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We’ve heard about “someone else” our whole lives, especially when it comes to the church, even if you haven’t met him face to face... But now it’s official: “Someone else” is dead and gone and he won’t be around anymore to face... But now it’s official: “Someone else” is dead and gone!...You know “someone else”, don’t you? I received notice this past week that “someone else” died!...You know “someone else”, don’t you? “Someone else” is that unnamed, nebulous and mythical person we often find ourselves referring to when we say, “Let someone else do it!... Give that responsibility to someone else!... Let someone else pay for it!”

So now the question is, WHO WILL STEP UP TO TAKE SOMEONE ELSE’S PLACE?... in serving as an usher?... in feeding hungry people at the Dorothy Day Center?... in running the projection screens on a Sunday morning?... in giving their financial support to the mission and ministry of Bethel?... Who will work with our Sunday school kids?... and who will serve on a committee?

We’re so used to delegating these kinds of things to “someone else”, but “someone else” is gone now and if you and I don’t step up to the plate, important things won’t get done! Are you and I ready to rise to this challenge?

President John F. Kennedy once challenged Americans to, “Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country!” Not many of us would question this type of logic when it comes to our country. We know a nation can only be as strong as the level of commitment its people are willing to give.

But the same is true for a church! A congregation can only be as strong as the people making a commitment to it! That’s why I’m hoping you and I will be ready and willing to rise to the challenge to keep Bethel vital, healthy, growing, and focused in its mission and ministry.

The past couple years we’ve talked about Bethel being a “discipleship-based” congregation, as opposed to a “membership-based” congregation. Members ask questions like; “What’s in it for me?” or “What will you do for me?”... because membership is all about “me”.

But disciples ask questions of a different nature, questions like: “What can I do to help you?” and, “How can I best serve with what has been entrusted to me?... this is the language of discipleship! These are the questions you’ll hear in New Testament Christianity. This is the attitude and mindset that makes for a strong, Godly congregation!

I hope these discipleship questions are the kind of questions you’re asking! I hope this is our mindset, focus and vision for Bethel. Once again, “someone else” is no longer with us. Now it’s up to you and me to do God’s work, both inside and outside the walls of our church. Let’s give God our very best as we work and serve him, and all his people! We need people like you to “step up” this Fall at Bethel!

All God’s Blessings!
Pastor John Lestock

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**SENIOR ADULTS LUNCHEON**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

Senior adults—don’t miss this great opportunity for not only food and friendships, but also faith and fun! It won’t be the same without you!

**WHEN:** Monday, September 15th

**WHERE:** Downtown campus, fellowship hall

**TIME:** 12 noon to 1:30

- Tasty catered lunch
- Speaker: Hudson mayor and Bethel member, Alan Burchill will update us on some of the new things going on in Hudson
- Special music from Bethel seminarian, Stephen Hilding
- Cost: $7.00 per person
- You’re welcome to bring a friend or two!
- You can sign up Downtown in the church office

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**TWO LOCATIONS**

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**Broadcast of Services**
Hudson Public Access/Channel 15 broadcasts Bethel’s Sunday service on Wednesdays at 7 pm and Thursdays at 7 am.
WEVR 106.3 FM & 1550 AM play a radio broadcast 8 am on Sundays.

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**SEPTEMBER 2014**
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**COUNCIL UPDATE—CONTINUED**

- Scandinavian Food Feast—Oct 19th—18th
- The Stories Concert—Nov. 29th
- Billy McWilliams helping to lead worship on November 30th

**Short Takes**

- Traditional Service 11:00 AM
- Pastor Van
  1. Pastor Van was installed on August 10th as the new pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Somerset, WI.
  2. Engedi Youth Room Update
    a. More and more progress every week
    b. Still looking for volunteers to help finish this effort
  3. Vacation Bible School Recap
  4. Looking for PowerPoint, Sound board, & Camera Operators for the 11:00 service at highlands

**Religious Education**

- First Quarter:
  a. Bethel Van Update
  b. The following motion was made by Sonya and seconded by Marlisa: “That we repair, fill cracks, resurface asphalt, and stripe the highlands parking lot and to replace the northeast door and surrounding windows downtown at a total cost not to exceed $19,000. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- Exterior Lighting at Highlands
  a. Ralph is working to obtain bids to purchase and install high efficiency LED lights.
  b. Several existing lights have failed and are not working.
  c. Potential ongoing savings from the general fund ($2700/year utility costs)
  d. Eliminate need to replace bulbs, Ballard, etc.

- Ralph asks council’s approval to spend up to $15,500 to complete this work this fall
  a. Motion was made by Sonya and seconded by Julie to spend up to $15,500 to replace and install the existing exterior lighting at Highlands with high efficiency LED lighting.

- Funds:重要 to not let asphalt go too far before doing work
  a. Important to not let asphalt go too far before doing work
  b. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote
COUNCIL UPDATE AUGUST 11, 2014

Staff Reports
Summer Intern—J.D. McChelke
• J. D. introduced himself
• Has been very active in many events in youth events so he was unable to attend a council meeting until tonight

Feels blessed to be here
Senior Pastor—Pastor John
There has been a lot happening since we last met:
• Capital Campaign: The capital campaign has been brought to a conclusion. We continue with planning for the Pine Ridge mission trip is coming up and already has members. The 9:30 service during the school year is at capacity.
• Leadership training for Youth Ministry Leaders on September 7th—8 PM led by Jamie Johnson
  1. Included all teachers/guides
  2. How do we help our leaders and guides
  3. Includes a catered meal
• September 10th—Open House for 6th–12th grade youth ministries at Downtown campus from 6–8 PM
  1. Guest musician Wynand Hansen starts at 7:00

Business Administration—Ralph
• Working towards the following goals:
  1. Are we financially stable
  2. Is the staff productive
  3. Do we have the right tools and software
  4. Are our facilities clean and presentable (working on de-cluttering)

Financial Secretary’s Report—Mike B.
• July income was below budget but similar to last year (1% over for the year to date)
• Above budget on expenses in July (3% over for the year to date)

Pastor of Youth & Families—Pastor Alicia
• VBS was a great event—leads to Cindy and all who put this together.
• Just back from Seattle youth trip
• Creating up for the fall events
• This week is the 2nd to last week for WOW and we will be blessing our pets then the blessing of the backpacks the final week
• Working on worship support changes for the 9:30 service with training over the next 2 weeks
• In response to the Holy Cross Survey results, we are creating up-coming healing ministry opportunities.
  1. October—Anchoring with Community Around Addiction
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Pastor of Youth & Families—Pastor Ben
• Seattle Trip feedback
  1. Was well received by the youth
  2. Giving and receiving hospitality
• Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)
  1. Pastor Ben served as the spiritual director
  2. JD participated in weekend
  3. This all happened right after the Seattle trip
• Engedi Room
  1. There is a lot going on now
  2. “Angels” keep helping our at all times to get the many tasks completed
  3. Currently working on design schemes (colors, carpets, etc.)
• Staff updates
  1. Missy has already started and is working
  2. Currently interviewing for the posted position and will be filled soon
  3. Looking forward to getting help with St. High ministries

Pastors to visit with members families to both attend worship service Downtown.

We will continue to offer additional bible study opportunities. Having the bible study on the Engedi Room (youth room) because the current one is being used for VBS was a great event—leads to Cindy and all who put this together.

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Associate Pastor—Pastor Alicia
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Items needed for the new location are:
- TV or DVD player, pictures for the walls in the building, area rugs, furniture (end tables, lamps, sofas, etc.). Thank you!

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POWERS OF PRAYER


THOSE SERVING OR DEPLOYED: Jeffrey Berg, Charles Burts, Jordan Kein and Steven Moreux.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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NEW MEMBER CLASSES SCHEDULED

You’re invited to roll up your sleeves and work together with fellow Christians to serve God’s people on the following dates:
• Sept. 6th: 8 am-4 pm; Sept. 7th: 11 am-3 pm. Please check the kiosk/bulletin board for more September work dates.

Are you interested in learning more about Bethel? Do you have questions regarding the church, our mission, our beliefs, our pro-grams, or something else? Maybe you’ve already been attend-ing Bethel and are interested in becoming a new member/disciple. If any of these descriptions fit you, please plan to en-roll in our next session of New Member classes. Dates are Thursday, September 18th, Tuesday, September 23rd, and Monday, September 29th.

Michael Bendickson Van Vleet, son of Kristen & Matthew Van Vleet; Hank Edward Vollrath, son of Bre & Kyle Vollrath.
YOUNG AT HEARTS PLAN OCT. 23 EVENT

On Thursday, October 23, the Bethel Young at Hearts group will visit Luther Seminary in St. Paul. Our Tour Leader, Lynne Moratzka, gives the following explanation of the Campus tour: “Luther Seminary, located in the Como Park area, is the largest of the eight seminaries of the ELCA. Your walking tour (equivalent to two city blocks) will include five buildings. The tour will share the history of Luther Seminary and the mission of Luther Seminary to educe leaders for Christian Communities to witness to salvation through Jesus Christ called and sent by the Holy Spirit to serve in God’s world.”

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

At this time we have no one requiring transportation on a regular basis, so drivers will not be scheduled weekly. If you or someone you know, need a ride to church, please call the church office (715.386.8821) by the Wednesday prior to worship and we will gladly arrange it.

A CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR THE 11 AM SERVICE

As most of you have heard by now, the 11 am traditional service will be moving to the Highlands beginning on Kick-Off Sunday, September 7th. Yes, it will remain a traditional service with Skip on the piano, the green LBW hymnals, and the Great Awakening song books . . . the only difference is that it will take place at the Highlands campus. Please consider joining us at this new location and keep an eye on our potential for great growth!

If you would like to volunteer or need to make a change, please contact Kris Salentine for the 9:30 am & 5:30 pm services at 715.386.9533 (diasalentine@comcast.net) or Kathy Jeksa for the 8 am & 11 am services at 715.749.3525 (landjeksa@yahoo.com).
Global Health Ministries (GHM) continues the healing ministry of Jesus Christ through support of the health care programs of Lutheran churches in 30 countries of the developing world.

The Naomi gathering will be delivering and packaging 80 Aids/Hospice Kits to the Global Health Ministries Warehouse in Fridley, MN, on Monday, September 22.

For appointments please call 800.733.2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org and search by zip code 54016. Anyone wishing to help with the drive can contact jhilding@bethelhudson.org, or call 715.386.8821 ext. 27.

BETHEL BLOOD DRIVE TEAM

Do you have a desire to volunteer a little bit, now and again? The Bethel Blood Drive Team might be just up your alley! We host the drive about four times a year, right down in the fellowship hall Downtown, and would like to have volunteers helping decide the day of the drive, or be willing to help provide some food or beverages for the donors. The next Drive is Tuesday, October 21, from Noon until 6 pm. Would you be willing to help out in any capacity? Please call Juli at 715.386.8821, ext. 27, or jhilding@bethelhudson.org.

Many thanks!

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

CALLING ALL LEFSE LOVERS!

When: Tuesday, September 30, 6-8 pm
Where: Bethel Downtown

Qualifications/Equipment Needed:
1 apron, 2 legs, able to flip a stick
Diapers to still standing – all ages, genders, “beginners to seasoned veterans”, ethnicities and denominations are welcome!

Remember “real” men don’t eat quiche, but they love lefse!

RSVP: Andrea Jorgenson through the church office. For those who would like to see and be a part of the initial process - come on an earlier (5 pm) to peel, cook, drain, and rice the potatoes and add butter, sugar, and then to begin the cooling process (for one recipe).
ADULT EDUCATION, SMALL GROUPS, & PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Alicia at 715.386.8821, ext. 23 or ahilding@bethelhudson.org. or visit the Adult Ministry page at www.bethelhudson.org to see a full listing of these ministry opportunities!!

ADULT BIBLE DISCUSSION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14
KAREN PAVLIS, FACILITATOR

How can we apply the Gospel lesson in our daily lives? Find out for yourself as the Adult Bible Discussion group begins anew on Sunday, September 14, at 9:15 am in the conference room at Bethel Downtown. We use the Daily Discipleship study sheet found on the ELCA.org web site as a guide for discussion. Sometimes (often?) we stray from the guide to discuss, as a group, questions about our faith journey. We welcome you to drop by to join the lively discussions.

The door is always open! If you have questions, please contact Karen Pavlis, Facilitator, at kpavlis@gmail.com.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
CAROLYN SHURB, COORDINATOR

Wishing all the start of an enthralling new chapter! Please join readers for the 2014-2015 Book Club discussions the first Wednesday of each month. All are welcome; please come even if you have not finished (or read) the selection. The Book Club brochure is available at the welcome center at either Bethel campus or for download on our web site.

Meet at the Downtown campus from 1-3 pm on Wednesday, September 3 to discuss Me Before You by Jojo Moyes.

SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE RETURNS IN OCTOBER!
PASTOR ALICIA, COORDINATOR

We are organizing another congregation-wide initiative, thanks to the positive feedback we’ve received! At a congregation this size, we believe small groups are important for the life of faith. We’ve also heard that short time commitments are important to be able to jump into. Please mark your calendars for October—more information will come soon!

Pastor Alicia is recruiting facilitators! If you’ve been a facilitator before and are willing to serve in this capacity again, or if you haven’t and are interested this time around, please let her know by phone (715.386.8821, ext. 23) or e-mail (ahilding@bethelhudson.org).

VIA DE CRISTO—WEEKEND WORKERS NEEDED

Men and women of the Via de Cristo Community, we still need team members for the Via de Cristo weekends taking place here at Bethel (Downtown campus) September 26-27 and October 2-5. If you are able to step in and help make it a super weekend for the men and women attending these spiritual retreats, please contact Brian through the church office at 715.386.8821. Thanks so much, friends! ~ Pastor John Lestok

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

ENGEDI WORK CONTINUES
“What is Engedi?” you may ask. South of Jerusalem there are miles and miles of desert on the way to the Dead Sea. The sun is unrelenting, and water and vegetation are scarce. As you approach the west side of the Dead Sea, out of nowhere it seems, arises an oasis of lush greens, a refreshing waterfall, and shade from the heat. This refuge is referred to in the Bible as a place of refuge, safety, and nourishment. The name of this place is Engedi. At Bethel, we know the expectations on students are high. We want to create a place where students don’t just feel the pressure to succeed, but that they know they are supported and embraced. We want to create an oasis, a refuge, a place of Engedi. This is the name of the new youth room, being built in the south wing of Bethel’s Downtown campus.

The work on the Engedi room continues!

Thank you to the many hands who work each week to create this welcoming and safe place for youth for generations to come. If you would like to help with the project, please contact Pastor Ben at bhilding@bethelhudson.org.

Thank you to John and Connie McLoud, Rick and Kistra Ortnio, Wayne and Betty Hansen, and Georgia and Jerry Adams for serving meals to the Engedi team!

YOUTH MINISTRY HIRES

Bethel is pleased to announce the hiring of two exceptional staff members joining the Youth Ministry team.

Marcie Andrews has been hired as the Youth Ministry Communications Assistant. Marcie is a daughter of this congregation and has significant experience volunteering with youth ministry, leading stations for VBS and serving as a small group leader for Sunday School. Her volunteer work in the community has included serving as the President of the Board of Directors for the Hudson Mom's Group. In her 12+ years of consulting and corporate professional work, Marcie has been a technical / functional analyst, a team manager, a leader of a non-profit organization, and a secretary of a co-op. She has years of experience developing, organizing, and maintaining business systems, processes, and databases. She and her husband, John, have two children, Jonas, and Maggie. Marcie is a gift to the staff and a gift to Bethel. Her first day of work will be September 2nd.

Missy Austreng has been hired as the Faith Milestones Coordinator. Missy is currently a stand-out Bethel Highlands Preschool teacher, and a beloved member of the Bethel Lutheran Church community. Her work with youth ministry is extensive, as she has served as a confirmation guide, Sunday school teacher, Spirit-Filled Kids entrepreneur, and a small group leader for 6th grade. She has a gift for crafting creative learning opportunities for students of all ages and learning styles. She has a heart for children’s ministry, and the relationships between the classroom (education) and the sanctuary (worship). Missy will continue serving as an excellent teacher at Bethel Highlands Preschool. She and her husband, Duane, have one son, Jack.

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COMING TO A PEW NEAR YOU

Earlier this year our Bethel membership was surveyed. The tallied results showed that a top priority, across all ages, is the development of ministries that work toward healing those broken by life circumstances. In response to that request we will be starting monthly awareness campaigns.

- October: Anchoring with the Community Around Addiction
- November: Caring for Caregivers
- December: Healing During the Holidays
- January: Minding Your Money

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Johnson, Sandra Larson, or Pastor Alicia.

MORNING FUEL KICK-OFF

Join others connected to the preschool community for coffee and conversation at the welcome center at Bethel Highlands. Stop in after Preschool drop-off on Wednesday, September 10th for Caribou Coffee. Let the kids play while the grown-ups enjoy a short devotional at 9:05 am. A fun way to start your day! All are welcome every Wednesday!

AGAPE / RACHEL KURTZ OCTOBER 8

You are invited to an amazing and free concert at Bethel’s Downtown campus on October 8th at 7 pm. AGAPE is a hip hop artist who combines dancing, rap and storytelling to spread the message of God’s love through Christ. Agape has been touring full time for 10 years “Spreading God’s love through hip hop”. He has a passion for young people and for helping them realize their worth and see themselves through Jesus’ eyes. His concert at Bethel was a highlight last year! Rachel Kurtz is a Minneapolis-based songwriter, performer and recording artist. Rachel shares personal testimonies of tragedy and triumph with a vulnerability that captivates her audience. She has performed at the last three ELCA Youth Gatherings and has had the opportunity to travel to Africa, Germany and India with her music ministry. She has a strong desire to make a difference in the world through her music and a passion for global justice. We would be blessed to have either artist here alone at Bethel, but with both, this is an absolute must-see concert!

Midlers

(For those in the wonderful middle years of life!)

Come for a pontoon ride on Lake Mallalieu! Bring an hors d’oeuvres to share, and a lawn chair or two. Drinks will be provided. Directions are posted at each welcome center, or by e-mail.

Please sign up online, or at either welcome center. Questions? Please contact Jull Hilding at 715.386.8821 or jhilding@bethelhudson.org.

AN AFTERNOON ON THE LAKE!

Sunday, October 5th — 2—5 pm
YAH REMINDER

On TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th the YAH registered group will travel to the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul to see the national traveling exhibit “Toys of the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s” and attend the special lecture “Toys Are Us: Memories and History” by author and show developer, Kathy Roberts. If you have a favorite toy from your childhood, you are invited to bring it along and share a story at the conclusion of the program. Lunch is on your own at the History Center cafe.

The bus will leave the Downtown campus promptly at 9:30 am and leave the MN History Center about 1:30 pm to return to Hudson.

METROPOLITAN MEZZO SOPRANO TO GIVE RECITAL AT BETHEL

On September 20, at 7:30 pm, Bethel’s Downtown sanctuary will be the location of a song recital by mezzo soprano Margaret Jane Wray, Metropolitan Opera soprano and Hudson resident; accompanied by Skip James. The concert is sponsored by The Phipps Center for the Arts, and tickets are $20. But what is surprising and remarkable is that our church was chosen for this event because of its excellent acoustics. Last year, the Phipps chorus sang there, and although the Phipps stage is suitable for drama, it is not at its best with musical events. I’m really pleased that the Downtown sanctuary is recognized for its acoustic properties, and hope that many other Phipps classical music concerts will take place there in the future.

The event, called “From Brahms to Bacharach” will include not only opera arias, Italian art song and German lieder, but also music by Gershwin, Lerner and Loew, pop standards and show tunes, known and loved by all. There might even be a bit of audience participation. Don’t miss this chance to hear a great voice in a great space! There will be refreshments and conversation afterward.

~ Skip James, Music Director

LET WENDY’S DO THE COOKING

On Monday, September 29th, 20% of the profits made at Wendy’s here in Hudson will support youth participating in ministry opportunities. Support both Wendy’s and Bethel by planning a night out! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to go out for dinner between 5-7 pm, Monday, Sept. 29th. During those hours, youth from Bethel will be there to greet you and will regularly be drawing for door prizes. Great food, fellowship, and fun! If you have any questions or are a youth interested in serving, please contact Pastor Alicia (ahilding@bethelhudson.org).

FAIR TRADE GOODS

Look for the table between services at Bethel Downtown after the 8 am service and at High-lands after the 9:30 am service on Sunday, September 7th. A variety of organic coffees in drip grind and whole bean, organic teas, hot cocoa mix and unsweetened baking cocoa are available. The coffee sells for $7.00 or $9.00; tea is $3.00 and cocoa is $5.00. Proceeds benefit small scale farmers worldwide. For information go to www.equalexchange.coop/lwr.

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NOAH’S ARK—AGE 3:

A special night is planned for children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2014, and their parents!

Noah’s Ark Celebration is THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 from 6:30-7:30 pm. Your child will experience a typical Sunday school morning while celebrating their faith milestone. We will meet in the sanctuary at Bethel Highlands at 6:30 pm. The children will meet new teachers, sing new songs, hear a Bible story and participate in an activity.

This celebration helps your child become familiar and comfortable with the Sunday school experience. Your child is invited to bring a favorite stuffed animal along to this event. We look forward to welcoming you and your child.

4TH GRADE:

September is an exciting month for 4th graders. These students’ milestone of receiving the Hands-On Bible will be celebrated during worship services. You may choose which service to attend as the milestone will be celebrated at all worship times: Tuesday, September 22 at 5:30 pm, Sunday, September 28 at 8 am Downtown, 9:30 am or 11 am at Bethel Highlands.

This milestone celebration will culminate a two-week study on September 14 and September 21. During these two Sundays, the 4th graders will meet in classroom #1 at Bethel Highlands school time (following children’s message in worship until 10:45 am).

8TH GRADE:

Eight graders will begin their confirmation experience with the milestone of receiving the Lutheran Study Bible. This Bible will be essential in their two-year confirmation journey. You may choose which service to attend as the milestone will be celebrated at all worship times: Tuesday, September 22 at 5:30 pm, Sunday, September 28 at 8 am Downtown, 9:30 am or 11 am at Bethel Highlands.

On Wednesdays September 17 and 24 during confirmation, the 8th graders will delve into the Lutheran Study Bible as an introduction to this milestone.

MILESTONES MINISTRY

Bethel’s Milestone Ministry celebrates important faith milestones in the lives of Bethel’s youth. The coordinator of Faith Milestones will work with a selected age group/grade during their faith formation time (Sunday or Wednesday, depending on the grade group) in a given month. On the fourth Sunday of the month, the milestone will be celebrated in worship. Some examples of milestones are: Entrance into Sunday School, Bible presentations, Lord’s Prayer, 10 Commandments, First Communion, Apostle’s Creed, Small Catechesis, Confirmation, and Senior-Led Worship.

Missy Austreng is the Coordinator of Faith Milestones. She will develop and lead the program's classes, working closely with Pastor Ben Hilding and Cindy Halunen, Director of Faith Formation. Missy can be reached at missy@bethelhighlandspschool.org.

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REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR AGES 3 THROUGH 7TH GRADE!
You can register your 3 year old – 7 th grader online at www.bethelhudson.org/Youth Ministry/Sunday School. For students in 6th & 7th grade you can sign up on the 6th & 7th grade page. Please make sure we have the correct e-mail addresses so we can get communications out to all who want it!  

Help Lead Kids to Christ
Bethel’s Youth Ministry belongs to each and all of us – it is ‘our’ ministry. With that in mind, we hope each of you will consider how you might be able to help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:
- Small Group Leaders - Would you be willing to spend 1-2 Sundays a month with your child’s grade helping them connect to the lesson, help them get to know each other better and simply have fun? We are looking for 5-7 leaders for each age/grade.
- Station Leaders - Would you like to lead an activity or lesson for a month (3-4 times)? In this role you would lead a grade in an organized activity, game or lesson. A lesson plan will be provided for you.
- Weekly Set-up or Clean-up Leaders – This role involves gathering supplies during the week for our kids and leaders and getting our spaces set up and cleaned up each week. We hope to have many in this role so it is a 1-2 Sunday/month role.
- Christmas Program - Would you like to work with a team to plan and organize our Christmas program? We are looking for a team of 4-6 people (or more).

GRADES 6/7:
- Small Group Leaders – We are looking for 10-12 leaders/grade who will pair up and lead a small group of 6th or 7th graders on Wednesday evenings. We will have 7-10 students per group. We have a great curriculum for you to use, it outlines everything and gives all the instructions in an easy to follow manner. You will love working with these students in dig- ging deeper!
- Special Event Planning – We have several events during the year which need a little extra help. Each month we have a Christmas Program. We are looking for a team of 3-4 people (or more).

If you would like to help out with Sunday school, grade 6/7 classes (or any other youth ministry area), please e-mail Cindy at chalunen1@bethelhudson.org. Together we will help to lead our youth to Jesus Christ!

A CONCERT WITH A CAUSE

Here’s a chance to see and hear our own New Song Band and Pastor John’s musical group, “Hot Under the Collar”, like you’ve never heard them before. Both bands will be doing a benefit concert at the Highlands campus on Saturday, September 27th at 7:30 pm with all proceeds going to Operation Help and The SOURCE. There will be something for everyone, including folk, blues, Irish, Cajun, brass, country, bluegrass, rock (with tunes and instruments you won’t hear in a worship service!)

Tickets are $15/person, or two for $25. Come on out for a night of fun to support a great cause! Tickets are now on sale in our church office and The SOURCE office.

STEELE FAMILY HOLIDAY CONCERT AT HIGHLANDS

We had an overwhelming response to the Steele Family holiday concert last year, so this year they are back by popular demand! Along with their fabulous voices, Jarlyn, Jevetta, J.D., Billy and Fred will be bringing their band with them! Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 29th. We also ask you bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Shelf and helping hungry people over the holidays. Tickets will go on sale in October!

SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS COMING TO BETHEL!

On Sunday, November 30th, we have the privilege of welcoming nationally known guitarist, Billy McLaughlin and his band, Simple Gifts, to Bethel!

Billy travels all over the world playing and speaking (look him up on the internet and YouTube) and has appeared on “Good Morning America” and numerous other TV programs.

During the days of Advent, Billy pulls together a wonderful band that does Advent and Christmas music around the Twin Cities (look up Simple Gifts on YouTube) and they will be here.

Sunday morning, November 30th, for two special worship services at the Highlands campus, 9:30 and 11 am. You’ll want to invite friends and relatives to this great, great opportunity and welcome Advent in with us! Stay tuned for more information!
SCANDINAVIAN FOOD FEST
Friday, October 17th and Saturday, October 18th
10 am - 2 pm at the Highlands Campus

Once again, it's time to start thinking about Bethel's Scandinavian Food Fest. Plans are under way and help is needed to prepare some of the food items in advance. All food will be prepared in the church kitchens. Please note the following dates and make plans to help where you are able. You may call the church office at 715.386.8821 for more information.

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS:
Rosettes - Wednesday, Sept. 24, 9 a.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 7, 9 a.m. Contact Betty Hansen.
Lefsa – Monday, Sept. 29, 9 a.m. – prep; Tuesday, Sept. 30 – cook & package. Contact Cid Phillips.
Lefsa 101 – Tuesday, Sept. 30, 5-6 p.m. - prep. Contact Jackie Hugdahl. Bake/package, 6-8 p.m. RSVP – Andrea Jorgenson.
Rullepølse – Monday, Oct. 13, 10 a.m. - prep; Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m. - assemble. Contact Cynthia Huntley or Bob Wall.
Fattigmann - Wednesday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. Contact Cid Phillips.

HIGHLANDS CAMPUS:
Meatballs – Wednesday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. – prep; Thursday, September 18, 9 a.m. – cook. Contact Janet Gavic.
Sandbakkels - Friday, Oct. 10, 12 p.m. Contact Lori Jacobson.
Set-up for Fest and Sandwich Prep – All on Thursday, Oct. 16.
Set-up – 10 a.m. Contact Jackie Hugdahl.
Sandwich prep – 11 a.m. Contact Dorothy Hughes.
Bake shop set-up – 1 p.m. Contact Carol McConaughey, Janet Johnson or Connie Fisk.

As usual, the Food Fest will feature a variety of Scandinavian foods (preparation of some will be demonstrated), a lunch of open-face sandwiches, a bake shop, and Scandinavian gift items for sale.

Please mark October 17 and 18 on your calendars and plan to attend!
Bring your family, friends and neighbors, too!

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YOU ARE NEEDED!!

EVERYONE (men, women, and youth) is invited to participate and attend!
Proceeds from the Food Fest will be used for various Bethel improvements and service projects.
Please submit the form below to the church office by September 22nd.

I would like to participate in making the 2014 Scandinavian Food Fest a success!

Name: ___________________________________________________________
Phone #: ________________________________________________________ E-mail: ______________________
I would like to donate the following food items:           Friday             Saturday
☐ Krumakke              ☐ Rosettes              ☐ Sandbakkels
☐ Lefsa                 ☐ Fattigmann            ☐ Pies
☐ Pickles, Jams, Jellies ☐ Yeast Breads, Rolls, Coffee cakes, Pastries
☐ Limpa Bread (bread machine recipe in Bethel Cookbook)
☐ Rice Pudding, cooked  ☐ Rice Pudding, baked  ☐ Fruit Soup
☐ Your Specialty: _________________________________________________
I would like to work at the Food Fest:     Thursday        Friday             Saturday
☐ I would like to make a monetary donation toward the purchase of supplies. (Checks may be written to Bethel WELCA.)