



# HE IS RISEN

## *Alleluia!*

# HAPPY EASTER

### DOWNTOWN CAMPUS SERVICES

- 6:30AM Sunrise/Traditional
- 8:00AM Traditional (broadcast on WEVR radio too)

### HIGHLANDS CAMPUS SERVICES

- 9:30AM Contemporary/Outside\*
- 11:00AM Contemporary/Outside\*

### SERVICES WILL BE:

- Inside (Registration for reserved seating at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org))
- Outside\* (Highlands Campus - weather dependent)
- Livestreaming on Bethel's Website, Facebook Page, and YouTube Channel

Visit: [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org) for details on all Easter services at Bethel



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# BETHEL CONNECTIONS

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## HOLY WEEK

### Maundy Thursday April 1

Livestreaming and  
In-Person Worship  
1:00, 5:00 and 7:00PM



### Good Friday April 2

Livestreaming and  
In-Person Worship  
1:00, 5:00 and 7:00PM



Details and In-Person Registration  
links for both at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)



## Outdoor Worship Services On Easter Morning?

Well friends, this will be our second year of Holy Week and Easter services hampered by the covid pandemic.

Yet we are hoping, planning, and praying for some new worship opportunities that we think will be meaningful for people of all ages on Easter!

Yes . . . we will continue to livestream all our worship services for those who are not yet comfortable, or able to come out in public.

We will also be broadcasting our 8:00 A.M. service on WEVR radio.

Limited seating (RSVP) will also be offered at our Downtown Campus for both our services at 6:30 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.

But then, weather permitting, we hope to offer two outdoor services at the Highlands at both 9:30 and 11:00!

Bring your lawn chairs, dress according to the weather, invite some friends or family members, and plan to adhere to the health guidelines to keep everyone safe and healthy.



So many of you came out to our outdoor services this past summer and fall and weathered the elements so gracefully. . . .

We hope you'll be ready and willing to do it again for this Easter Celebration!

However, if the weather is truly uncooperative, we will bring these 9:30 and 11:00 services inside for limited seating.

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SUNDAYS 8AM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE | BROADCAST ON WEVR RADIO AND LIVESTREAMED ON BETHEL'S WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

SUNDAYS 9:30AM | CONTEMPORARY SERVICE | LIVESTREAMED ON BETHEL'S WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE, AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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#### DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

920 Third Street | Hudson, WI  
715.386.8821

#### HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

504 Frontage Road | Hudson, WI

## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN

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Once again, you can RSVP by clicking on the links on our website, or by calling 715.386.8821.

One way or another, I trust you will find a way to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ with us.

These will be great "rallying points" for Bethel, and all the guests you bring along. . . .

It won't be the same without you, friends!

Please plan to join us!

In God's Great Love!

Pastor John Lestock



### Easter Egg Hunt at Bethel Highlands Easter Sunday, after the 9:30 Service

There will be two separate areas set up:

- For children up to 1st Grade
- For children in 2nd grade and older

Details at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)

### In-Person Worship (with limited seating) Sundays | 8:00AM Downtown Campus Sundays | 9:30AM Highlands Campus

Details and Registration Links at:  
[bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)



With the warmer weather ahead comes the hope and the promise of more outdoor worship services at Bethel! Watch for dates and details coming soon!

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In-person Bethel Brews and Bros. returned in March

Bethel youth groups watch Wednesdays in Lent from the Downtown Campus

Wednesday night youth playing "bladder ball"

Wednesdays in Lent continued in March, and Bethel was blessed with talented singers for the Holden Evening Prayer each week and with fantastic special, musical guests. Exceptional musical guests were also a big part of worship in March, including the in-person services at both campuses (March 21 services pictured left and below)

**Youth** High School **YOUTH GROUP**

Wednesdays | 7pm  
Bethel Downtown | Engedi  
music, devotions, socially distanced fun

2021 HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

*Tulsa, Oklahoma*  
JUNE 25-30

Students completed grades 8-12  
Details & registration at  
bethelhudson.org

One Location - Two  
Separate Mission Trips!

**TULSA, OK**

2021 COLLEGE AGED  
MISSION TRIP  
JUNE 25-30

**Faith Milestones**  
-APRIL-  
**3rd Grade - First Communion**

In March the 3rd grade students prepared for their First Communion. The students learned all about the Last Supper, the significance of communion and talked with their parents about their own first communion experience. The students will receive their First Communion during the 5 or 7pm worship services on Maundy Thursday, April 1. Congratulations!

**BETHEL WEEK 2021**

LAKE WAPOGASSET  
LUTHERAN BIBLE CAMP

- SEEDS CAMP completed grades 1-3 | July 21-23
- SENIOR HIGH CAMP completed grades 9-12 | August 8-13
- YOUTH CAMP completed grades 4-8 | August 8-13

Details & registration at bethelhudson.org

**Easter Caramel Roll Sale!**

Proceeds benefit the  
2021 High School &  
College-Aged Mission Trips

\$6 / HALF DOZEN  
PICK UP ON EASTER SUNDAY

Details & Preorders at  
bethelhudson.org

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LIVE**

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Apr 4 - Easter, no class  
Apr 11 - Doubting Thomas  
Apr 18 - Shepherds & Sheep  
Apr 25 - Earth Day

Following the 9:30am worship

We hope to see YOU there!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS UPDATE**

Wednesday night classes will resume in-person weekly following Easter.

Highlands: 6th Grade 5pm, 8th Grade 6:30pm  
Downtown: 7th Grade 5pm, 9th Grade 6:30pm  
Remote learners can still participate via Zoom.

*Mother's Day Drama*

Would your student like to participate in Mother's Day drama?  
Details & Sign-up at bethelhudson.org

**Vacation Bible School**

K-5 VBS July 12-16 9am-noon  
Preschool VBS July 19-22 9-11am

**TREASURED**  
Discovering Your Pricedless to God

Details & registration for participants & volunteers at bethelhudson.org

NOT YOUR TYPICAL  
**SUMMER INTERNSHIP**

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR  
BETHEL'S SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIP

Details & application at bethelhudson.org



Bethel continues to offer a variety of options for you to grow your faith with Bible Studies.

**Naomi Gathering:** Monday, April 12 | 1PM  
Downtown Campus Fellowship Hall  
masked & socially distanced

**ABC (Adult Bible Class):** Mondays | 8:30AM | Via Zoom

ABC strives to promote an atmosphere where all feel welcome to join the discussion, there is no prep needed! During the one hour class, members discuss the Gospel reading found in the Christ in Our Home Devotional. Contact Karen or Roger at: kypavlis@gmail.com for information & the Zoom link.

**Men's Bible Study:** Men's Bible Study: Saturday mornings | 8am | via Zoom. They welcome any man who would like to attend. Contact Aethan at: hartav@comcast.net for the Zoom link.

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study:** Is currently, meeting Wednesdays at 7:00 AM via Google Meet. New members are always welcome. Join at: <https://meet.google.com/gbc-dqws-ouo>

**BETHEL'S FIRST EVER, ALL CHURCH CAMPING TRIP HOSTED BY PASTOR LADD**

Friday - Sunday, June 4 - 6  
Destination is being finalized (no more than an hour away)  
Stay for a day or for the weekend  
Contact Pastor Ladd if you need camping gear  
Details coming soon!

*Just Breathe*  
"cast your anxiety on Him"  
1 Peter 5:7

**Bethel Women's Retreat • Save the Date**

Bethel will be hosting a Women's Retreat  
Saturday, August 14 | Highlands Campus | 8:30 - 4:00  
Acclaimed Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller, Rachel Kurtz will be the featured speaker  
The day will also feature testimonials, classes, uplifting music, and a chance to gather once again.  
Details and registration information coming soon

One year into the pandemic, Covid19 led to many changes in our world and here at Bethel. For many, the vaccine represents hope and a chance for a return to normalcy. . . To share your "I got my Covid19 vaccine" photo, please email Mary at maryf@bethelhudson.org



Men of Bethel,  
This month there are two options for Bethel Brews and Bros.



**BETHEL BREWS & BROS**  
Via Zoom  
**Friday April 16**  
5:00 - 6:00PM

**BETHEL BREWS & BROS**  
In-Person  
**April 16**  
6:00 - 7:00PM  
Hop & Barrel



**The Bus is Back!**

Starting Easter Sunday, Bethel will be offering residents of Red Cedar Canyon, Woodland Hills and Wintergreen, rides to the 9:30 and 11AM Sunday services at the Highlands Campus.

Please call the Bethel office - 715.386.8821 if you'd like a ride.

And please help spread the word to friends and family that the Bethel bus is back!





## BETHEL BEFRIENDERS

Bethel Members and Friends,  
It has been a tough year for many. Bethel's BeFriends would love to walk with you and provide a listening ear and a supportive presence as you deal with life's challenges. BeFriends are trained to provide support for: grief, dealing with illness or illness of a family member, divorce, job loss, anxiety or stress, depression, traumatic events, or life's frustrations or losses.  
Please contact Pastor Kris at [kkurzejewski@bethelhudson.org](mailto:kkurzejewski@bethelhudson.org) or the church office to discuss having a confidential BeFriend assigned to you to help you navigate whatever you may be facing! Phone and virtual support is available.



## BETHEL HIGHLANDS PRESCHOOL

National Week of the Young Child is April 12-16.

Quoted from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC):

*The purpose of the Week of the Young Child® is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.*



NAEYC established the Week of the Young Child® in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

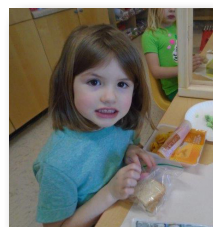
Today we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing.

The Week of the Young Child® is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning."



Did you know that. . .

- The state of Wisconsin is predicting 20-30% of childcare sites will not survive the pandemic. Many of these sites are home care, but many are just like BHP, and have not been able to continue providing care or covering expenses during the past year.
- 90% of the human brain is developed before age 5. The first five years are critical for providing a consistent, nurturing, and healthy environment.
- Setting limits for young children helps them develop the skills needed for impulse control (a skill necessary throughout life).



BHP will be celebrating during the week of April 12-16 with theme days, informative posts on social media, and family engagement opportunities.

Are you interested in affecting change, supporting BHP staff, writing policy, encouraging families, and being involved in Bethel Highlands Preschool? We're looking for new board members. If you would like to learn more about this important volunteer role, please contact Kari Jo Fore: [karijo@bethelhighlandspreschool.org](mailto:karijo@bethelhighlandspreschool.org)



Thank you Bethel friends and family for your prayers and caring thoughts. As the prayer list revealed my name as one with a "need."

I have finally gotten a brand new knee replacement. The great Physician has been with me through it all — my surgeon did her magic — and your prayers are being answered. Healing has been unbelievable for which I am very grateful! It may be hard to hold me down come spring and summer!

Blessings,  
Janet Gavic

**THE WOMEN OF BETHEL BOARD**

is looking for two people to join the board, we have an opening for Secretary and one for Treasurer. If you are interested please contact Gail Nolan (facilitator) at [nolan.p@comcast.net](mailto:nolan.p@comcast.net).

**HUMP DAY THOUGHTS**

Return to Bethel's Facebook Page Wednesday, April 7 after a Lenten hiatus

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.  
— Psalm 19:1

Earth Day, Thursday, April 22



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Volunteers are the backbone of our ministry at Bethel. There are so many people of so many ages who do so much to serve God and God's people.

This month we turn the spotlight on

Renee Nelson who is a senior at Hudson High School. Renee, like all students, has had to navigate constant changes in her school life because of the pandemic. She has attended virtually, in person, and hybrid. She claims that the changes have been ongoing long enough that it "feels normal". Her cheerful attitude is one of hope as we near the end of more than a year of uncertainty. She will graduate the end of May with plans to attend St. Thomas to study Political Science.



Renee has been a Bethel member all of her life, saying she was part of the first graduating class from Bethel Highlands Preschool. Along with her family, Renee serves coffee and hospitality on Sundays. Her involvement is ambitious. She has served as the student representative on the church council and been on three mission trips: Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Cincinnati and Wyoming Wind River Reservation. Renee's older sister started the school supply drive to Pine Ridge for which she has taken over. Renee also has served as a youth representative on the Bethel Youth Committee, and Youth Leadership Team. She also has gone through Sunday School, confirmation and Vacation Bible School which she has continued to serve even though she has aged out of VBS.

Renee has a full schedule with school, working part time at the Hudson Movie Theater and her involvement in Youth Action Hudson where she volunteers in planning community events. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Looking ahead, Renee is preparing for graduation and college. She states the pandemic has been a time of reflection, and an opportunity to understand what is important, although it has felt more challenging to find ways to stay connected to friends and community. But, she also claims that her church life and daily life have given her perspective on how she views and accepts others.

God bless you, Renee. We thank you for your kindness and willingness to share your knowledge, your time and talent in serving God and others.

"Well done, good and faithful servant!" You are appreciated, Renee!

**Thank You**

To all who donated to the special offering collection to aid our friends in Texas who were affected by the recent cold snap

Thanks to your generosity, were able to write a check to LWR/LDR for \$4,000