



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

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*In Christ Alone: by Grace alone, by Faith alone, by Scripture alone*

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**DUE TO THANKSGIVING VACATION, THIS NEWSLETTER WILL COVER A TWO WEEK PERIOD. NO NEW NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED FOR THE SHORT WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20 AND 21. YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Sunday school lesson for this coming **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** is "Israelites Enter Canaan." The treat will be provided by Knapp. There will be no Sunday school on **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**THANSGING EVE SPECIAL SERVICE:** Our congregation will have its annual Thanksgiving service on **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, in the evening starting at 6:30. Students in grades 1-8 will sing for the service. Please make sure your student comes early and reports to Mr. Dast's room for a 6:15 practice.

**CHAPEL:** For the second quarter our chapel offerings will be given to the **Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service**. Our offering for this past week was **\$126.38**. Our total for the quarter is **\$126.38**.

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those that served hot lunch last week, everything was great! This coming Wednesday's hot lunch menu will be a special holiday hot lunch. Our menu will include turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, rolls, and pumpkin pie. Our workers are scheduled to be **Houck, Krohn, and Kukla**.

**PICTURE RETAKE / MAKEUP:** If you would like your child's picture retaken or if you weren't able to be present for the first take, please go to **Bush Elementary School** on **Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 AM**. Identify yourself to the photographer so that you are separated from Bush's student body.

**BETHEL PRESENTS CAMERON ZAVARA:** Start planning ahead. As part of Lutheran Schools' Week, we have scheduled a special performance of an **extraordinary local talent!** Cameron Zavara will be at Bethel on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 starting at 6:30 PM for a magic show. His show features crowd interaction and fun for all ages. All elementary children and preschool children will be offered tickets as well as their entire immediate family. \$2.00 tickets will go on sale from January 8<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> in the school office. Additional tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> after church. You can check out his Facebook page or follow this link <http://cameronzvara.com> to his website. More information will be coming home soon.

**THANKSGIVING VACATION:** There will be no school from **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> through Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**. Enjoy your Thanksgiving vacation!

**JR. CHOIR:** The Jr. Choir will be singing for church on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at 9:45 am in Mr. Dast's room for a short practice. See you all there!!

**OLD GIRLS' BB UNIFORMS:** Our old uniforms are no longer needed. **For a donation you may have an old uniform.** The money you donate for an old uniform will be placed into our Extra Curricular fund to be used for future purchases. This will help us keep that fee reasonable going forward. Please contact Mr. Thooft if you are interested in a uniform. Thanks!

**HONOR ROLL ADDITIONS:** Two names have been added to the honor roll for grades 6-8. Additional

congratulations for getting all A's and B's for the first quarter go to:

**Kaden Szostek** Gr. 8  
**Ashlynn Szostek** Gr. 6

**HONOR ROLL:** BLS has an honor roll for students in grades 6-8 only. There are two levels, those that get all A's and those that get all A's and B's. It is my hope that all students aspire to receive this recognition. Those that made Honor Roll for the first quarter are:

**All A's:**

Andrew Luetzow	Gr. 6
Carly Krohn	Gr. 7
Erica Krohn	Gr. 8
Olivia Lopez	Gr. 8

**All A's and B's:**

Ashlynn Szostek	Gr. 6
Hunter Seifferly	Gr. 7
Kaya McGinnis	Gr. 8
Isabella Shaw	Gr. 8
Kaden Szostek	Gr. 8

**CEA DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR:** The CEA will be sponsoring the December 10<sup>th</sup> congregational coffee fellowship. Michelle Neveau has volunteered to head it up. She is requesting volunteer help and also needs people to volunteer to provide food for the fellowship. A total of 12 dozen Christmas treats are needed. Please watch for a signup sheet to be posted on the front hall soon, and please sign up to bake a dozen or so of your favorite Christmas treats for the occasion. The sheet will be posted right after Thanksgiving.

**NO SCHOOL:** Our girls' basketball team will participate in the MLS tournament on the weekend of December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. We play two games on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the first at 9:00 AM and the second at 3:20 PM. **Accordingly there will be a previously unscheduled day of NO SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL on December 8<sup>th</sup>.** I hope everyone comes to cheer on our team! Go Bobcats!

**FUNDRAISER:** The CEA fundraiser is officially over. Please remember to turn in your unsold product and the proceeds that you have to Linda Hartley as soon as possible. Thanks!

**MLS PLAY:** Students in grades 1 to 8 will be attending the MLS play this coming Friday, **November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to all of those who have volunteered to drive. We will return to school after the play, have our usual at school lunch, and then have classes for the afternoon.

**CHRISTMAS CLASSROOM EXCHANGE NAMES:**

The individual classrooms of our school will have room Christmas parties on **Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** starting right after our last children's Christmas service practice. As part of our celebration, students exchange names and purchase gifts. It is recommended that you

spend about \$5.00 on your child's gift. Please help in the selection. Classrooms will exchange names before Thanksgiving vacation so that you can take advantage of the holiday shopping weekend.

**GIRLS' BALL BB TOURNAMENT:** Our girls' team will have a bye in the first round of the upcoming B.A.L.L. tournament being played at St. John's on the weekend of **November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. That means we will not have a Friday game. Our first game will be on **Saturday morning, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM**. A full tournament bracket is attached to this newsletter.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to:

Chloe Szostek	11/22	Pre.
Logan Szostek	11/25	Gr. 4

**CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, the preschool classes will conclude the theme *Sing and Dance* and begin their next theme *I'm Thankful*. This week the letters are H and I, the numbers are 7 and 8, the color brown and the shape is a rectangle. They will also be learning the job of a conductor, listen to a musical scale, and learn about the parts of a turkey. They will also be learning about the Pilgrims and sharing their Thanksgiving plans. The four year olds will be wrapping up their study of the Israelites as they enter the Promised Land with *God Gives His People Jericho*. They will learn God made the walls of Jericho fall down. The memory treasure is 1 Corinthians 10:31: *Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God*. The three year olds will learn about young Samuel in *God Speaks to Samuel*. They will learn that Samuel showed his love for God by obeying God, his parents and Eli. The memory treasure is Colossians 3:20: *Children, obey your parents*. The children will be picking names for their Christmas party gift exchange. The children are also preparing for the Christmas Eve service; a copy of their song and recitation will be coming home next week. Please help to review their part with them at home as they prepare for the service. Have a relaxing and blessed Thanksgiving break!

**Kindergarten:** This newsletter will cover the next two weeks since next week is a short week. In Word of God, the class will learn how God saved Baby Moses and prepared him for the task of leading His people out of Egypt and back to the Promised Land. Letter book S has been completed and Letter book L has been started. The children will continue to work on identifying the beginning, middle or ending sounds in words. They will also be learning about the l blends – *cl, gl, and sl*. A new list of words will also be coming home this week. Please be sure to practice them with your child. A new book to read, "Glad Golly" will be sent home on Friday. Please have your child read it to you and send it back to school by Tuesday, Nov. 21. In math, the children have been doing very well adding

two groups together. They will now learn how to do subtraction phrases. This week's sight word is "I" and the color word is "white". Show and Tell for this week will be things that are white or begin with the letter L.

### Memory Work:

Tuesday, November 14 – none  
Wednesday, November 15 – 12B 1 Peter 5:7  
Thursday, November 16 – none  
Friday, November 17 – 13A Proverbs 2:6  
Monday, November 20 – none  
Tuesday, November 21 – 13B Mark 16:15

**Grades 1-2:** We are looking forward to our field trip to see the musical at MLS this Friday. We will be leaving promptly after arrival and return to school to eat lunch after the musical. We will be doing our November STEM project on Friday afternoon. If you can provide a box of toothpicks or a bag of marshmallows (mini or large), please send them in by Thursday. Because of our short week this week and next, we will be spreading our Super Kids reading lessons out from Tuesday through next Tuesday. This means our spelling test will be next Tuesday. I will not be sending home a new homework guide next Monday. We will not be having any new Memory Treasures with our stories next week. November Scholastic Book orders are due by November 21. Please order online using code Q4X4B. Don't forget, we are singing in church for our Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30p.m. We will be meeting in Mr. Dast's room at 6:15.

**Grades 3-5:** It was a pretty good week in the 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom last week. Our classroom section will cover the two week period of this newsletter. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly assignments as we will have Spelling (Unit 10) due Thursday (Nov. 16) and memory work due Friday (Nov. 17). We do not have a hymn due this week or next week. Please remember that we will be attending the MLS play this Friday (Nov. 17) and returning to school to eat lunch and finish out the school day. The week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 20-24) we have two days (Mon. and Tues.) of school and please note that the children sing in our Thanksgiving service on Thursday. Please plan to have your child arrive at church at about 6:15. Blessings on your week and your Thanksgiving celebration!

**Grades 6-8:** Only a little while left until our annual Thanksgiving break and a lot to get in before then. I am trying to plan things so that we finish units up right before the vacation begins and the assignments during the vacation are minimized. We are working hard on preparing a song for the special 6:30 PM Thanksgiving service on **Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please make sure you plan to attend with your family. I will have students exchange names for Christmas sometime in the next few days. Please check in with your child about that and help him/her with shopping.

See the note on this earlier in the newsletter. Thanks to those in my room who volunteered to drive for the play at MLS on Friday. It was great visiting with you yesterday about your child's progress. I look forward to a great 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Please check in on Engrade on a regular basis so that you are better informed. It's not too early for your child to get working on a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter book report. The holidays are a great time to relax with a good book. We are looking forward to it. Our girls have one more regular season game this evening and then on to the tournament this weekend. They are having a great season and hopefully that will transfer into the tournament. Go Bobcats!

### SINGING SCHEDULE:

**11/19 Jr. Choir**  
11/22 1-8 (Thanksgiving Eve)  
12/24 Pre-8 Children's Christmas Service  
1/28 Pre-8 Lutheran Ed. Sunday

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Practices: All practices are from 3:10 to 5:00

**11/13**

**11/16**

Games:

**11/14 vs. Hemlock @ Bethel @ 5:30**

**11/17-18 BALL Tournament @ St. John's BC**

12/8-9 MLS Large School Tournament @ MLS

12/8 vs. St. John's BC @ MLS @ 9:00 AM

vs. Lansing @ MLS @ 1:40 PM

12/9 vs. Vassar. @ MLS @ 12:20 PM

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:** The boys' season is a few months away but I thought it best to get this information out. Our coaches for this year will be Mr. LaClair and Mr. Thoof. Thanks to these two men for volunteering to coach our teams. A schedule is attached to this newsletter.

**Practices:** TBD

**Games:**

1/5 vs. Trinity @ Bethel 6:30 PM

1/9 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's 5:30 PM

1/12 vs. SB/GS/St.J @ St. John's BC 6:30 PM

1/16 vs. St. Luke's @ Franken? A only 6:30 PM

1/19 vs. Tawas @ Bethel A only 6:30 PM

**1/20 B TOURNEY @ TRINITY**

1/23 Vs. Trinity @ Trinity 5:30 PM

1/26 vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel 6:30 PM

1/30 vs. SB/GS/St.J @ Bethel 5:30 PM

**2/2-3 MLS SMALL SCHOOL TOURNAMENT**

**2/9-10 MLS LARGE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT**

**2/23-24 BALL TOURNAMENT @ TRINITY**

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICES:

Friday 12/7 1:00 PM (Set up)

Monday 12/11 10:30 AM

Thursday 12/14 10:30 AM

Tuesday 12/19 10:30 AM

Friday 12/22 8:30 AM

### **COMING UP:**

- 11/15 - Picture Retakes at Bush
- 11/16 - MLS Musical -**
- 11/22-24 – Thanksgiving Vacation – **No School**
- 12/1-2 - MLS Small School Girls' Tourney
- 12/2 - Saginaw Valley Lutheran Chorale @ 7:00 PM
- 12/3 - Decorate Church for Christmas
- 12/7 - Board of Ed. @ 6:30 PM
- 12/8 - **No School** – MLS Girls' BB Tournament
- 12/8-9 - MLS Large School Girls' Tourney
- 12/10 - Congregational Caroling @ 5:00 PM
- 12/20 - Caroling at Brookdale, New Hope, & Hampton Manor @ 1:00 PM
- 12/22 - Last Day before Christmas Vacation  
½ day, Room Christmas Parties
- 12-23 to 1/8 – Christmas Vacation – No School
- 1/8 - Classes resume after Christmas
- 1/11 - Board of Education @ 6:30 PM
- 1/12 - Principals' Conference in PM
- 1/14 - MLS Concert Choir at Bethel
- 1/15 - 2018-19 Preschool enrollment begins
- 1/19 - End 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Faculty In Service ½ day  
BALL League Meeting in AM
- 1/22-26 - Lutheran Schools Week
- 1/24 - Bethel Presents - Cameron Zavara
- 1/26 - Lutheran Schools Sunday  
Chili Cook-off
- 2/5 - **No School** – Pastor/Teacher Conference

### **MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:**

**MLS FALL MUSICAL:** This year's musical is "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat". This modern musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber tells the Biblical account of Joseph and his brothers and Joseph's time in Egypt. It tells how the brother's jealousy over Joseph's special treatment and the coat leads them to sell their brother into slavery. The story is told by different characters singing different genres of music throughout the whole show. The dates for the musical are **November 17, 18, and 19**. Tickets go on sale online only on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

**LIGHT UP A STUDENT'S LIFE:** During the months of November and December, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Foundation sponsors a special "Light Up A Student's Life" program that allows donors to make a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person. Such gifts will be recognized by the lighting of a large Christmas tree that will be located in the commons. For each \$10.00 contribution, a white light will be illuminated on the Christmas tree in the name of the individual being remembered or honored. A special Christmas tree card will be sent to the family or honoree recognizing your caring gift to MLS and its students. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, the MLS Foundation has committed to providing \$100,000.00 to support the significant need for student financial assistance at MLS. The gifts given to the Light Up a Student's Life program are directed to the

MLS Foundation's Student Need Fund. This fund provides ongoing financial assistance to the students who attend MLS now and in the future. Please consider this opportunity to Light Up a Student's Life through Christ-centered education. Your generosity is the heart and spirit on the MLS Foundation. Your gifts will allow us to assist another generation of students to follow our Savior's directive to "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." For more information call 989-793-7511 or visit <https://app.donorview.com/OVG1>.