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# & BETHEL CONNECTIONS





# 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 Continued on page 2

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











#### 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 Craig Koehnen, Contemporary Worship Director

Sonja McGill, Handbell Director

#### SUPPORT STAFF

Gwen Cossin, Business Administrator Tammy Huberty, Administrative Assistant 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

#### **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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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



# 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

At this time, masks are optional during worship.

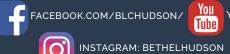
Bethel encourages and supports those who choose to wear masks.

Masks are available upon request.













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## 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!











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

**Dorcas 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 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 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

To view Bethel's full calendar details, visit bethelhudson.org





# Blessing of the Backpacks

Wednesday, August 24 | 6:30PM | Highlands Details at bethelhudson.org



BETHEL



#### **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



PLEASE JOIN US FOR PASTOR JOHN'S FAREWELL PARTY

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





#### **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

### **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 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.

#### 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 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



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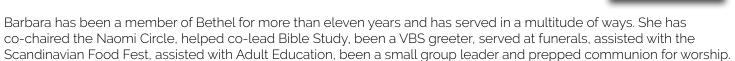
# VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



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.



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."

Thursday of each month.

Volunteers always welcome!

Thursday, August 4 & 18

5-6PM | Downtown Campus

Details at

Volunteer at

The Great Bethel

**Get Together** 

Please contact Natalie at

with interest

Upcoming Meals:



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





Interested in other volunteer opportunities at Bethel? Please visit bethelhudson.org or contact Kathy Jeska at kjeska@bethelhudson.org to learn more!