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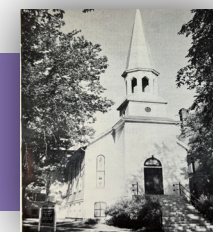
BETHEL CONNECTIONS

Happy
MOTHER'S DAY!

CELEBRATE AT BETHEL!
SUNDAY, MAY 8

Gather and Thank
all the **Wonderful**
Women in Our Lives!

Details at
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Preparing for Bethel's
150th Anniversary!

It was the spring of 1873 when a handful of immigrants from Norway founded a Lutheran congregation in the budding railroad town of Hudson, Wisconsin. Yes, there were churches of a few other denominations already here on the St. Croix River, but Bethel was the first congregation of Lutherans. It all began in a white wooden building on Third Street, that sat where the alley now runs aside of our current building down town.

Next year, 2023 will mark the 150th anniversary (sesquicentennial) of ministry for Bethel Lutheran Church! Just think of all the men, women, and children who have come through our building(s), all of the volunteers that have served Christ, and the many, many lives that have been changed through the mission and ministry of this great congregation! Consider the impact Bethel has had over these many years, not only on this community, but also on our state, our country, and even the world! This is certainly something to celebrate!



So to spearhead this milestone, a committee is being formed to delve into our history, and to plan some opportunities to reflect and celebrate these past 150 years of faithfulness to the Gospel. If you would like to be involved in this great endeavor, we would love to have you join our planning team. Please do contact me at 715.386.8821 and help us

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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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DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

920 Third Street | Hudson, WI
715.386.8821

HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

504 Frontage Road | Hudson, WI



Thank you to all
who celebrated
Easter at Bethel!

Check out the photos
from Palm Sunday,
Holy Week, and
Easter Sunday online!

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN

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as we prepare a tribute to so many people of faith who have gone before us, serving as pillars of faith, and building Bethel Lutheran Church into the great, and growing, ministry we know today.

Please stay tuned for more details as they are announced.

In God's Great Love,
Pastor John Lestock

Thank you from Chuck Lewis and family for all
the love and support that was given after Ruth passed away.



Senior Adult Luncheon
Monday, May 2 | Noon-1:30pm
Highlands Campus
Enjoy a catered lunch, guest speaker,
Hudson School Superintendent Dr. Nick
Oullette & special music from Charlie Ollmann!
Details and registration at bethelhudson.org



**NEW MEMBER
DISCIPLE CLASS**
Saturday, May 7
8:30AM
Details & registration
at bethelhudson.org




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

Youth

2021-2022 YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Bethel offers youth classes, events and activities from age 3 - 9th grade and beyond. Classes have wrapped up for the programming year and will resume in September. Register your student now and watch for fun summer activities!

2022-23

Registration now open!
@bethelhudson.org

Register now for 2022-23 Youth Programming including

- Sunday School
- 6th & 7th Grade Faith Formation
- 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation

Invite your friends to join you on the faith journey!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAYS 7-8:30PM

MEET AT ENGEDI DOWNTOWN BEGINNING MAY 18

Follow high school youth group @bethel on Facebook for weekly updates

2021-22 Youth Ministry Volunteers

We appreciate all you do helping our youth grow deeper in faith and closer to Christ!

I thank MY GOD every time I REMEMBER you.

Philippians 1:3

Bethel Honors the Class of 2022

Sunday, May 22

9:30 - GRADUATION BLESSING

10:30 - BRUNCH

*Message given by student at all worship services

Details at bethelhudson.org

Middle School Mission Trip 2022 DULUTH, MN

June 26 - July 1

\$250/student

A great introduction to mission work close to home!

Details at bethelhudson.org

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP 2022 CAROLINAS

JUNE 24 - JULY 3

Details & Registration at bethelhudson.org

Registration closes May 1

TAKE HOLD

JOHN 16:33

WAPO ONE-DAY

August 10 | students completed grades K-4

This is a great introduction to church camp in this one-day experience. It includes a bus ride, camp worship, swimming, crafts, games, lunch, and a visit to the canteen!

See what Camp Wapo has to offer your kids!

For details & registration go to bethelhudson.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

MONUMENTAL

CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

K-5 July 18-22 9am - noon

Preschool July 25-28 9-11am

Details & registration for participants & volunteers at bethelhudson.org

Nursery Sundays at Highlands during 9:30 worship

Connect

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

Naomi Gathering: Monday, May 9 | Janet Gavic's Home 1:00PM

Dorcas Gathering: Thursday, May 12 | Downtown Fellowship Hall | 9:30AM

Mary Gathering: Thursday, May 12 | Downtown Fellowship Hall | 1:00PM

Ruth Gathering: Thursday, May 12 | Downtown Lounge | 2:00PM

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, May 5 & 19 | 9:30AM | Downtown Engedi Room

Men's Bible Study: Saturday mornings | 8:00AM | 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 back to meeting 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

UNORIGINAL SIN

Explore the unoriginal sins of several Biblical characters and their paths to redemption.

Three-week Bible Study led by Pastor Kris

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, & 21

9:30AM and 6:00PM | Downtown Campus

Details and registration at bethelhudson.org

Registration Now Open!

Come for the day, or come for the weekend to the ALL Church Camping Trip!

Hosted by Pastor Ladd

Friday - Sunday, June 10-12

Apple River Family Campground Somerset, WI

Details & Registration at bethelhudson.org

Thank you for purchasing Caramel Rolls!

We hope you enjoyed your Easter Caramel Rolls. You helped us sell-out even before the 9:30 service. We appreciate your support!

BETHEL BREWS & BROS

Men of Bethel,

You are invited to join us for Snacks, Local Brews, & Fellowship.

Friday, May 20

Hop & Barrel, Hudson

5:00 - 7:00PM

ACTIVITIES

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

Quilting

Friday, May 13 & Tuesday, May 24

Downtown, Fellowship Hall | 9:00AM

Hardanger

Thursday, May 5 & Thursday, May 19

Downtown, Conference Room | 1:00PM

BETHEL BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 4

Downtown Fellowship Hall | 1:00PM

"The Dearly Beloved" by Cara Wall

Next Month's Book is "Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah

LIFE EVENTS

DEATHS

Diane Jonland, March 18, 2022

Vera Yndestad, April 12, 2022



You've Got A Friend

Singer/songwriter Carole King penned the well-known song, "You've Got a Friend," back in 1971 and since then, it's been sung by many- most famously King herself, James Taylor (and Taylor and King together). The lyrics speak to the universal need we all have for a friend. At some point, we all need someone to listen to us as we work through something or get it off of our chests. We need friends to walk beside us when our lives feel challenging or overwhelming. We need friends to support and encourage us when we feel down and troubled. Look at some of the lyrics King wrote and think of a time in your life when you really needed a friend.

When you're down and troubled
And you need some lovin' care
And nothin', nothin' is goin' right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night...

Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
You've got a friend...

If the sky above you
Grows dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind begins to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud
Soon you'll hear me knockin' at your door...

Now, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
When people can be so cold?
They'll hurt you, yes, and desert you
And take your soul if you let them
Oh, but don't you let them
You just call out my name
And you know, wherever I am
I'll come runnin', runnin', to see you again...

You've got a friend
You've got a friend
Ain't it good to know you've got a friend...

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Bethel Highlands Preschool
Explore. Discover. Grow in Faith.

**2022-2023
ONLINE REGISTRATION**

TO REGISTER, VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.bethelhighlandspreschool.org

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! 715-381-8254 email or call for a tour today!
emileew@bethelhighlandspreschool.org

We are welcoming spring, here at BHP! We have many fun and exciting activities to celebrate our students, families, and teachers this month! Teacher appreciation week is May 2nd- May 6th! We are excited to celebrate our amazing teachers who love and care for all 118 of our students. Our teachers go above and beyond every single day and work hard to connect with each child and their families. Thank you, Miss Angie, Alyssa, Cindy, Emily H, Sally, Emily B, Teri, Wanda and Calla, for serving our BHP community!

We have our Spring Music Concert on Tuesday, May 10th at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm. Our concert theme is Children's Classics, featuring memorable songs that our student's parents and grandparents may have sung in school growing up! Our concert will also feature bells and kazoos with a cookie reception to follow.



Recently, we honored Miss Alyssa as our April Teacher of the month! Miss Alyssa has been a wonderful asset to BHP with teaching our youngest 3-year-old students. **Thank you, Alyssa, for all you do for our school!**

Last month we also celebrated our students with a spirit week called The Week of the Young Child! This is a nationally recognized week that celebrates young children ages 6 and under and their caregivers! We had some fun theme days, from superhero day to BHP day, to book character day!



You've Got A Friend

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If you are currently relating to any of these sentiments, maybe you could use a friend, too – and if so, we have one for you here at Bethel! We have a BeFriender for you, to be exact. BeFrienders are lay leaders, trained by the BeFriender Ministry National Office, who have worked on developing skills of listening, support, encouragement, and maintaining confidentiality. Through a Christian lens, they aim to be the kind of friend that will provide a nonjudgmental environment and help people over the humps of life.

Please contact Pastor Kris if you, or someone you know, might benefit from having a Christian friend in their time of need. BeFrienders are available to meet in person, for phone calls, and for Zoom interactions.



Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone

The H.O.M.E. meal committee services free to-go meal boxes to **EVERYONE**, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Upcoming Meals:
Thursday, May 5 & 19
5-6PM | Downtown Campus
Details at
bethelhudson.org/serve/local/



VOLUNTEER

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 others.

Serving in multiple ways, our extraordinary volunteer this month is Xander Johnson, who is a junior at Hudson High School. Xander and his family live in Hudson and have been attending Bethel for a number of years. Rounding out his family are dad Chris Johnson, stepmom Jen Hamilton, and stepbrother Parker Williams, who is in 8th grade.



Xander is a busy young man who appreciates opportunities to connect, grow, and serve. He completed confirmation at Bethel and has been a reader at the 11 o'clock service. An important cause to Xander- sharing that he looks for "multiple, multiple opportunities" - is volunteering with Feed My Starving Children. He is also involved with High School Youth Group and is a youth leader within the group, and welcomes the opportunity to assist with events and fundraising. Xander has participated in youth trips and mission trips, recently taking part in the Tulsa mission trip as well as assisting with the middle school ski trip. On top of all that, Xander has been an assistant and involved with TEC weekends. And, Xander is a student representative for the Bethel council, serving since January 2021.

In addition to his varied schedule of school, homework, and church volunteering, Xander works at Target in guest services and as a cashier 10-20 hours each week during school months, and 25-30 hours during the summer months.

When he has free time, Xander enjoys snowboarding, singing in the high school chamber choir, acting (winning a silver medal at state for his part), video games, and cheering on the Minnesota Vikings!

Thank you, Xander, for all you do and for being a great example to others!

MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUES

Honor someone you love
with a plaque in Bethel's
Memorial Garden!
Deadline: May 15

Details at
bethelhudson.org

Give blood at Bethel!

The next blood drive
is scheduled for:
Friday, June 17
Downtown Campus
Noon - 6:00PM

Register online at
bethelhudson.org/serve/local

A special recognition for Shirley Snyder-McKercher from her children, on Easter Sunday she celebrated her 93rd birthday!