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# BETHEL CONNECTIONS



## STATION 19

### ARCHITECTS SELECTED (AGAIN) TO WORK WITH BETHEL

It was at our 2018 Annual Celebration that Bethel's congregation appointed a Facilities Task Force. This was an extension of our 20/20 Long Range Planning process. This Task Force was charged with studying Bethel's growing space needs, as an active and growing congregation, and to offer some possible options.

The Task Force initiated numerous listening sessions in 2018 to get input and ideas. Staff, council, and committee members, as well as other involved and engaged members, were asked to prioritize our space needs. Then, two surveys were conducted with the entire congregation. Participation was high and the results were shared with the congregation in early 2019. To continue and extend this study, and



with the blessing of our church council, the Task Force has engaged the help of an architectural firm. Twelve different firms expressed an interest and came to tour our campuses and gather information. The Task Force then narrowed that number down to five firms. Presentations and interviews were held this past month over a two-day period. As a result, one firm rose to the top and was selected, with the approval of our church council.

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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN

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The firm selected was Station 19 out of Minneapolis. Since they were the firm that designed our Highlands Campus twelve years ago, their name may be familiar to many of you. Station 19 gave one of the best presentations, but was also selected because of their familiarity with Bethel, their work experience on the Wisconsin side of the river, and their vast work with growing churches.

In the coming months, Station 19 will be back with listening sessions of their own. (Please be willing to step up and offer your input and ideas when the time comes.) After ample study, they will offer some suggestion for each of our campuses. At that time, these possible options will come to our entire congregation for a vote.


Please keep this process, and the many talented and committed people working with it, in your thoughts and prayers, won't you? A congregation as blessed as ours needs to be planning and preparing for our future. This is important and essential work. We wait with excitement and anticipation for where God may lead us in these months to come.

In God's great love,  
Pastor John Lestock

### BETHEL BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 1 | 1pm | Downtown Campus  
Elephant Company  
by Vicki Croke


Next month's selection is:  
The Great Alone  
by Kristin Hannah  
Wednesday, June 5



### Bethel Quilters

#### ANNUAL LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, MAY 10 | 11:15AM  
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS



## BETHEL BREWS & BROS



Men of Bethel,

You are invited to join us for Snacks, Local Brews, & Fellowship.  
This will be the last BBB until we resume in September 2019

Friday, May 17 | 5pm | Hop & Barrel | Hudson, WI

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## ACTIVITIES

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

**Quilting:** Friday, May 10 | 9AM

Tuesday, May 28 | 9AM

Downtown, Fellowship Hall

**Hardanger:** Thursdays, May 2 & 16,  
1pm | Downtown, Conference Room

**Embroidery:** Monday, May 13 | 1PM  
Downtown, Conference Room

## BLESSING OF THE WHEELS

... FROM  
TRICYCLES TO  
CLASSIC CARS

- Bike Safety Course for Kids
- Thrivent Helmet Give-Aways
- Classic Car Show

Wednesday, June 19  
Highlands Campus

More information coming soon



Thrivent **COMMUNITY**

## LIFE EVENTS

### BAPTISMS

Sullivan Pierce Possehl, April 7  
Winston Chester Burke, April 13  
Nolan Scott Evenson, April 27  
Frances Ann Moulton, April 28  
Abigail Marie Hong, April 28

### FUNERALS

Harold Ziemann, April 9  
Margaret Hamann, April 27



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

**Naomi Gathering:** Monday, May 13 | 2PM  
Downtown Bethel Lounge

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

**Mary Gathering:** Thursday, May 9 | 1 PM  
Bethel Downtown Conference Room

**Ruth Gathering:** Thursday, May 9 | 7 PM | 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

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

### Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Bible Study

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

### MEMORIAL WALL PLAQUES

Plaques purchased for Bethel's Memorial Wall by May 13 will be placed on the wall prior to Memorial Day. Plaques may be purchased by or for Bethel members and each inscription will be two lines, the first will contain the name of the deceased and the second line will list the birth and death years. Plaques are placed on the Wall twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. The cost of the plaques is \$175 for one and each additional purchased at the same time is \$150. Order forms are available at the Downtown office or at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org) under About, then Resources.

The Memorial Wall is part of the Memorial Garden project. In addition to the Wall, the Garden holds an 80 niche granite Columbarium and is adorned with flower boxes all summer long as well as benches and shrubs throughout the garden. This is a peaceful area for meditation and remembrance.







CALLING SINGERS OF  
ALL AGES . . .  
PRAISE CHOIR "REJOICE"  
IS FORMING NOW!

PRAISE CHOIR "REJOICE" is a new, initiative to bring people of all ages together to sing.

- Short term commitment
- Upbeat Gospel/Contemporary style selections
- Joy-filled, positive environment for all ages
- Rehearsals weekly in June only
- Led by Director of Music and Worship,  
Kris Tjornehoj

Praise Choir "Rejoice" will sing with NEW SONG on Sunday, June 30 at the 9:30 a.m. Service

Rehearsals Wednesdays in June  
Highlands Campus | 5:30 -6:30PM  
Register at : [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)



ARE YOU THE BEST FATHER, HUSBAND, MAN YOU CAN BE?

Young Fathers Christian Study Small Group  
For Men who have children 10 years old and younger

Highlands Campus  
Thursday Evenings  
May 2 - June 6  
6 Weeks | 7 - 8PM

Information and sign up at:  
[bethelhudson.org/grow](http://bethelhudson.org/grow)

## BETHEL HIGHLANDS PRESCHOOL

**THANK YOU** to all who helped make the BHP Carnival such a great success! Thank you for your donations of auction items and of food, thank you for your volunteerism in the preparations and on the day of Carnival, and thank you for attending (inviting others) and making the day such fun! The carnival had a net profit of \$9009!

April 15-19 we celebrated the Week of the Young Child. We welcomed mystery readers, enjoyed special activities and snacks, and fun themes each day! The teachers and staff really got in on the fun too.

The spring concert for 3's and 4's classes will be on May 14. Miss Cindy and Miss Alyssa's classes at 6pm. Miss Rachael and Miss Amy's classes at 7pm. Our theme is "Awesome God", and we've begun practicing SEVEN songs to sing!

4K classes do not have a spring program, but rather have a graduation. The 4K graduations will take place on Tuesday June 11. Miss Mollie's AM class and Miss Emily's class will have their graduation at 10:45. Miss Mollie's PM class, and Miss Michelle's class will have their graduation at 1:15pm.

We will be hosting a SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR on May 10<sup>th</sup>-May 17<sup>th</sup>! This is a great opportunity to stock up on summer books, and affordable gifts.

The last day of school for all 4K and MWF classes will now be on June 12<sup>th</sup>





*Thank you!*

A sincere thank you for the many cards received for my 90th birthday.

It was appreciated very much!

Shirley McKercher



## Childcare Team

A Childcare Team is being built to support the many activities and events at Bethel. All positions are paid and require an application & interview.

**Childcare Lead** - Adults

**Childcare Support Team** - Adults or youth (age 12 and older)

Go to [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org) for more details or to apply

## ONE CAR ACCIDENT VICTIM CAN USE AS MANY AS 100 UNITS OF BLOOD RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, June 4 | Noon - 6PM  
Downtown Campus  
Fellowship Hall

THE NEED IS GREAT FOR DONORS

Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Bethel Lutheran Hudson to schedule an appointment

Greeters, registration help, as well as treats & refreshments for the donors & the Red Cross team are also needed

Contact Juli:  
[jhilding@bethelhudson.org](mailto:jhilding@bethelhudson.org)  
if you can help



Give Globally  
Sunday School Offering  
Winter/Spring 2019



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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 God's people.

Our Volunteer of the Month for May is Max Reynolds. Max is the son of Bob and Angie Reynolds who have been Bethel members for over twenty years.

Max is a senior at Hudson High School this year and planning to go to UW LaCrosse after graduation to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Max has participated in Vacation Bible School, was a leader for the Senior League Wednesday nights, was the youth representative on Bethel Council for three years, and attended the Houston Youth Gathering. He's found time to play high school football and lacrosse, led a high school club called Hudson Bible Crew, been part of Teens Encounter Christ, and was a leader at a religious weekend last November. He's thankful for all the life changing experiences he's had at Bethel--thank you Max!

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

"Well done, you good and faithful servant!"



TO ALL OUR  
YOUTH  
VOLUNTEERS:

*Thank you!*



WE  
APPRECIATE  
ALL YOU DO  
HELPING OUR  
YOUTH GROW  
DEEPER IN  
FAITH AND  
CLOSER TO  
CHRIST!

## Bethel Youth BY THE NUMBERS

293	Number of students (age 3 - Grade 5) registered for Sunday School
113	Number of 6th & 7th graders registered for Faith Formation
66	Number of students registered for 8th Grade Confirmation
60	Number of students registered for 9th Grade Confirmation
9	Faith Milestones Celebrated
5	Special Sunday School Events
3	Confirmation Retreats
2	Ski Trips
1	Middle School Lock-In

# 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.

## MAY DATES

**May 8**— Last Night of Wednesday

Classes (grades 6-9)

**May 19** — Highlands Challenge — Last

Day of Sunday School



# CAMP WAPO

### SENIOR HIGH CAMP

Completed grades 9-12 | August 4-9

### YOUTH CAMP

Completed grades 4-8 | August 4-9

### SEEDS CAMP

Completed grades 2 & 3 | August 2-4

### ONE DAY CAMP

Completed grades K-3 | August 7

## High School Senior Capstone Retreat

Friday, May 31 | 9pm -

Saturday, June 1 | 11am

Bethel Downtown

Details & Registration at [bethelhudson.org](http://bethelhudson.org)

## SENIOR LEAGUE

games | worship | small groups | hangout

**may 1** | game - capture the flag

**may 8** | game - laser tag

**may 15** | bonfire at sonnenberg's

**may 22** | tbd

**may 29** | tbd

wed | 7-9pm | engedi | grades 9-12



## WINTER ACTIVITIES

### EDUCATION UPDATES

Our school-year programming year draws to a close in May, but there are numerous activities, events and camps planned throughout the summer. Youth class registration for the 2019-2020 school year will open in July.

### FAITH MILESTONES

#### First Communion

Congratulations to the 34 students who received their First Communion on Maundy Thursday. It was a special time for the students, families and congregation as these students took their sacrament for the first time on the day we honor the Last Supper.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Registration now open!

**NEW THIS YEAR, BETHEL OFFERS 2 VBS SESSIONS, ONE FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS AND ONE FOR KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE!**

**K-5 VBS** | July 15-19 | 9am – noon

**Preschool VBS** | July 22 – 25 | 9 – 11am

**Volunteers** | Both Sessions | Students (6<sup>th</sup> grade+) & Adults (18- 101+)!

**Location:** Highlands

**Cost:** \$25 before June 1, \$30 after

VBS CD available for purchase within the registration form.

GET READY FOR . . .

# SUMMER STRETCH

TWO DAYS OF SERVICE, DEVOTION & FUN!

• JULY 29 & 30 | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

• ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6

DETAILS & REGISTRATION AT  
[BETHELHUDSON.ORG](http://BETHELHUDSON.ORG)



### A LOOK BACK AT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Service Learning Day on March 24

Students learned about serving others and shared their products with those in need.

#### Holy Week Experience on April 14

Students rotated through a series of stations exploring Jesus' last days in preparation for celebrating Easter Sunday.

#### Earth Day on April 28

Sunday School students were able to experience many aspects of nature and learn how to care for them well.



Senior League  
(Grades 9-12) &  
College Students

## BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE TRIP

AUGUST 4-9

Senior League

## YOUTH WORKS MISSION TRIP

Wind River, WY  
July 6-14, 2019

DETAILS & REGISTRATION  
AT: [BETHELHUDSON.ORG](http://BETHELHUDSON.ORG)

**REGISTRATION FULL**





9th Graders' Spring Retreat



Wednesdays in Lent Dinners



Palm Sunday



Bethel Chorale, Easter Morning



Misjudged Love Skit



Holy Week Experience



Wednesdays in Lent Crew



She Confidently Trusts the Lord to Take Care of Her. Psalm 112:7 | Women's Retreat 2019



Join the herd for

# Vacation Bible School

Kindergarten- 5th Grade  
July 15-19 | 9am - Noon

Preschool  
July 22-25 | 9am - 11am

Volunteers needed  
for both sessions  
Age: 6th Grade - 101+

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

Updated Time!



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AT BETHEL**

**DOWNTOWN CAMPUS**  
Sundays @ 8am

**HIGHLANDS CAMPUS**  
Saturdays @ 5pm  
Sundays @ 9:30am  
Sundays @ 11am