

# JOIN US AT THE SCANDINAVIAN FOOD FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19  
10AM - 3PM | BETHEL HIGHLANDS

DETAILS AT [BETHELHUDSON.ORG/ABOUT/SCANDINAVIAN-FOOD-FEST/](http://BETHELHUDSON.ORG/ABOUT/SCANDINAVIAN-FOOD-FEST/)



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# BETHEL CONNECTIONS

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE: GENERATION TO GENERATION

"For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Ephesians 1:15-16

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who attended the Installation and Staff Recognition Celebration on September 8th. It was so amazing to see our community come together to celebrate all that God is doing here – and we do have so much to celebrate! We have amazing worship services, great programs for all ages, as well as meaningful service opportunities. As your pastors, we stand in amazement of all that Bethel has done and continues to do to live out our mission of Connecting, Growing, and Serving God and others. However, none of this is possible without you.

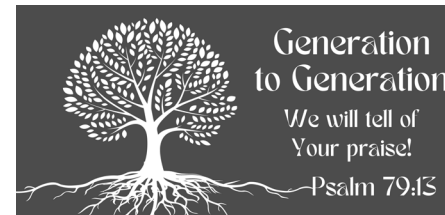
It is through your willingness to give of your time (which we know is precious), your abilities (which are abundant), and your financial gifts, (which are very much needed and appreciated), that we are able to help both those in our congregation and those in other parts of the world know the love of Jesus Christ.

Currently, we are gearing up to enter into our annual stewardship campaign, where we will ask each of you to prayerfully consider how you can financially support the life-transforming ministries we do here at Bethel. In the next week or two, we will be sending you a letter to invite you to consider how you can financially support Bethel in the year ahead. On October 27th, Reformation Sunday, we encourage you to bring your pledge cards to worship and celebrate with us as we look at how we, like Martin Luther, are about bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.



'24-'25 Bethel T-Shirts  
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by Oct. 15 at  
[bethelHUDSON.org](http://bethelHUDSON.org)



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

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT BETHEL

SUNDAYS 9:00AM | CONTEMPORARY SERVICE | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

LIVESTREAMED ON BETHEL'S WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE, & YOUTUBE CHANNEL

SUNDAYS 10:30AM | TRADITIONAL SERVICE | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

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504 Frontage Road | Hudson, WI

As we enter into this stewardship season, our 2024-2025 theme, "From Generation to Generation," calls us to consider how your family and friends over the years have grown and been shaped by the community and ministries at Bethel. We look at this time as a great opportunity for you to share with others about why Bethel is meaningful to you and how we might continue to support the mission of our church. Through these conversations, we pass on our faith by sharing how God has used Bethel to make a difference in our lives and how by pledging we have had our faith grow.

As many of you know, pledging does not just allow us to keep our lights on or pay the amazing staff we have, it is also about strengthening our walk with Christ. As we pledge, we are putting our trust in God to provide for us in return. In pledging, we don't just help others grow in their faith, but we grow in our faith as well.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to prayerfully consider how you can financially support the mission and ministry as well as use this opportunity to pass on your faith from generation to generation.

Pastor Kris and Pastor Ladd

**Your Pledge Card helps us plan for the year ahead as we continue Bethel's mission to CONNECT. GROW. AND SERVE.**

*Submit your Pledge!*  
**You may turn in your pledge card at the Bethel office, or pledge online at [bethelHUDSON.org/give](http://bethelHUDSON.org/give)**

**MY ANNUAL GENERAL FUND PLEDGE**  
 NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY | STATE | ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
 I/WE WILL GIVE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER  WEEK  MONTH  YEAR  
 FOR A TOTAL 2025 PLEDGE OF: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You are encouraged to sign up for automatic giving at: [BETHELHUDSON.ORG/GIVE](http://BETHELHUDSON.ORG/GIVE)  
 I/we understand that this giving commitment may be changed at any time by calling the church office.

**2025 GENERAL FUND COMMITMENT**

**SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON**

OCTOBER 14 • NOON - 1:30PM  
 BETHEL HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

DETAILS & REGISTRATION  
 AT [BETHELHUDSON.ORG](http://BETHELHUDSON.ORG)  
 REGISTER BY OCTOBER 8

FEATURING SPECIAL MUSIC FROM TRISH SISSON!

The Faith Formation Pastor position is posted and we are awaiting applicants to apply. The Call Committee is prepared for the interview process.

Updates at [bethelHUDSON.org/about/pastoral-call](http://bethelHUDSON.org/about/pastoral-call)



**THANK YOU!**

A great big thank you to all the people who volunteered to help make our Memorial Garden such a beautiful place this summer. Volunteers planted flowers, shrubs, and perennials and cleaned up the garden as well as put down mulch. Those who signed up each took a week to water, deadhead the flowers, and weed the garden. Many people working together made our garden a beautiful and peaceful place.

The Memorial Garden Committee



**GENERATION TO GENERATION WE GROW IN FAITH AS BETHEL MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MUSICIANS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, AND BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST!**

A "BIG" thank you to you good and faithful volunteers that helped make lefse on from September 16-18. Without your wonderful help, we would not be able to do such a large project so quickly! We peeled 200 pounds of potatoes and made a total of 4,030 lefse pieces. Thank you again and we hope to see all of you in 2025!

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

CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

[BETHELHUDSON.ORG](http://BETHELHUDSON.ORG)

FACEBOOK: [FACEBOOK.COM/BLCHUDSON/](https://www.facebook.com/blCHudson/)

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**Youth**

**2024-2025 YOUTH PROGRAMMING**  
**Classes have started, but registration remains open!**

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

**Youth Ministry KEY DATES**

- OCT 6** 9:00am Kindergarten Milestone Class
- OCT 12** 10th Gr My Faith Retreat
- OCT 13** 9:00am Kindergarten Milestone Blessing
- OCT 16** Faith & Family Night (no classes for 6th, 7th & 8th grades) High School Youth Group and 9th grade has programming
- OCT 20** Family Worship Day (no Sunday School classes)
- OCT 25** 6:00-10:00pm 5th Grade Halloween Lock-in
- OCT 27** 9:00AM Sunday School - Grandparents Day  
1:00PM Rite of Confirmation Service
- OCT 30** 5:30-6:30pm Trunk-or-Treat (Highlands)

**Stay Young Adults (Aged 18-24) CONNECTED**

Scan the QR Code to add a young adult's address for quarterly mailings of inspiration and surprises!



**Nursery Birth - 3 Years** Sundays during 9:00am worship  
 Activity bags available at both locations

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
 October 27, 2024  
 During 9:00am worship

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**  
 Students: Invite your grandparents or special older adult to join you for a special Sunday School lesson!

**5TH GRADE HALLOWEEN LOCK-IN**  
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 6-10 PM  
 BETHEL HIGHLANDS

FOOD, DEVOTIONS, GAMES & MORE! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

Scan the code to register!

**Playtime Birth-Age 3**  
 Pumpkin activities!

Sunday, October 13 | 10-11am  
 Highlands - Meet in the Nursery  
 \*Older siblings welcome  
 \*No registration required

**Rite of Confirmation**  
 Sunday, October 27, 1:00pm

Confirmation is a celebration of the faith foundation these 10th Grade students have established for their lives to come. They will be confirmed in a special worship service October 27, 1:00pm where all are welcome to attend.

Congratulate these students on this important Faith Milestone!

**2025 High School Mission Trip**  
**COLORADO SPRINGS**  
 June 14-21, 2025

Details & registration at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org) or scan the QR code

Bethel offers a variety of options for you to grow in your faith with Bible Studies. Details at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)

- Naomi Gathering:** October 14 | 1:00pm | Janet Johnson's Home
- Dorcas Gathering:** October 10 | 9:30AM | Downtown, Fellowship Hall
- Mary Gathering:** October 10 | 1:00PM | Downtown, Conference Room
- Ruth Gathering:** October 10 | 2:00PM | Bonnie Knutson's Home
- ABC Bible Study:** Mondays | 8:30AM | Via Zoom  
 ABC strives to promote an atmosphere where all feel welcome to join the discussion - there is no prep needed! Contact Karen at [kypavlis@gmail.com](mailto:kypavlis@gmail.com) for more information and the Zoom link
- Men's Bible Study:** Saturdays | 8:00AM | Highlands Campus  
 This group welcomes any man who would like to attend. Contact Aethan at [hartav@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:Truclarson1@gmail.com)

**Tanzania Scholarships**

Support a student in Tanzania for \$450/year. Deadline for the 2025 school year is October 13

Donations can be made via check Memo: Tanzania Scholarship Fund or online at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org) Give Now, Tanzania Scholarships. Details at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)

**JOIN "SONGSTERS"**

Bethel's new singing group each Sunday at 10:30AM  
 Downtown Traditional Services. Rehearsals on Sundays from 9:30-10AM at Bethel Downtown. For more details, contact Skip James at 715-690-4503.

Bethel Endowment Fund  
**GRANT APPLICATION**  
 October 20 - November 24

**Welcome Ukrainians Update**

Vadik (30), Alona (25), and Timur (3.5) Malykhin arrived at Curt & Sandy Larson's home on 9/10/24 from Poland. They are the 3rd Ukrainian family to be hosted here by Bethel people. They will be with Larson's for at least 90 days as they adjust to American life and find jobs, get SSN, get WI drivers licenses, find a preschool, etc. They are friends of 1st couple, Lev/Anastasia. Little Timur is quite active and outgoing. Vadik has a mechanical engineering degree and good English as he was a summer employee of a Wisconsin Door County resort in 2015. Alona has a degree in psychology.

We continue to seek people who are willing to help with transportation and a few other tasks. Contact Curt at 715-410-2288.

**ACTIVITIES** *Connect*

- You are invited to be a part of the following activities to connect at Bethel!
- Quilting**  
 Friday, October 11 & Tuesdays, October 22 & 29  
 Downtown, Fellowship Hall | 9:00AM
  - Hardanger**  
 Thursday, October 3  
 Downtown, Conference Room | 1:00PM

- LIFE EVENTS**
- Funerals**  
 Kurt Krahn September 9, 2024  
 Roger Ware, September 27, 2024

**BOOK CLUB**  
 All who love to read and discuss books are welcome!

1st Wednesday/Month  
 1PM Downtown Campus Fellowship Hall

Book details at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)

**BETHEL BREWS & BROS**

Friday, October 25  
 5:00-7:00pm  
 Hop & Barrel, Hudson  
 Details at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)

Grow

# GROW IN YOUR FAITH AT BIBLE STUDY

## 1 PETER & 2 PETER

Bible Study

JOIN MATT AUBART!  
9AM | THURSDAYS, SEPT. 26 - OCT. 31

OR

6PM | TUESDAYS, SEPT. 24 - OCT. 29

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS, ENGEDI  
REGISTER AT BETHELHUDSON.ORG

### Bethel Highlands Preschool

We are having a great school year so far. The new BHP playground has arrived and the kids are excited to start playing on it!

Join us for the TRUNK OR TREAT event on October 30 from 5:30-6:30PM at Bethel Highlands Campus. Additional details at [bhphudson.org](http://bhphudson.org).

Check out our Facebook Page for some exciting changes at Bethel Highlands Preschool this month.



Bethel Highlands Preschool

# TRUNK OR TREAT

Trick-or-Treat through the parking lot and inside BHP



OCT 30

We invite you to join us for our third annual BHP Trunk or Treat! Costumes are encouraged!

5:30 TO 6:30

BHP PRESCHOOL  
504 FRONTAGE RD

4K and Hudson Community-wide event promoting safety and social awareness.

Serve

## SCANDINAVIAN FOOD FEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are still needed on Saturday, October 19 to serve Scandinavian specialties and help support the event!

Sign-up online at [bethelHUDSON.org](http://bethelHUDSON.org) or scan here to learn how you can help!



Other volunteer opportunities include donating handmade baked goods like yeast breads, bars, cookies, cakes, pies, popcorn, and limpa bread. Please drop off at Bethel Highlands on 10/18 from 10am-6pm or 10/19 from 8-9:30am or bring to Bethel Downtown on 10/17 from 9am-3pm.

Other event information can be found online at [bethelHUDSON.org/about/scandinavian-food-fest](http://bethelHUDSON.org/about/scandinavian-food-fest)

Questions? Contact [hannahe@bethelHUDSON.org](mailto:hannahe@bethelHUDSON.org)

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Friday, October 18  
Noon-6:00PM

Downtown Campus

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

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Hand out hot chocolate & treats to trick or treaters on 3rd Street! Please contact the church office with interest.

OCT. 31 4-8PM | BETHEL DOWNTOWN

### Hudson Outreach Meals for Everyone

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 this month. Volunteers always welcome!

Upcoming Meal: Thursdays, October 3 & 17 5-6PM | Downtown Campus

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