

WOW

WORSHIP

ON

WEDNESDAY

SECOND AND FOURTH WEDNESDAYS
6PM
HIGHLANDS CAMPUS

COME AS YOU ARE.
 EXPERIENCE GOD. ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY.
 BE EMPOWERED TO GO.

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JUNE 2026

CONNECTIONS

True North: Staying Oriented This Summer

There's something special about being up in the Boundary Waters.

I remember when I was in seminary, I worked in the Boundary Waters as the camp chaplain. I remember times when I was able to get away from camp and spend time paddling through those quiet lakes and portaging across the land that separated them—surrounded by incredible beauty. You'd see a moose along the shoreline, hear the call of loons echo across the water, and take in all that creation had to offer.

And if I'm honest, it was often easy to get distracted.

You could get so caught up in everything around you that, before you knew it, you'd lost sight of where you were headed. In those moments, we'd have to stop, pull out the map and compass, and refocus—realigning ourselves with our destination.

In many ways, summer can feel like that.

There's so much to enjoy this summer—graduation parties, travel, time at the lake, sports, family gatherings. All good things. But it's also easy to drift... to lose sight of our direction... to forget to stay grounded in the One who leads us.

That's why Scripture reminds us to keep our focus steady. As we hear in Hebrews 12:2, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus..." Both in good and difficult times, God calls us to remember Him—the One who created us, redeemed us, and promises to never leave us. Yet this can be easy to drift away from, especially when things are going well.

As our 2025–2026 theme "True North" reminds us, Jesus is our True North—the one who keeps us grounded, centered, and moving in the direction of life.

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So wherever this summer takes you, don't lose sight of your direction.
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And at Bethel, we want to help you stay on course.

We don't take a break from growing in faith just because summer gets busy. In fact, we want to meet you right where you are.

That's why this summer we're offering a Wednesday Night Worship Service—on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of June, July, and August at 6:00pm at the Highlands Campus. We know many people travel on weekends or have changing schedules. While online worship is a great option, there is something

powerful about being physically present in community—gathering together, singing, praying, and being reminded we're not alone.

In addition to worship, there will be many other ways to stay connected and continue growing in faith this summer. You can participate in or volunteer at Vacation Bible School, attend Pastor Keith's book study entitled "God Meets Us in Our Suffering," take part in the All Church Camping Trip, and so much more.

Because just like in the Boundary Waters, we all need moments to pause, refocus, and realign.

So wherever this summer takes you, don't lose sight of your direction.

Stay connected.
 Stay grounded.
 Keep your eyes on Jesus.

In Christ,



IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT BETHEL

- Sundays 9am | 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

STAY CONNECTED

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RADIO
106.3 FM

YouTube
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Church, Hudson, WI

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SPRING CLEAN UP

A big thank you to all those who came out to help with our Spring Clean Up. Your time and talents were really appreciated!

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YOUTH



ST. PAUL SAINTS GAME

Middle School
Join us!
12 PM Wednesday, July 22nd



NOW HIRING! NURSERY COORDINATOR

This paid position leads, schedules, and supports the nursery volunteers. For details, contact Ilene ilenef@bethelhudson.org



WATER PARK DAY AT CASCADE BAY

10am - 3:30pm
Wednesday, August 12
Students entering
6th-9th grades.



PLEASE PRAY!

Pray for the students and chaperones on the High School and Middle School Mission trips:

High School Mission Trip to Boston, June 12-20

Middle School Mission Trip to Lake Traverse, SD, June 21-26



K-5
July 13-17
9am - Noon

Preschool
July 20-23
9am - 11am

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RAINFOREST FALLS
Exploring the Nature of God

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAP CARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Convenient extended care offered by Bethel Church following VBS each day. Students must be registered for Bethel Vacation Bible School and be fully potty trained. All students are required to bring a packed lunch each day. A rest time will be provided for all students following lunch.



WRAP CARE DETAILS:

July 20 - July 23 | 11am - 4pm
Highlands Campus | Cost \$125

Wrap Care is for Preschool aged children. Cost covers the week. VBS fee is separate. Sign up now. We are limited to 20 spots.

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YOUTH

YOUTH WEDNESDAY NIGHT



GROW

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

God meets us in our *Suffering*

Led by Pastor Keith
Every other Tuesday starting June 2 at 9am or 6pm
Downtown | Engedi

PLEASE JOIN US!

EVENTS

FUNERALS
- Todd Wolf, May 2

INURNMENT
- Robert Clextin, May 21

BAPTISMS
- Nico Rowan Westerby, May 24

BIBLE STUDIES
Naomi Gathering – June 8, 1:00pm, Karen Jilek’s home

Dorcas Gathering – will resume September 10

Mary Gathering – June 11, 1pm, Downtown Campus, Conference Room

Ruth Gathering – June 11, 2pm, Bonnie Knutson’s home

ABC Bible Study – Summer Break. Will resume following Labor Day on September 14.

Men’s Bible Study – Saturdays, 9am, Downtown Campus, Engedi. Open to all men. Contact Aethan at hartav@comcast.net for details.

Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study – June 3 & 17, 7am, Key’s Café Hudson. New members welcome. Contact Curt at Truclarson1@gmail.com for more information.

ACTIVITIES
Quilters – June 12, 23, & 30, 9 – 11:30am, Downtown Campus, Fellowship Hall

Hardanger – June 4, 1-3pm, Downtown Campus, Conference Room

Father's Day

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, June 21

All men can be entered into a drawing for small batch bacon!

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3:30pm
Friday, 9am - noon

JOBS

Contact Ilene Firth with interest or recommendations (ilenef@bethelhudson.org)

- Children’s Director
- Communications and Marketing Coordinator
- Facilities Manager
- Nursery Coordinator (for Sept)
- Assistance Teacher of Before or After Care Programming (BHP)

CONNECT



HOME MEAL

June 4 & 18, 5:00pm,
Downtown Campus, Fellowship Hall
HOME Meal is a free community meal for anyone in Hudson, hosted by Bethel on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 5:00-6:00PM at the Downtown Campus. Dine in or take a meal to go.




BOOK CLUB

May 6, 1:00pm
Downtown Campus, Engedi
Book: Heartwood by Amity Gaige
All who love to read and discuss books are welcome to join!




BETHEL BREWS & BROS

Summer Break. Will resume monthly starting September 25



BETHEL'S OUTREACH PICKLEBALL EVENT
THURSDAY, JUNE 25 | 5PM
GLOVER PARK IN TROY TOWNSHIP



2026 ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH CAMPING TRIP
June 5-7, 2026



Glen Hills Park Campground
Glenwood City, WI

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BETHEL HIGHLANDS PRESCHOOL

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Highlands Campus is getting a new fence for the playground. We need help tearing the old one down. Scan the QR code below to sign up to help.

June 13th: 9am - 4pm
June 14th: 10:30am - ?



BHP needs you!

Are you passionate about shaping young minds and supporting your community? Bethel Highlands Preschool Board is excited to welcome 2-3 new Board Members this August. If you have expertise in education, business, or fundraising/marketing, we want your talent and vision to help guide our preschool's mission and daily operations. Joining the BHP Board means making a meaningful difference for our children, staff, and families—your insight can help create a brighter future for all. If you're ready to inspire, lead, and grow with us, reach out to Carrie Betker at carriebetker82@gmail.com or call 651-202-8737 to discover more and express your interest. We can't wait to connect with you!



Bethel Highlands Preschool



SERVE

St. Croix Valley Packs Hope



SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2026

We will be packing at the Hudson YMCA. Project leaders and fundraising volunteers needed. Contact Mark Kretschmer markkretschmer.SCVPH@gmail.com, 763-222-7650

SAVE THE DATE

2027 TANZANIA MISSION TRIP

June 24 - July 10

Details and Registration Coming Soon.



Help Prevent a SUMMER BLOOD SHORTAGE



Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, June 19
11am - 5pm,
Bethel Downtown,
Fellowship Hall



Sign-up to reserve your donation time.

