

& BETHEL CONNECTIONS



FEBRUARY 26
1PM | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
5PM | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS
7PM | HIGHLANDS CAMPUS
You are invited to worship
at Bethel to observe the
beginning of Lent



THE BACKBONE OF OUR MINISTRY!

Volunteers are the backbone of our ministry here at Bethel! Men, women, boys and girls of all ages do so much AT and FOR Bethel. Each week we see them stepping up, sharing their time, talents, abilities and interests.....

You see them on weekly worship support teams, singing in the Bethel Chorale, and as cooks and servers at the Home Meal....You see them in our army of Sunday School teachers, confirmation guides, Vacation Bible School leaders, as well as Youth Group leaders....You'll see them working in full force at our Scandinavian Food Festival, serving at the Local Food Shelf, at Habitat for Humanity, and at Feed My Starving Children....Then there are those that serve at the Dorothy Day Center, at Grace Place, and on service trips to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation,

in the Gulf states, in Haiti, as well as in Tanzania!....

You'll see them leading small groups, women's Bible Studies for their circles, and assembling mailings....You'll find them on our sanctuary decorating teams, ringing handbells, caring for our grounds at the Highlands Campus and in the columbarium, and serving on our church council and numerous committees. And the lists go on and on...

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DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN

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Each of these are team efforts that help make Bethel the active, vital and winsome congregation that it is! And these are the opportunities that so many find purpose, meaning and fulfillment in, knowing that they are doing good, and having an impact on other's lives.

Have you found your "spot" on the team AT Bethel, or FOR Bethel in the community? There is still more to do. As an old addage states, "The Church is like a chain....It is only as strong as it's weakest link". We truly hope we don't have many weak links, and that everyone will do their best to see our ministry thrive. If you're searching for a way to serve, please contact me, or one of our staff people here at Bethel. We will do our very best to put you in touch with someone that will help you make a meaningful contribution to our mission and ministry.

And, if you are currently serving in some compacity, please know how much we value you! We couldn't do all that we do without friends like you. Well done you good and faithful servants! Thanks you for taking seriously our mission statement to CONNECT.GROW. and SERVE!

In God's Great Love...
Pastor John Lestock

Please take a moment to complete a 10 question survey from Bethel's Facility Task Force

The survey is available online at: bethelhudson.org
The survey will be remain open until Monday, February 3, 2020

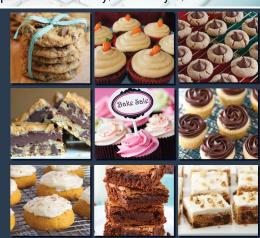


Join us February 1 & 2 before and after worship services at Highlands for the

BEST BAKE SALE

you've ever seen!

Bring in non-perishables for the Souper Bowl, and take home some treats for the Super Bowl!











ACTIVITIES

Women of Bethel invite you to be a part of these activities:

Quilting: Friday, February 14 & Tuesday,

February 25 9AM Downtown

Hardanger: Thursdays, February 6 & 20 1pm | Downtown, Conference Room Embroidery: Monday, February 10 1PM Downtown, Conference Room



Thank you to all who helped with, and to all who donated desserts to the January H.O.M.E. Meal!

BETHEL BREWS & BROS

Men of Bethel, Come for Snacks, Local Brews,and Fellowship

Friday, February 21, 5pm | Hop & Barrel | Hudson

OPERATION HELP CHRISTMAS GIVING UPDATE

Last month we reported the extent of the Bethel Community's generosity in response to helping one of Hudson's local serevice agencies, Operation Help.

It has come to our attention that several of the women's circles at Bethel also contributed to Operation Help this past Christmas.

We apologize for the omission.

LIFE EVENTS

BAPTISM

Lennon Belle Schoen - January 5, 2020 WEDDING

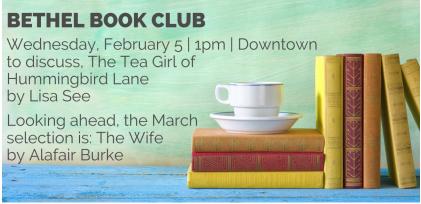
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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Join other Bethel women and friends for a weekend of spiritual growth and renewal! Enjoy wonderful speakers, music, times of prayer and reflection, shopping and dining on Canal Park, roof-top hot tub, and s'mores on the lake. All while building new friendships and strengthening existing bonds.

This year's retreat will be the weekend after Easter (who doesn't need some time to refresh after a holiday?!) at the Inn on Lake Superior from April 17- 19. We have booked our speaker, the fabulous Molly Weinrich, a pastor and motivational speaker and we have a girl-band (led by Libby Orf) of musicians ready to get us going!







9:30AM | Downtown Fellowship Hall

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

Naomi Gathering: Monday, February 10 1PM | Downtown Church Lounge Mary Gathering: Thursday, February 13 1PM | Downtown Conference Room Dorcas Gathering: Thursday, February 13

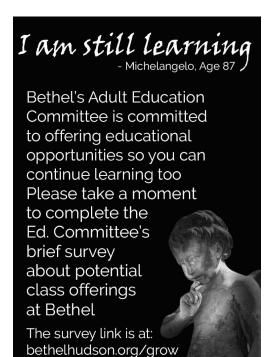
Ruth Gathering: Thursday, February 13 | 1PM | Downtown Lounge Women's Bible Study: Thursdays | 9AM social time | 9:30AM meeting Bethel Downtown, Engedi Room | All are welcome to drop in any Thursday Questions? Contact Ann Martinson (715) 768-0171

ABC (Adult Bible Class): Sundays 9:30 AM | Downtown Campus ABC strives to promote an atmosphere where all feel welcome to drop in, there is no prep needed! During the one hour class, members discuss the Gospel reading found in the Christ in Our Home Devotional.

Men's Bible Study: Saturdays, 7AM | Highlands Campus

Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study:

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30AM | Keys Restaurant



BETHEL HIGHLANDS PRESCHOOL

Registration for Bethel Highlands Preschool for FALL 2020 opens on February 1 registration for current (8am) and returning (9am) families. February 8 registration will open for Bethel members (8am) and the general public (8:30am).

I am very excited to share that registration is now open for our 2020 Parenting Summit, scheduled for Saturday, Feb 22. Our keynote speaker is Tina Feigal, author of award winning "Present Moment Parenting", **Bethel Highlands Preschool Registration for Fall 2020!**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

8AM for current students; 9AM for siblings of previously enrolled students

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

8AM for Bethel Church members; 8:30AM for the general public

Registration is in-person at 504 Frontage Road, Hudson.



founder of the Center for the Challenging Child, and nationally known Parent Coach trainer! We will also be featuring a play therapist as a speaker, an interactive session on faith development, and an expert panel to answer your specific questions. This is such a fantastic opportunity to grow in your confidence as a parent! Information and registrations at: bethelhudson.org /events

We're also getting ready for our annual Carnival! Saturday, March 14 | Highlands | 10am-2pm Carnival is our largest fundraiser of the year. Last year nearly 600 people came for a day of games, prizes, bounce houses, face painting, a cake walk, and a HUGE silent auction. NEW THIS YEAR, we

will be raffling off a 2020 Polaris 570!! Raffle tickets will be sold in advance. The silent auction will include things like restaurant gift cards, event tickets, sports memorabilia, gift baskets, spa days, getaways, and more. And while we send out hundreds of letters to local businesses, our best contacts are still BHP families & friends of BHP. If you have an idea or a donation you'd like to include in our silent auction, contact Kari Jo at: kari jo@bethelhighlandspreschool.org.



SATURDAY, MARCH 14 10AM - 2 PM

GAMES · BOUNCY HOUSES PRIZES · SPECIAL GUESTS · FOOD **FACE PAINTING · CAKE WALK** ALL THIS PLUS ·AN AWESOME SILENT AUCTION · AND A HUGE RAFFLE FOR A 2020 POLARIS

SPORTSMAN 570 4 X 4!



Nine-Week Money Management Course Tuesdays beginning February 11 Highlands | 6 - 7pm | \$99 Childcare Available Register at: bethelhudson.org



THE UKRANIAN ART OF EGG DECORATING

PASTOR BOB WILL BE TEACHING THIS OLD WORK ART FORM

4 CLASSES TO CHOOSE FROM:

FRIDAYS, 6-8PM

FEBRUARY 14 OR 21

SATURDAYS, 9-11AM FEBRUARY 15 OR 22

REGISTRATION REQUIRED, SO SUPPLIES MAY BE ORDERED VISIT BETHELHUDSON.ORG TO REGISTER



A COUPLE HOURS OF YOUR TIME COULD CHANGE A LIFE!

BETHEL HAS 15 SPOTS BOOKED: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 FMSC, EAGAN | 11:30AM - 1PM

A LINK TO REGISTER IS AT: BETHELHUDSON.ORG/SERVE

OF THE MONTH ministry at Bethel. There are so many people of so many ages who do so much to serve God and God's people.

Our February Volunteer of the Month is Lori Jacobson, a member of Bethel for over fifty years. She and her husband Bob have three grown children and eleven grandchildren. Lori has taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, sung in the Bethel Chorale, been on the Parish Education Committee, and is a long time member of the Dorcas Circle. She's been an instrumental part of the Scandinavian Food Fest since its beginning thirty years ago. She thinks it's



a community wide event where people can meet others, enjoy good food, and share fellowship. Lori has also been an important part of the Congregational Life Committee since it was formed in the '80s. Its purpose is to help with Bethel events by planning, making and serving food, and cleaning up. She is grateful for all her many Bethel friends and for Bethel's commitment to meeting the needs of others within the church and the community. She encourages everyone, busy or not, to find their niche at Bethel.

We are so thankful to Lori for sharing her time and talents and for making a difference here at Bethel!

"Well done, you good and faithful servant!"





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Featuring faith-based agician & speaker Brian Richards



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 | 11:00 LUNCH | 11:30 SHOW HIGHLANDS CHILDREN'S THEATER FREE WILL DONATION

Now Hiring!

Childcare Lead

Join the Childcare Team as a Lead who helps coordinate the childcare helpers & volunteers and cares for young children during worship & other

This position is paid and requires an application & interview.

Go to bethelhudson.org for more details or to apply.

KEY DATES

February 14-16 – Middle School Ski Trip

February 22 – Parenting Summit

February 23 – 4th Grade Faith Milestone

February 23 – The Magic of Faith

Nursery

CHILDREN BIRTH - AGE 3

Children are welcome in worship, but if you would rather, a nursery is available in classroom 3, just down from the restrooms.

Each family will receive a pager so caregivers can contact you if necessary.





HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Feb 5 Elijah on the Mountain Death Ball

Feb 12 Jesus Calms the Storm | TBD

Feb 19 Be Still and Know | Sledding

Feb 26 Ash Wednesday

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FALL ACTIVITIES

EDUCATION UPDATES

Classes continue for Sunday School, 6th & 7th
Grade Faith Formation and 8th & 9th Grade
Confirmation. Registration remains open on the
Bethel website - it's never too late to register!

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

In February the 4th graders will prepare for their Faith Milestone: Assisting with Worship. Classes will be on February 9 and 16 with parents invited to join their students for both classes. Students will learn the different elements of a worship service, their significance and that all of us can contribute to a worship service. The Milestone will be celebrated at the 9:30 worship on February 23 where students will participate in a worship role.

SUMMER 2020 ACTIVITIES – and more are coming!

Scholarships available - Registration opens January 15!



- SENIOR HIGH CAMP completed grades 9-12 | August 9-14
- YOUTH CAMP completed grades 4–8 | August 9-14
- SEEDS CAMP completed grades 1-3 | August 7-9
- ONE DAY CAMP completed grades 1-4 | August 12
 Details & registration at bethelhudson.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Volunteers entering 6^{th} grade – 105 needed! VBS CD available for purchase within the registration form.











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