



OUTDOOR WORSHIP
AT LAKEFRONT PARK

NO OTHER SERVICES THIS DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 9:30AM
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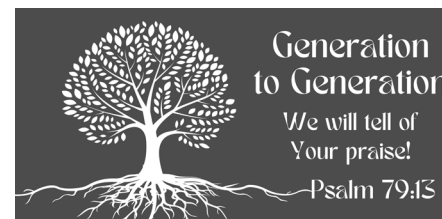
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BETHEL CONNECTIONS



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BLESSED TO SERVE TOGETHER IN FAITH

As I write this, there is full force decorating going on at Highlands for this year's Vacation Bible School. Artificial Christmas trees have been donated for the week and magic is happening to turn our campus into a north woods experience in the middle of what has been a hot Wisconsin summer. Although VBS will be over by the time you get this newsletter, I highlight this event because it is such a great example of how the Bethel community comes together to create an experience in which faith can be nurtured.

If we are to continue to pass our faith on to the next generations, this kind of intergenerational cooperation and creativity must continue. Over the last several years, I have been so excited to see young people showing up to help at the Scandinavian Food Fest and having a great time doing so. Sharing our traditions, along with our faith, leads to powerful moments and memories.

We hope that you will join us in finding ways to continue to build relationships between generations and show our younger people why we are so passionate about the God we worship, pray to, and praise. As such, we invite you to join us for our annual Great Bethel Get-Together coming up on Sunday, September 7th at 9:30 at our Highlands location. This will be our only service that day and we will have food, fellowship, and games for the kids following the service. Come and help us celebrate the kick-off to another programmatic year and to share our excitement about all the ways that we invest in Bethel's future.

When we foster faith in each other, we often find ourselves with a desire to share this Good News with others and live out our faith through service. That has been the story of the summer here at Bethel. Not only have we had a group in Tanzania making global faith connections, but both our high school and middle school

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT BETHEL

SUNDAYS 9:00AM | CONTEMPORARY SERVICE | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

LIVESTREAMED ON BETHEL'S WEBSITE AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL

SUNDAYS 10:30AM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

LIVESTREAMED ON BETHEL'S WEBSITE AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL



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 Stay Connected

Youth

2025-2026 YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Registration is happening now for the '25-'26 school year!

Register now so we can be ready for you when classes begin in September.

bethelhudson.org/youth

Youth Ministry KEY DATES

AUG 1-3 Camp Wapo - Seeds

AUG 3-8 Camp Wapo - Youth Camp

AUG 6 Camp Wapo - One Day

AUG 13 10AM-3:30PM Middle School Waterpark Event - Cascade Bay, Eagan

AUG 20 Blessing of the Backpacks 6:30 - Highlands

Nursery Birth - 3 Years

Returning regularly in September

During the summer there is space in the back of the Narthex with toys for children with wiggles who want to play. There are activity bags as well.

Bethel likes to see kids in worship!


If you have questions or nursery needs, contact Carole DeJardin (cdejardin@bethelhudson.org)

Students entering 6th-9th grades

Water Park Day!

Cascade Bay, Eagan
Wednesday, August 13
10am - 3:30pm

Details & registration at bethelhudson.org



2025-26 Youth Programming

Registration open at bethelhudson.org

Programming for the 2025-26 school year will begin in September, so register your students now and invite their friends!

SUNDAY SCHOOL Age 3 - 5th Grade

Sunday mornings during contemporary worship Bethel Highlands



FAITH FORMATION 6th & 7th Grades

Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm
Bethel Downtown



8th Grade CONFIRMATION

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm
Bethel Downtown



9th Grade CONFIRMATION

Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm
Bethel Downtown



Youth Ministry Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for all areas of youth ministry!



Thank you to the nearly 100 youth volunteers at True North VBS!



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

Naomi Gathering: August 11 | 1:30pm | Weitkamp Park

Dorcas Gathering: Will resume meeting in September

Mary Gathering: Will resume meeting in September

Ruth Gathering: Will resume meeting in September

ABC Bible Study: Will resume meeting in September

ABC strives to promote an atmosphere where all feel welcome to join the discussion! Contact Karen at kypavlis@gmail.com for more information.

Men's Bible Study: Saturdays | 8:00AM | Downtown Campus, Engedi
This group welcomes any man who would like to attend. Contact Aethan at hartav@comcast.net for the 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

JOIN OUR TEAM!

- BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
- HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY DIRECTOR
- AUDIO/VISUAL (SOUND & PROJECTION)



ADULT LUNCHEON

Join us for a picnic style lunch at the park with games, fellowship, and prizes!

**MONDAY, AUGUST 11 AT WEITKAMP PARK
NOON - 1:30PM**

**DETAILS AND REGISTRATION
AT BETHELHUDSON.ORG**

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, August 22 | Noon-6:00pm
Bethel Lutheran Church
Downtown Campus, Fellowship Hall

Register online or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule appointments.

thank you

THANK YOU TO THE BETHEL COMMUNITY FOR YOUR PRAYERS, HUGS, KINDNESS, AND GENEROSITY SHOWN TO US WHILE WE HAVE BEEN NAVIGATING THIS NEW NORMAL SINCE BILL'S PASSING. WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE YOU ALL IN OUR LIVES.
TRACEY, BRANNAN, SARAH, AND CALLA JENKINSON

ACTIVITIES

You are invited to be a part of the following activities to connect at Bethel!

Quilting

Friday, August 8

Downtown, Fellowship Hall | 9:00AM

Hardanger

Thursday, August 7

Downtown, Conference Room | 1:00PM

LIFE EVENTS

Funeral:

Lori Gunderson, July 19, 2025

Baptism:

Roman Delano Bjork, July 13, 2025



BETHEL BOOK CLUB

The list for 2025-26 club picks is now available! The book club meets on the first Wednesday/month at 1:00PM, September-June. All who love to read are welcome!

Scan here to view the book list or visit bethelhudson.org



SAVE THE DATE SCANDINAVIAN FOOD FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

10AM - 2PM

BETHEL HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

grow

TAKE ACTION FOR CREATION

One of the ways we can care for God’s creation is to call our elected officials about issues related to protecting and restoring the planet. When we call our representatives, we make them aware of concerns that are important to us and hold them accountable. For example, you may want to make your voice heard regarding a specific issue that is close to your heart, such as:

- Protecting our national parks and forests,
- Supporting US climate and weather research and services,
- Funding measures that support clean air, water or energy, or
- Some other local, state or national creation care matter that will soon be decided upon or that you want your representative to influence.



It’s easy, and only takes a few minutes.

How To Call Your Elected Officials

1. Look up your federal, state, county or city officials at myvote.wi.gov. Choose the individual you wish to call and find their phone number online. Contact information for federal officials can also be found at creationcare.org, the website for the Evangelical Environmental Network (select Get Involved, Take Action, then put in your address and zip code).
2. Prepare your comments, including your views and requests.
3. Make the call. Be ready to talk with a staff person or leave a message. Provide your name and address. Then, share your comments. Be friendly and kind.

Don’t be shy about calling your representatives. In fact, make it a habit. God calls us to care for His creation, and one way we can do this is to call them. We’re the people, and they work for us.

Bethel Highlands Preschool



BHP Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, 8/20

5-6:30pm • Meet the Teacher Night

6:30pm • Blessing of the Backpacks*

Wednesday, 8/27

First Day of School for M-F, M/W/F, M-Th classes

Thursday, 8/28

First Day of School for T/Th classes

*See more information on this event elsewhere in the newsletter.



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

The Ruth Gathering women are collecting school supplies for the LWR School Kits.

Collection starts NOW – September 30

Details at bethelhudson.org/serve/global

Pine Ridge School Supply Drive

Bethel is collecting NEW school supplies for Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Collection NOW – September 30

Details at bethelhudson.org/serve/global

ADULT MISSION TRIP

KENTUCKY

SEPTEMBER 13-20

COST: \$150 (HOUSING/MEALS)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAVID DATT AT DAVIDRDATT@GMAIL.COM

BETHEL TEAM VISITS PARTNERS IN TANZANIA

From June 28 through July 13, nine members of Bethel Lutheran Church traveled to Iringa, Tanzania, to strengthen our partnerships and deepen relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ. During this meaningful journey, the group visited our partner churches—Cathedral and Wilolesi—as well as our mission partners at the Huruma Orphanage and the Diocese of Iringa. A highlight of the trip was the opportunity to establish a new partnership with the Nyamihuu Congregation, located just an hour outside of Iringa. This exciting new connection marks another step in expanding our shared ministry across the globe. The team looks forward to sharing more stories, photos, and reflections from their time in Tanzania during a special presentation in November.

Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support. Together, we are living out Bethel’s mission—both here in the United States and around the world!

HOME Meal Gathering & Fellowship

1st & 3rd Thursday/month

August 7 & 21

5-6PM

Bethel Downtown

Free home cooked meal served to all!

Volunteers always welcome. Visit bethelhudson.org/serve/local to learn more.

