



Laketon Bethel Church

December 23, 2018

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

# **THE PURPOSE OF LAKETON BETHEL:** *To Know Christ and Make Him Known*

## **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.

# 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 – 9:00 SERVICE**

### **Worship in Song**

Responsive Reading #161

Hymn #173 - “Joy to the World”

Hymn #174 - “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Hymn #175 - “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Hymn #188 - “Child in a Manger”

### **Congregational Prayer**

Hymn #171 - “Silent Night”

**Tithes and Offerings** – “Just Like Bethlehem”

**Crosstalk:** “Christmas Presence”

### **Benediction**

Hymn #181 - “Go Tell It on the Mountain”



## **ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:00 SERVICE**

### **Worship in Song**

“Here Is Our King”

### **Congregational Prayer**

### **Worship in Song**

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

“Joy to the World”

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

**Tithes and Offerings** - “O Holy Night”

**Crosstalk:** “Christmas Presence”

### **Benediction**

“Joy to the World”

*Join us in the gym for coffee and cookies as a time of fellowship.*

## **SMALL GROUPS**

### **BIBLE STUDY - Women**

Leader: Maureen Mussman 231-894-8010

We meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 at the church. We are studying the book titled, "Proverbs & Parables: God's Wisdom for Living" by Dee Brestin. This study parallels the truths of Old Testament proverbs with New Testament parables and applies them to contemporary living.

### **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

Leader: Kelly Curow 231-740-3716

This is a 13-week class beginning Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30Pm. Financial Peace University will help you take control of your money, plan for your future, and transform your life.

### **THE CLEAN AND FIX CREW**

Leader: Vicky Wierengo 231-719-0857

We would like to encourage you to join in the fun of serving the Lord and forming new friendships along the way. Although we are working, we are doing it together with smiles and laughter. Our next meeting dates are Monday, October 15 and 29, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Please join us for fun and fellowship!

### **COUPLES SMALL GROUP**

Leader: Steve & Maureen Mussman 231-894-8010

Meets once a month, usually on a Saturday. Time and date vary. We have fun doing a variety of activities.

### **MISSIONS**

Leader: Dave DeBoer 231-828-4494

We meet the second Monday of each month. The Missions Group would like to thank everyone for their hygiene donations. We have served over 450 people and will continue to collect donations.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL'S GROUP**

Leader: Stefanie Sweany 231-719-2252

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls, this group is for you. We will meet for fun, food, games, and discussions about topics affecting you. Please see Stefanie Sweany for a handout with more information. Spread the word and invite your friends!

### **DECOLORES REUNION GROUP**

Leaders: Tim & Misty Sikkenga 231-747-6530

If you have attended any type of DeColores weekend in the past, we invite you to come to our next meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you are interested in more information, please contact Tim or Misty Sikkenga.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Laketon Bethel 2018 Adopt-a-Family Project. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide gifts for 55 northside students this year. Across our community-wide system, nearly 260 students were adopted by our 23 participating churches, schools and service organizations. Thank you Laketon Bethel for helping to make Christmas morning a little brighter this year for many of our neighbors in need!**

**Youth Group Meetings** 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month from 4:30-6:30pm here at LBC. Mark your calendars and bring a friend!

## **Christmas Eve Service**

**Join us at 7:00pm for a musical celebration of the Christmas story, “The Night Before Christmas”. Be sure to invite all of your family and friends! Invitations are available and located on the table in the entryway.**

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Senior Connections** We meet December 30<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor at 10:00am. The mission is to keep our senior and homebound members connected to God and to Laketon Bethel. If interested, please join us at the meeting or call Gay at 343-0898 or Joann at 327-2785.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** If you can knit, crochet or sew, we could use prayer shawls or lap blankets for those going through tough times. Contact Joann Petroski at [annpetro@msn.com](mailto:annpetro@msn.com) for more information.

**Missions Ministry** We will continue to collect hygiene products and winter clothing. We invite you to join us to serve at the Supper House on Jefferson St., Muskegon, the second Wednesday of each month, making our next visit to on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm. We have had great support, but are always looking for more people to join our team. If you would like to donate baked goods, please have your items here by Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. If interested call Dawn at 683-0829

**Food Truck** The next Food Truck is January 14<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all volunteers to please be here at church no later than 5:30pm. If you have any questions, please see John Wilke or Rick Anderson after the service.



## **Special Senior of the Week:**

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



# ***Cornie Keunen***

*Please remember in prayer our friends who are  
battling long-term illnesses:*

*Ellie Anderson*

*Donald Bayne*

*Jana Belladone*

*Betty Bonneville*

*Larry Budreau*

*Patti Buurma*

*Craig Carlson*

*Amy Fredericks*

*Jacob Geers*

*Bob Hanson*

*Scott Hladki*

*Debbie LeMieux*

*Avery Lynn*

*J.T. Maskell*

*Tom McKee Sr.*

*Patti Mercer*

*Paul Ortquist*

*Jane Peterman*

*Lynn Pluger*

*Shirly Pummell*

*Aaron Rop*

*Gary Samples*

*Joe Shavalier*

*Patti Shavalier*

*Ida Shealy*

*Dale Sherburn*

*Sandy Streeter*

*Kathy Tabor*

*Inga Weavers*

*Marv Wegner*

## **HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS**

**THIS SUNDAY - December 23**

**9:00am Coffee Servers:** Ed & Kay Kawaleski

**11:00am Coffee Servers:** Steve & Maureen Mussman

**9:00am Greeters:** Karen Johnson & Deacons

**11:00am Greeters:** Stacy Freed & Deacons

**11:00am Greeters:** Kenjonen Family

**NEXT SUNDAY - December 30**

**9:00am Coffee Servers:** Jane Jakus

**11:00am Coffee Servers:** Diane Brantsen & Family

**9:00am Greeters:** Mick & Jackie Meyers

**11:00am Greeters:** Ron & Debbie Zant



**THIS SUNDAY - December 23**

**Nursery: (1)** Lorri Anderson

**Nursery: (2)** Marcia Wynsma, Larry Hecksel,  
Scott & Amy Zonnebelt

**NEXT SUNDAY - December 30**

**Nursery: (1)** Joann Petroski

**Nursery: (2)** Jen & Kaylah VendeGuchte,  
Linda Evans

**Children's Church Greeter:** Sally Hendrixon



# SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**\*Senior Connections**

**\*Children's Ministry**

**\*Food Truck Ministry**

**\*Greeter/Coffee Server**

**\*Senior Ministry**

**\*Music Ministry**

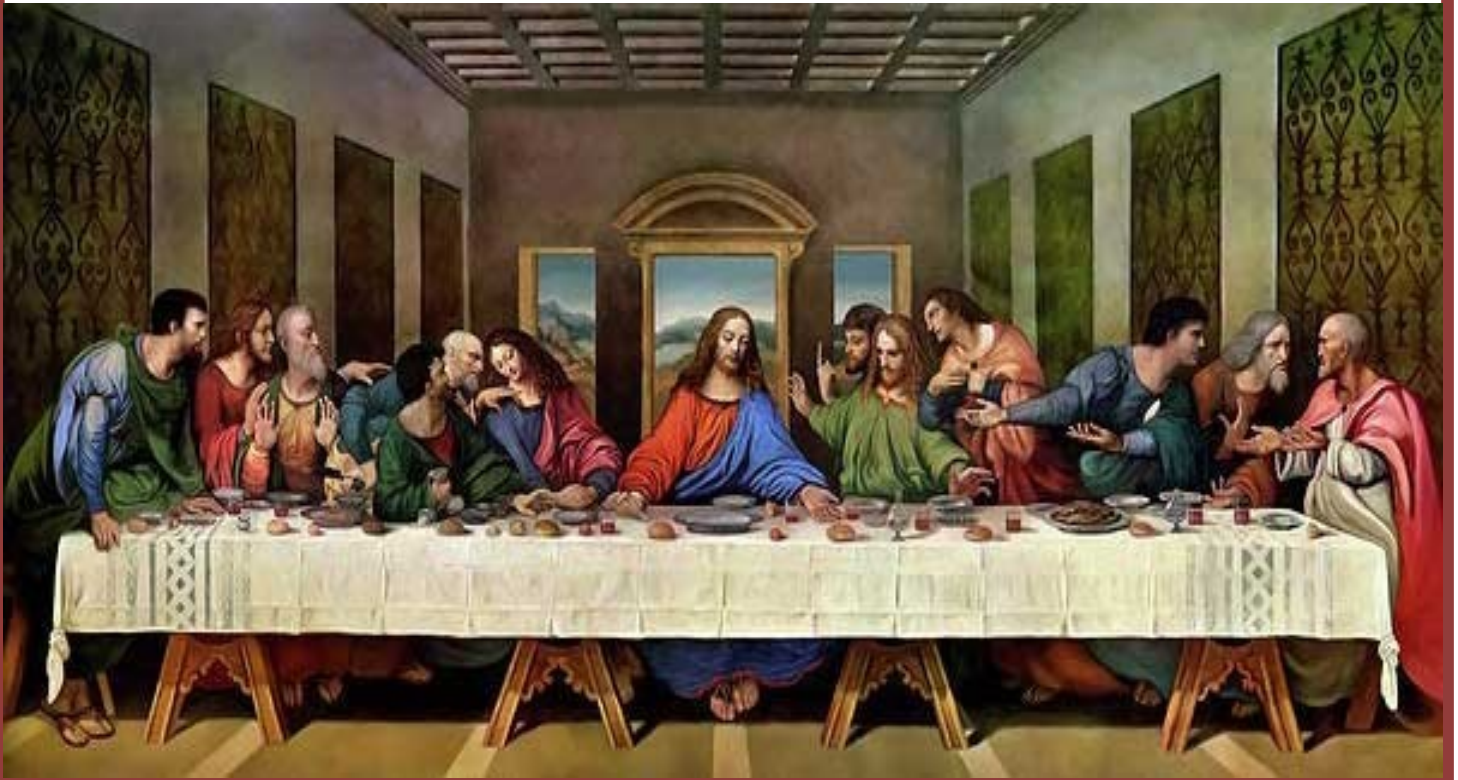
**\*Meal Ministry**

**\*Jr./Sr. High Ministry**

**\*Prayer Warrior**

**\*Nursery**

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated on the first Sunday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.*



**LAKETON BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH**

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**Pastor** – Dr. Sherwin Brantsen ([drbrantsen@gmail.com](mailto:drbrantsen@gmail.com))

**Director of Operations** – Gary Gifford ([garygifford4@gmail.com](mailto:garygifford4@gmail.com))

**WORSHIP**

**Worship Team Leader for 9:00 Service** – Jan Reahm

**Worship Team Leader for 11:00 Service** – Shelly Deblock

**Technical Support Team Leader** - Scott Johnson

**Accompanist for 9:00 Service** - Shelly Deblock

**EDUCATION**

**Nursery Team Leader** – Joann Petroski

**Children’s Church & Youth Director** - Mike Lyons

**Greet Squad Leader** - Sally Hendrixon

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Secretary** – Tina Dadd

**Administrative Assistant** - Joann Petroski

**Bookkeeper** – Pat Peterson

**Janitor** - Bill Feigert

**OUR VOLUNTEER LEADERS**

**Senior Ministries Team Leader** – Jill VerHulst

**Food Truck Team Leader** – John Wilke

**Prayer Warrior Team Leader** – Tina Dadd

**Senior Connections Team Leaders**– Gay Hudson & Joann Petroski

**Community Backpack Program Leader** - Tami Jahnke

**OUR CONSISTORY**

**Elders**

Bob Buwalda, Lucy Hughes, Amy Kunnen,  
Ed Luzadder, Donna Spytma, Louanne Utzinger,  
John Wilke, Ron Zant

**Deacons**

Kathy Andrews, Kyle Bogner,  
Nancy Crider, Larry Cone,  
Kathy Forrester, Alex Lassow,  
Mary Salter, Kathy Young

# Christmas Presence

A Crosstalk based on Matthew 1.22-23

## Questions:

What triggers shame for you?

How did shame motivate Joseph regarding Mary's pre-marital pregnancy?

Did Mary remain virgin for the remainder of her life?

What three things does God require of you according to Micah 6.8?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Quotes

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. And may God give you His peace in your going out and in your coming in, in your lying down and in your rising up, in your labor and in your leisure, in your laughter and in your tears... Until you come to stand before Jesus in that day in which there is no sunset and no dawning. Amen. –Robert Schuller

### The Drunkard's Prayer

I get drunk and talk to God  
I say I'm sorry for all the things I'm not  
And I mean every word I say  
And I promise I can change  
When I get drunk and talk to God.

Then, in another verse he says:

I wish that I could go to church but I'm too ashamed of me  
I hate the fact that it takes a bottle to get me on my knees  
And I hope he'll forgive the things you ain't forgot  
When I get drunk and talk to God. – Chris Stapleton

## December Daily Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23	Su	1 Corinthians 10			Zephaniah 2	
24	Mo	1 Corinthians 11			Zephaniah 3	
25	Tu	1 Corinthians 12			Haggai 1	
26	We	1 Corinthians 13			Haggai 2	
27	Th	1 Corinthians 14			Zechariah 1	
28	Fr	1 Corinthians 15			Zechariah 2	
29	Sa	1 Corinthians 16			Zechariah 3	
30	Su	2 Corinthians 1			Zechariah 4	