



GREAT BETHEL GET TOGETHER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
BETHEL HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

9:30AM - BLENDED INDOOR WORSHIP
10:30AM-NOON - FOOD, FUN & PRIZES

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 10:30AM SERVICE



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BETHEL CONNECTIONS



TRUE NORTH

**"I AM
 THE WAY,
 THE TRUTH,
 AND
 THE LIFE."**

JOHN 14:6



BETHEL
 LUTHERAN CHURCH

TIME TO GET READY



What a wonderful summer we've shared together as a church family! From the joy and energy of Vacation Bible School, to the fellowship at the senior adult luncheon (see recipe below) and church picnic, to the beauty of outdoor worship, and Bible studies, God has been present in powerful ways. We give thanks for the many hands and hearts who made these events possible. We also celebrate the ways our mission teams served this summer—both near and far. Whether it was the high school group traveling to Colorado Springs, the team journeying to Tanzania, or the middle schoolers and others who faithfully served right here in our local community, we witnessed God's love at work in and through Bethel.

Now, as summer begins to draw to a close, it is time to get ready for the next season of ministry and mission. A new school year is upon us, and with it comes a fresh opportunity to grow in faith, deepen relationships, and live out our mission of Being Connected, Growing, and Serving. The question for each of us is this: How will you get involved this fall?

Scripture reminds us:
 "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
 (Hebrews 10:24–25)

Bethel offers so many opportunities to grow in our faith together, from Wednesday night programming for youth, to Sunday School for our youngest learners, to Bible studies and small groups for adults. Simply joining us regularly for worship is a meaningful way to stay grounded in God's Word and connected to one another. Involvement is more than just showing up—it is how we grow in relationship with others and, most importantly, in our relationship with God.

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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DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

920 Third Street | Hudson, WI
715.386.8821

HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

504 Frontage Road | Hudson, WI

We're especially excited about some of the opportunities this fall. On September 7 at 10:30 am, we'll gather for our annual Great Bethel Get-Together following a combined 9:30 am worship service—a time for food, fellowship, and fun as we kick off the new program year. Then, on September 10th, we will also welcome guest speaker Kent Nerburn, who will share with us from his newest book *Lonesome Dog Road* and his reflections on life on the reservation. These are just a few of the ways you can engage in the life of our congregation.

The greatest challenge—and the greatest opportunity—is to find one way to commit. Whether that means joining a study, volunteering, showing up regularly for worship, or trying something new, your involvement matters. Together, we are building a community where Christ is known, love is shared, and faith is deepened.

This fall, let's get ready—ready to grow, ready to serve, ready to be God's people in this place.

Pastor Ladd Sonnenberg and Pastor Kris Kurzejeski

Pastor Ladd's Family BBQ Chicken Recipe:

10-12 chicken drumsticks	1 cup canola oil
1 egg beaten	2 cups apple cider vinegar
3 Tbsp salt	1 tsp black pepper

Mix canola oil and egg well. Add in vinegar, salt, and pepper and mix again. Reserve ¼ cup of marinade and pour remaining mixture into a ziplock bag, add the drumsticks so that they are covered, and put into the fridge. Marinate chicken overnight or at least 2 hours.

Discard marinade and ziplock bag. Grill chicken on medium heat, basting with reserved marinade every 8-10 mins, until they reach an internal temperature of 195 degrees. You can also precook drumsticks partially by boiling them first before placing in marinade.

Author Event

**SEPTEMBER 10
6:30PM
BETHEL HIGHLANDS**

**KENT NERBURN
JOINS US TO DISCUSS LIFE LESSONS
FROM THE NATIVE WAY**

LEARN MORE AT [BETHELHUDSON.ORG](https://bethelhudson.org)



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GUIDING US TO
CONNECT DEEPLY,
GROW FAITHFULLY,
AND SERVE BOLDLY
AS VOLUNTEERS,
COMMITTEES,
MUSICIANS,
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS, AND AS
BROTHERS AND
SISTERS IN CHRIST!**

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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

SEPT 3

5:30PM - DOWNTOWN
6th/7th Grade Orientation
6:30PM - HIGHLANDS
8th/9th Grade Orientation & Training

SEPT 10

6:30-8:30PM - Highlands
Community Author Event:
Pine Ridge Speaker (6th-12th Grds)

SEPT 14

10AM - HIGHLANDS
Sunday School Parent Meeting
12PM - HIGHLANDS
10th Gr Confirmation Class

SEPT 15

6PM - HIGHLANDS
3-Year-Old Welcome to Sunday School Milestone Class

SEPT 17

5:30 PM - DOWNTOWN
First Night of 6th /7th Grade Class
6PM - HIGHLANDS
Sunday School Teacher Training
6:30PM - DOWNTOWN
First Night of 8th Grade Confirmation
7:30PM - DOWNTOWN
First Night of 9th Grade Confirmation

SEPT 21

9:00AM
Nursery resumes during worship
9:00AM
First Day of Sunday School
3-Year-Old Milestone Blessing
12:00PM
10th Gr Confirmation Class

Nursery Birth - 3 Years

Returning weekly starting September 21!

Adult volunteers are needed to support the Nursery. Can you help once a month? Scan the QR code to volunteer or contact Holly Wynveen (hjw2411@hotmail.com)

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

8th Grade CONFIRMATION
Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm
Bethel Downtown

9th Grade CONFIRMATION
Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm
Bethel Downtown

FAITH FORMATION 6th & 7th Grades
Wednesdays 5:30-6:30pm
Bethel Downtown

Youth Ministry Volunteers
Volunteers are needed for all areas of youth ministry!

3 Year Old Faith Milestone

Welcome to Sunday School

Monday, September 15 | 6:00pm
Bethel Highlands

Preschoolers and their parents learn about Sunday School, receive a Spark Story Bible, and hear the story of Noah's Ark!

Included with Sunday School registration

LET'S GET READY FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

- Sunday, September 14, 10AM - All Sunday School Parent Meeting
- Wednesday, September 17, 6PM - Sunday School Teacher Training
- Sunday, September 21, 9AM - 3-Year-Old Faith Milestone Blessing

First Day of Sunday School - All Sunday School Photo

More details at bethelhudson.org/youth/birth-5th=grade

It's time to start planning the CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed for the:

- Christmas Program Director
- Music Director
- Costume/Props Director

Contact Carole DeJardin with interest (cdejardin@bethelhudson.org)

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-24)

keep in touch

Scan the code to connect a young adult with Bethel's ministry just for them

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

- Naomi Gathering:** September 8 | 1pm | Betty Vandersteen's Home
- Dorcas Gathering:** September 11 | 9:30am | Downtown Campus, Fellowship Hall
- Mary Gathering:** September 11 | 1pm | Downtown Campus, Fellowship Hall
- Ruth Gathering:** September 11 | 2pm | Downtown Campus, Lounge
- ABC Bible Study:** Resumes meeting via Zoom every Monday at 8:30am on September 8. 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

- COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING DIRECTOR
- HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY DIRECTOR
- AV - SOUND/PROJECTION (PART-TIME)

LEARN MORE AND APPLY ONLINE!

SAVE THE DATE!

SCANDINAVIAN FOOD FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
10AM - 2PM
BETHEL HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

BETHEL BREWS & BROS

4th Friday/Month | 5-7pm
Starting September 26
NOW AT Pitchfork Brewing
Details at bethelhudson.org



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

- Quilting**
Friday, September 12 and
Tuesdays, September 23 & 30
Downtown, Fellowship Hall | 9:00AM
- Hardanger**
Thursday, September 4
Downtown, Conference Room | 1:00PM

- LIFE EVENTS
- Funeral:**
Robert "Bob" Monette, August 2, 2025
Grace Fanning, August 4, 2025
Jean Ellen Benson, August 16, 2025
Roger Peterson August 29, 2025
- Baptism:**
Halle Kennedy Hoffman, August 31, 2025

MARK SULLIVAN
Bestselling author of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* and *The Last Green Valley*

ALL THE GLIMMERING STARS
A NOVEL

BOOK CLUB

September 3
All the Glimmering Stars by Mark Sullivan

1st Wednesday/Month
1PM Downtown Campus
Fellowship Hall

Book list at
[bethelhudson.org/
connect/clubs](http://bethelhudson.org/connect/clubs)

grow

HIGHLANDS PRAIRIE RESTORATION

Here is a quick update on the prairie restoration at Highlands. The piles of downed trees were burned over the winter. The seed has been purchased and is being stored at US Fish & Wildlife Service. The stumps have been cut down and sprayed.

The first herbicide spraying this growing season occurred in early June. Some places were missed so those areas were sprayed in mid-July. The last treatment will be later this summer to kill the invasives and better prepare the site for planting.

A broadcast seeding will be done this fall or winter. Planting in the fall or winter tends to promote the wildflowers which will benefit pollinators and birds.

A maintenance mowing will need to occur the first year or two following planting. This is done to control the weeds that will be growing. Native prairie, unlike grass found in a yard, takes several years to get established above ground because the deep root system develops first.

Usually by the third year many flowers and grass should be seen, however, some species take several years to become visible. It's hard to be patient waiting for the prairie to develop! We are thankful for all the volunteers and partners, US Fish & Wildlife Service and Kinnikinnick chapter of Pheasants Forever, who are helping us restore native prairie, God's creation!



Bethel Highlands Preschool



☀ Spaces Still Open for the
 2025–2026 School Year! ☀

✉ Contact: Michelle Webb for more information



3-Year-Olds

- 3-Full-Day (Mon–Fri) spots available
- 1-Half-Day (Mon–Thu) spot available

4K

- 8 spots open

📅 First Day of School: **August 27, 2025**

☀ Don't wait—Enroll Today!

🌐 Website: www.bhphudson.org

📞 Phone: 715-381-8254

✉ bhp@bethelHUDSON.org

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



COLOR fun run

Bethel Highlands Preschool

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION UNTIL 8/31

GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.BHPHUDSON.ORG/COLOR-FUN-RUN-REGISTRATION](https://www.bhphudson.org/color-fun-run-registration)

Become a Bethel Member

Saturday, October 4
9am-Noon

Bethel Highlands Campus

Details and registration at
bethelHUDSON.org



HOME Meal Gathering & Fellowship

1st & 3rd
Thursday/month
September 4 & 18
5-6PM
Bethel Downtown

Free home
cooked meal
served to all!

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

VOLUNTEER AT THE SCANDINAVIAN FOOD FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
BETHEL HIGHLANDS CAMPUS



SCAN TO
SIGN-UP
OR VISIT

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