



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11  
HIGHLANDS CAMPUS**

**THE GREAT BETHEL  
GET TOGETHER**

**Please join us for food, music, games, and more!  
Following 9:30AM Worship at Highlands**

**DETAILS AT BETELHUDSON.ORG**

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please check  
the latest updates  
regarding worship,  
classes and events at:  
[bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)

**BETHEL  
CONNECTIONS**

**SIMPLE GIFTS  
WITH BILLY MCLAUGHLIN**  
THE YOUNG AND THE REST  
CONCERT TOUR

**WHEN:**  
Sunday, August 7  
6:30pm

**WHERE:**  
Bethel Lutheran Church  
Highlands Campus  
504 Frontage Road  
Hudson, WI



 **PURCHASE TICKETS AT  
BETELHUDSON.ORG**

**WHAT'S COMING NEXT  
FOR BETHEL?**

By now you have heard I will be retiring at the end of September. And though it will be so very difficult leaving Bethel, and all of you, Janet and I are looking forward to doing some traveling, and doing some things we just haven't been able to do these past years.

As I hope you have also heard, we no longer have a co-terminus clause in Bethel's constitution! Thus, Pastors Kris and Ladd will be staying on here, and they are exceptional pastors that we are so lucky to have!

So as I step out of the team, and you move ahead towards the future, Bethel's Church Council will be working on bringing in a (short term) interim pastor to help Pastors Ladd and Kris with preaching, baptisms, funerals, and leading worship. Meanwhile, the council will also be forming a "Call Committee" to begin your search for a senior pastor.

As they get closer to this, you will be asked for referrals and suggestions on pastors you may know, or be familiar with, that you may want to point them towards.



As most of you know, Bethel has said "goodbye" to numerous pastors and staff member over the past years. Yet God has always provided for this great congregation, and I believe your "best days" are not behind you, but rather ahead of you! So please

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IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT BETHEL SUNDAYS AT 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00AM

SUNDAYS 8:00AM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE | BROADCAST ON WEVR RADIO | LIVESTREAMED ON BETHEL'S WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE, & YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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



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[facebook.com/blchudson/](https://facebook.com/blchudson/)

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**PASTORAL STAFF**

John Lestock, Senior Pastor  
Kris Kurzejeski, Adult Education Pastor  
Ladd Sonnenberg, Youth & Families Pastor  
Bob Bipes, Visitation Pastor

**YOUTH MINISTRY STAFF**

Jake Summerville, High School Ministry  
Cindy Halunen, Middle School Ministry  
Carole DeJardin, Children's Ministry  
Marcie Andrews, Youth Ministry  
Communication Director

**MUSIC MINISTRY STAFF**

Skip James, Traditional Music Director  
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Sonja McGill, Handbell Director

**SUPPORT STAFF**

Gwen Cossin, Business Administrator  
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Kathy Jeska, Worship Support Coordinator  
Hannah Erickson, Communications Director  
Koreen Theisen, Event Coordinator  
John Lischewski, Financial Secretary  
Patrick Willson, Media Technician

**FACILITY & CUSTODIAL STAFF**

Matt Aubart, Facilities Manager  
Will Jeska, Facilities Support Specialist

**BETHEL HIGHLANDS PRESCHOOL**

Missy Austreng, Director  
Allie Sulflow, Office Manager  
Staff can be reached via email through  
[bethelHUDSON.org/about/staff](mailto:bethelHUDSON.org/about/staff)

**DOWNTOWN CAMPUS**

920 Third Street | Hudson, WI  
715.386.8821

**HIGHLANDS CAMPUS**

504 Frontage Road | Hudson, WI



*Welcome*  
**KOREEN THEISEN**  
Event Coordinator

**A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN**

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continue to pray for God's leading and guidance in finding the "right" pastor with the right "fit" for the needs of Bethel. And please "stay tuned" for more news as it comes, friends!

We will work hard at communicating the best we can. Don't hesitate to give me a call, or our congregational president, Jeff Maki, if you have concerns, questions, or comments.

All God's Blessings!  
Pastor John Lestock



*We are Hiring!*

- AUDIO/VISUAL TECHNICIAN
- FACILITIES MANAGER
- FACILITIES TEAM MEMBER

Learn more and apply at [bethelHUDSON.org/about/careers](http://bethelHUDSON.org/about/careers)



**Lutheran World Relief & Pine Ridge School Supply Drives**

Donate New School Supplies:  
Drop-off bins located at both campuses.  
Collection ends September 30.

Details at [bethelHUDSON.org/serve/global](http://bethelHUDSON.org/serve/global)



At this time, masks are optional during worship.

Bethel encourages and supports those who choose to wear masks.

Masks are available upon request.



Visit Bethel's Facebook page to view more photos from recent events

**Youth**

**2022-2023 YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

**Registration is now open!**

Details & Registration at [bethelHUDSON.org/youth](http://bethelHUDSON.org/youth) for Sunday School through 9th Grade Confirmation

**Nursery Summer Break**  Worship Nursery will resume September 18

**2022-23 Youth Programming**

Registration now open at [bethelHUDSON.org](http://bethelHUDSON.org)



<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> Age 3 - 5th Grade	Sunday mornings during 9:30am worship	<b>FAITH FORMATION</b> 6th & 7th Grades	Wednesdays 5-6pm Bethel Downtown
<b>8th Grade CONFIRMATION</b>	Wednesdays 6-7:30pm Bethel Downtown	<b>9th Grade CONFIRMATION</b>	Wednesdays 7-8:30pm Bethel Downtown
<b>10th Grade CONFIRMATION MILESTONE</b>		Classes, Retreat & More Rite of Confirmation: October 30	

*Middle School*  
Students entering grades 6-9

**SLIP 'N SLIDE KICKBALL**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17  
3:30-5:00PM | HIGHLANDS

Details & Registration at [bethelHUDSON.org](http://bethelHUDSON.org)



**High School YOUTH GROUP**

St. Paul Saints Game, 1:07pm start time  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 12PM

Details & registration at [bethelHUDSON.org](http://bethelHUDSON.org)



**High School YOUTH GROUP**

**SLIP 'N SLIDE KICKBALL**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17 | 6PM  
HIGHLANDS EAST LAWN  
FOLLOWED BY A BONFIRE AT 7PM



**FAMILY GAME NIGHT!**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3  
6:30-8PM | HIGHLANDS



All are welcome to a night of family friendly competition inspired by your favorite game shows! Just think of being a part of your all-time favorites like Jeopardy and Let's Make a Deal. No need to register but do come and invite your friends. More friends and family = more fun & giggles!

**College-Aged Young Adults**

Stay connected and hear the latest events and activities just for you!

**email:**  
[nataliew@bethelHUDSON.org](mailto:nataliew@bethelHUDSON.org)

**text:**  
**@fh3ae**  
**to:**  
**81010**



**Connect**

Bethel offers a variety of options for you to grow in your faith with Bible Studies.

**Dorcus Gathering:** Meetings will resume September 8  
**Mary Gathering:** Meetings will resume September 8  
**Ruth Gathering:** Meetings will resume September 8  
**Naomi Gathering:** Monday, August 8 | 1:00PM | Betty Goodwin's Home  
**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 at: [kypavlis@gmail.com](mailto:kypavlis@gmail.com) for information & the Zoom link.  
**Women's Bible Study:** Thursday, August 4 & 18 | 9:30AM | Downtown Engedi Room  
**Men's Bible Study:** Saturdays | 8:00AM | Via Zoom  
 This group welcomes any man who would like to attend.  
 Contact Aethan at [hartav@comcast.net](mailto:hartav@comcast.net) for the Zoom details.  
**Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study:** Meet at Key's Cafe on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00AM. New members are always welcome. Contact Curt at: [Truclarson1@gmail.com](mailto:Truclarson1@gmail.com)  
 To view Bethel's full calendar details, visit [bethelHUDSON.org](http://bethelHUDSON.org)

**Outdoor Worship**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14  
9:30AM | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS  
WEATHER PERMITTING

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



**BETHEL BREWS & BROS**

Friday, August 19 | 5-7pm  
Hop & Barrel, Hudson  
Details at [bethelHUDSON.org](http://bethelHUDSON.org)



**Blessing of the Backpacks**

Wednesday, August 24 | 6:30PM | Highlands  
Details at [bethelHUDSON.org](http://bethelHUDSON.org)

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BETHEL HIGHLANDS PRESCHOOL



**ACTIVITIES**

Women of Bethel invite you to be a part of the following activities:

**Quilting**  
Friday, August 12 & Tuesday, August 23  
Downtown, Fellowship Hall | 9:00AM

**Hardanger**  
Thursday, August 4 & Thursday, August 18  
Downtown, Conference Room | 1:00PM

**LIFE EVENTS**

**Baptisms**  
Brooks Ray Page, July 17, 2022

**RETIREMENT AHEAD**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
PASTOR JOHN'S FAREWELL PARTY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
HIGHLANDS CAMPUS | 2-5PM  
\*BRIEF PROGRAM AT 3 PM



**Thank You**

to all the volunteers who helped with Vacation Bible School at Bethel! We appreciate all you do!





### ADAPTIVE MUSIC CAMP

Camp: August 4-5, 10-noon  
Sing in Worship: August 7, 9:30am  
Highlands Campus | \$20/person

Individuals age 14 and older with **any** disability are invited to Bethel's first ever adaptive music camp giving everyone a chance to sing and share their love of music!

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

### NEW GROUP AT BETHEL: The Second Chapter

Have you ever noticed that most churches have social activities for young families as well as for seniors, while not really providing much for those in the "middle"? Well, the Outreach Committee is forming a new group at Bethel - the Second Chapter. This group aims to provide social events for adults who want to connect outside of church. All are welcome, but we're specifically targeting adults (single and partnered) who are in the "middle chapter" - such as those with older teens, empty nesters, and those without children. We hope this group will foster friendships and build community while having fun! Our first outing will be on Friday, September 9th in the evening to Forestville Vines, a quaint and scenic 1897 schoolhouse winery, 3 miles south of River Falls for a brew, bonfire, pizza, bags, and wine tasting. If interested, please email Lisa at [LBekemeyer@me.com](mailto:LBekemeyer@me.com) and she will email you with details closer to the date.

### BETHEL HIGHLANDS PRESCHOOL

School supplies are lining the aisles and backpacks and lunchboxes are getting ready! So are we! The BHP classrooms are getting set up and teacher introduction emails with supply lists have been sent! If you did not receive one from Miss Missy and were expecting one, please email [missya@bethelhighlandspreschool.org](mailto:missya@bethelhighlandspreschool.org).

#### Lead Teacher, PT – After Care Opening

Bethel Highlands Preschool has an opening on our stellar team for a Lead Teacher – After Care. In this part-time role, you will:

- Encourage, inspire, and nurture relationships with preschoolers, families, and BHP team
- Plan and supervise the After Care Program
- Create planned activities and a positive learning environment
- And more!

Learn more about this exciting role and how you can be a part of the team at: [bethelhighlandspreschool.org/career-opportunities](http://bethelhighlandspreschool.org/career-opportunities) or call Missy Austreng at 715-381-8254.

#### UPCOMING DATES

- Wednesday, August 24 - Blessing of the Backpacks - 6:30pm at Bethel Highlands Campus
- Monday, August 29 - Back-to-School Night - 4-6pm
- Thursday, September 1 - First Day of School for T/TH classes and M-F classes
- Friday, September 2 - First Day of School for M/W/F classes
- Monday, September 5 - No School

**Follow Us!** Get up to date information on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Head there and click the follow button to ensure you're a part of our online community!

**Do you value the importance of play?**

**Do you have a spirit for child development?**

**We've got a spot for you!**

**BHP OPENING: Lead Teacher PT After Care**



### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Volunteers at Bethel are those who comprise many ages and stages of life, who do so much to serve God and others. This month we recognize Barbara Ronningen for all of the ways she gives her time and talents.



Barbara grew up on a farm in Zumbrota, MN and has been a resident of Afton, MN for nearly forty years. She has three adult children: a son in Texas, a son in Maine and her daughter lives in Blaine, MN. She also has four grandchildren.

Retired since 2011, Barbara spent her career working for the State of Minnesota as a demographer, which she says was a very rewarding line of work.

Barbara has been a member of Bethel for more than eleven years and has served in a multitude of ways. She has co-chaired the Naomi Circle, helped co-lead Bible Study, been a VBS greeter, served at funerals, assisted with the Scandinavian Food Fest, assisted with Adult Education, been a small group leader and prepped communion for worship.

As a resident of Afton, Barbara is also involved with her community. She has served on the planning commission, Citizens Business Group for 3M PFAS settlement. She is a master gardener and has served the Northstar Lily Society and given garden talks. She also coordinates Afton's Community Garden and has done so since its inception in 2013. And, she also knits prayer shawls for Shepherd of the Valley church, and Bethel.

Her pastimes include her love of gardening and knitting, but also reading and coordinating two book clubs. We commend you, Barbara, for your leadership and service to God and others.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

The H.O.M.E. committee serves **FREE** meals in the Fellowship Hall and to-go meal boxes to **EVERYONE** on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Volunteers always welcome!

Upcoming Meals:  
Thursday, August 4 & 18  
5-6PM | Downtown Campus

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

**Volunteer at The Great Bethel Get Together**

Please contact Natalie at [nataliew@bethelhudson.org](mailto:nataliew@bethelhudson.org) with interest!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SCANDINAVIAN FOOD FEST 2022

We are looking for volunteers willing to help with this fabulous event. Please email Gail Nolan at [nolan.p@comcast.net](mailto:nolan.p@comcast.net) with interest!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Friday, August 26  
Noon-6:00PM  
Downtown Campus

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

**EQUAL EXCHANGE**

**FAIRLY TRADED ORGANIC COFFEE, TEA, AND COCOA**

Available on Sunday, August 7 after the 8:00AM and 9:30AM Services. Details at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)

**Interested in other volunteer opportunities at Bethel? Please visit [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org) or contact Kathy Jeska at [kjeska@bethelhudson.org](mailto:kjeska@bethelhudson.org) to learn more!**