

# WHO TELLS YOU WHAT TO DO?



Laketon Bethel Church

December 5, 2021

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

## **Order of Worship-9:00am**

### ***We Approach Our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

Responsive Reading

#167 - "The First Noel"

#168 - "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Congregational Prayer

### ***Offerings-We Give Back***

#169 - "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#176 - "Away In a Manger"

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - "Who Tells You What to Do?"

### ***Communion***

#486 - "I Surrender All"

#343 - "Just As I Am"

Benediction

#179 - "What Child Is This?"



## **Order of Worship-11:00am**

### ***We Approach our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

"Silent Night"

"O Come All ye Faithful"

Congregational Prayer

### ***Offerings-We Give Back***

"Glory In the Highest"

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - "Who Tells You What to Do?"

### ***Communion***

"Away in a Manger"

"The First Noel"

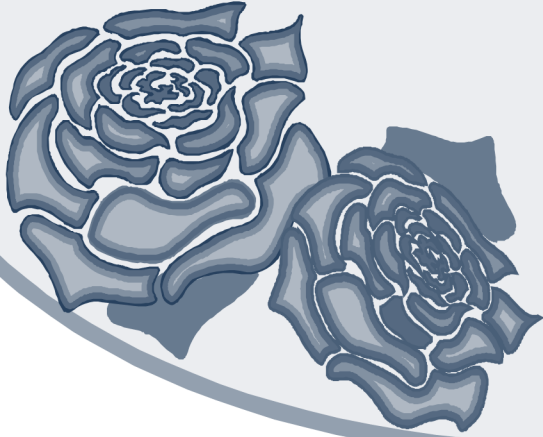
### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



***Betty  
Kraai***

***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 on Wednesday at 6:00pm. We will have pizza before the study.

**Coat Drive** We are collecting winter gear now until December 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 full rehearsal on Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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!



# Today's Scriptures

All readings today are from Romans 6, The Message

<sup>6</sup>Could it be any clearer? Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer captive to sin's demands!

<sup>12</sup>That means you must not give sin a vote in the way you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life.

<sup>13</sup>Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things.

<sup>14</sup>Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

<sup>18</sup>All your lives you've let sin tell you what to do. But thank God you've started listening to a new master, one whose commands set you free to live openly in *his* freedom!

<sup>22-23</sup>But now that you've found you don't have to listen to sin tell you what to do, and have discovered the delight of listening to God telling you, what a surprise! A whole, healed, put-together life right now, with more and more of life on the way! Work hard for sin your whole life and your pension is death. But God's gift is *real life*, eternal life, delivered by Jesus, our Master.

# Who Tells You What to Do?

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Questions for your consideration:

What exactly is “sin?”

What is the root of all sin?

When do you feel like you have to perform or conform to the wishes of others?

Are you instantly set free from sin or is it a process?

Notes:

## December Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
05	Su	Colossians 3			Numbers 10	
06	Mo	Colossians 4			Numbers 11	
07	Tu	1 Thessalonians 1			Numbers 12	
08	We	1 Thessalonians 2			Numbers 13	
09	Th	1 Thessalonians 3			Numbers 14	
10	Fr	1 Thessalonians 4			Numbers 15	
11	Sa	1 Thessalonians 5			Numbers 16	
12	Su	2 Thessalonians 1			Numbers 17	

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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

### Deacons

Kathy Andrews, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,  
Kathy Forrester, Mike George, Alex  
Lassow, Rita Sikkenga, Kathy Young