**

Service Opportunities

Supper House ***Supper House is collecting Christmas bags to give out on December 12th. Bags for men, women and kids. Each bag contains gloves, socks, and a stocking hat; the women's bag will also include a scarf. There is a sign- up sheet in the entryway if you wish to donate. See Dave DeBoer for more information.***

Winter Coat Drive We have started collecting gently used winter gear through December 6th. Coats, hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, socks, blankets. There is a collection barrel in the entryway and one by the office.

Coffee Servers We need a few more people to serve coffee and cookies for both services. If you are interested, call the office at 231-744-1749 or send an email to lbrcoffice@gmail.com ***by Nov. 30th.***

Sacred Suds (Helping Every Living Person Survive) With the colder weather, sweatshirts and pants, long sleeve shirts, sweaters and winter gear will be appreciated. The usual needs are towels, hygiene products, laundry detergent. ***Current special needs: blankets, sleeping bags, tents, socks, underwear, belts.***

Order of Worship - 9:00am

(Songs with #'s can be found in the Hymnal under the chairs)

Gathering Song
"Forever"
Call to Worship
"*Responsive Reading #768*"
"Let All Things Now Living *#769*"
"Give Thanks *#770*"
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing *#51*"
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *#20*"
Crosstalk – "Swords Into Plowshares"
Offering
"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Benediction
" God Be With You *#785*"

Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Song
"Glorious Day"
Call to Worship
"I Thank God"
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
"Gratitude"
"Raise a Hallelujah"
Crosstalk - "Swords Into Plowshares"
Offering
"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Benediction
"God Be With You"