



Laketon Bethel Church

November 26, 2023

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

“Sing Your Praise to the Lord”

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”

“Be Still My Soul”

Crosstalk - “Gratitude Rocks”

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 Fount, Come Thou King”

“10,000 Reasons”

Crosstalk - “Gratitude Rocks”

Offering

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Benediction

“The Blessing”

Announcements

Food Truck The Food Truck is tomorrow and we ask that all volunteers please be at the church at 5:00pm. For any questions, please see Jill Mouw.

Bible Study Sherwin's Jeremiah Bible Study is on Wednesdays 6:00pm for pizza and the study starting at 6:30pm. There will be a 6-week break for the holidays and reconvening on January 3rd, 2024. Please sign up on the sheet located in the entryway.

Children's Church On December 10th we will have our Christmas program. The children practice each week at 11:00am. On Sunday, December 3rd, the kids will have practice in the sanctuary following the second service.

Service Opportunities

Santa Secret Shop Once again this year we will be hosting Santa Secret Shop for the Head Start Students at McMillan Elementary. We are in need of mom and dad gifts for the students to choose from. If you have any new or gently used items that you are willing to donate for this great project please bring them by December 10th. We will have a box by the Hand2Hand table for you to place them in. Please remember that these are going to 4-year-old children to take home on the bus in their backpack, so please no large items. We will be hosting these children on December 12th & 13th in the morning. We have a sign up sheet at the Hand2Hand table if you are interested in helping with this great project.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY WARM THIS WINTER



DONATE WINTER CLOTHING!

We are accepting *gently used*
winter gear and coats.

The community needs are hats, gloves/mittens,
scarves, boots,
coats, snowpants and warm socks.

All donations will go to
Westshore Christian Academy.

Adopt-a-Family

Our Christmas Adopt-a-Family tree is up and loaded with gift ideas for some of our needful north side kids!

All of these children attend Reeths-Puffer or North Muskegon schools so your gifts stay local.

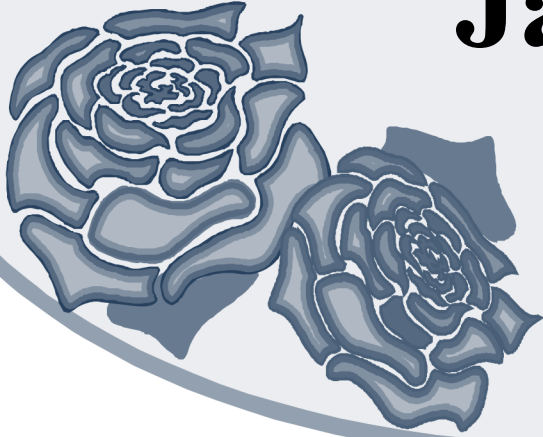
Please stop by and take a tag and return your wrapped gift (with the tag attached) to the church by December 3rd. If you are able to purchase more than one gift, please take another tag, as we request just one gift per tag.

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!



Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Jack & Jean
Moore**

*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

Shirly Pummell

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Larry Shavaler

Ida Shealy

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Marv Wegner

From Philippians 4, New Living Translation

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Focus on your blessings and you will be blessed.
Be thankful for all that God has given you and
done for you and you will attract even more
blessings. Gratitude rocks!

Ten things for which you are grateful:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Other notes:

November Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26	Su	Romans 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 46	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Mo	Acts 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 47	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Tu	Acts 7	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ezekiel 48	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	We	Romans 8	<input type="checkbox"/>		Daniel 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Th	Romans 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Daniel 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
01	Fr	Romans 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Daniel 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
02	Sa	Romans 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Daniel 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
03	Su	Romans 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Daniel 5	<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

Kyle Bogner, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker,
Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-
Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke

Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Mia Fick, Kathy Forrester,
Mike George, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers,
Rita Sikkenga, Diana Wagbo