



Laketon Bethel Church

November 24, 2024

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

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

Responsive Reading

“Let All Things Now Living”

“Give Thanks”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Come thou Fount, Come Thou King”

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Crosstalk - “Err on the Side of Grace”

Offering

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Benediction

“God Be With You”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Sing a Song”

Call to Worship

“Forever”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Come Thou Font, Come Thou King”

“10,000 Reasons”

Crosstalk - “Err on the Side of Grace”

Offering

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Benediction

“The Blessing”

Announcements

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 TODAY 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

Winter Gear and Blanket Drive

We are collecting gently used coats, gloves, scarves, and blankets for our community members in need. There are bins in the entryway for your donations.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jan Kovalcik & Sherri Vanderlaan

1st Service Nursery: Connie Reahm

2nd Service Nursery: Bryan & Rebekka Wolffis

Children's Church Christmas Show

The kids will give an excellent performance on Sunday, December 8th for both services. Be sure to invite family and friends!

Parents: rehearsal will be December 1st following the second service in the Sanctuary. The children earned a delicious brunch cooked by Mia to be enjoyed during the Second Service in Children's Church the day of rehearsal.



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

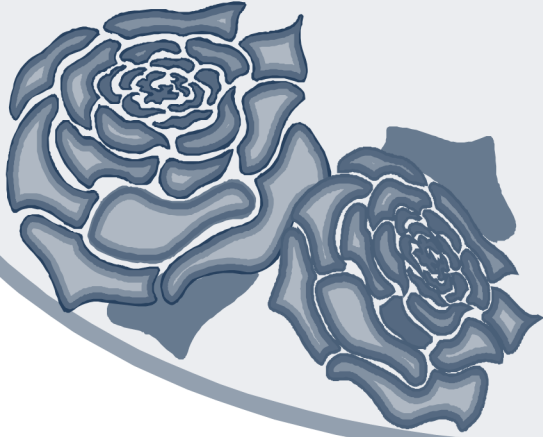


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Special Senior of the Week:

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



Larry Cone

*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

Acts 15

New Living Translation

15 While Paul and Barnabas were at Antioch of Syria, some men from Judea arrived and began to teach the believers: “Unless you are circumcised as required by the law of Moses, you cannot be saved.” ² Paul and Barnabas disagreed with them, arguing vehemently. Finally, the church decided to send Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem, accompanied by some local believers, to talk to the apostles and elders about this question. ³ The church sent the delegates to Jerusalem, and they stopped along the way in Phoenicia and Samaria to visit the believers. They told them—much to everyone’s joy—that the Gentiles, too, were being converted.

⁴ When they arrived in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul were welcomed by the whole church, including the apostles and elders. They reported everything God had done through them. ⁵ But then some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and insisted, “The Gentile converts must be circumcised and required to follow the law of Moses.”

⁶ So the apostles and elders met together to resolve this issue. ⁷ At the meeting, after a long discussion, Peter stood and addressed them as follows: “Brothers, you all know that God chose me from among you some time ago to preach to the Gentiles so that they could hear the Good News and believe. ⁸ God knows people’s hearts, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. ⁹ He made no distinction between us and them, for he cleansed their hearts through faith. ¹⁰ So why are you now challenging God by burdening the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear? ¹¹ We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.”

Deep Sheet

A Place for Your Notes

What does it mean to err on the side of grace?

What were the three groups of people Jesus spoke of?

What is religious O.C.P.D?

Notes:

November/December Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24	Su	1 Peter 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Mo	1 Peter 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 17	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Tu	2 Peter 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 18	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	We	2 Peter 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Th	2 Peter 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 20	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Fr	1 John 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 21	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Sa	1 John 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 22	<input type="checkbox"/>
01	Su	1 John 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		2 Samuel 23	<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