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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday school lesson for this coming Sunday is "The Plagues." The treat will be provided by Dean.

CHAPEL: Each year during our Wednesday morning chapel service an offering is collected. These offerings are directed to four different missions (one for each quarter of the school year). During the first quarter of the school year our chapel offerings will be given to our local chapter of Lutherans for Life. This group works to prevent abortions in our community. Our offering for the first week was **\$30.75**. Our total for this quarter is **\$30.75**. Please remind your child of the importance of giving to the work of the Lord!

YEARBOOK: Many of you take pictures of our school events all year long. Please consider sharing! Our class picture company will be putting together another yearbook this coming spring. If you share your event pictures with us, we will have them placed into our yearbook. Mr. Thooft has volunteered to be our clearing house for this project. Just send an electronic copy of your picture and he will store them until needed and then pass them along to Photo Factory. Thanks!

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS: I am assembling of list of hot lunch volunteer workers. That list of names will be provided to our hot lunch coordinators for use in the

case of emergencies. If you are willing serve as a volunteer, in addition to your assigned times, please let me know. If you know of someone who is not a school parent would like to help out, please let me know that.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: The sixth annual Family Fun Night is Thursday, September 28 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come get to know families with children from preschool-2nd grade and enjoy an evening of fun family games. **Please park in the Pine Road parking lot.** The activities will be held outside near the garage area at Bethel weather permitting. Bring your inner child and let the games begin!

CEA BUSINESS MEETING: The CEA will have its first and only business meeting this coming Sunday, September 24th, after the church service. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting and help support the work of the CEA.

FACULTY INSERVICE: Your faculty will have its first in service meeting on Friday, September 22nd. School will let out at noon. Please be on time to pick up your child. Thanks!

HOT LUNCH: I am working on this year's schedule and should have something for you soon. This program will be discussed at our first CEA business meeting. Make sure you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Bet you didn't expect to see an announcement like this already, but since there is a change for 2017, I am passing this along. Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the Church Council made these changes for this year's Christmas services:

- December 24: 10:00 AM Children's Service
- December 24: 6:30 PM Candlelight Service
- December 25: 10:00 AM Lessons and Carols Service

STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE: Your faculty will attend the Michigan District Teachers' Conference on October 4, 5, and 6. BLS will not be in session these days. Enjoy the time off with your student.

6-8 SING: Grades 6-8 will be singing for this Sunday's church service. It is important that everyone attend. There will be a short practice in my room at 9:45 AM. Please make sure your child is here early to practice.

MICROWAVE: One of our classroom microwaves expired. If you have working microwave sitting around that you are not using and could spare donating it to school, please talk to Mr. Thooff and make arrangements. Thanks!

SOCCER: The soccer season is underway. Our team is doing well. We lost our first game to St. John's in overtime by a score of 2 to 1. We beat St. Bart's in regulation by a score of 5 to 0. We still have three more home games (see below). Come check out a game!

VIDEO DISPLAY: Are you watching for the latest information on our hall video display? As you sit in the front hallway at the end of each school day, make sure you check out all the announcements on the video display. Thanks to Mr. Thooff for keeping things fresh and for all the work it takes to keep it up and running.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Jayson Gutzwiller	9/24	Kindergarten
Caleb Austin	9/24	Pre - 3

CROSS COUNTRY AT MLS: I have submitted names to MLS for this event. Entering this year are:

Hayden Powers
Logan Szostek
Thomas Luetzow
Heidi Dahn
Michael Gutzwiller
Trevor Dean
Chloe Crites

Thanks to those representing Bethel and here's hoping you do well. The meet will be held at Wickes Park on McCarty Rd in Saginaw on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017 starting at 4:30**. See additional information in the MLS section later in this newsletter. I have sent home a map of the course with each entrant. Parents, make sure you ask your child for this map, it will help you to be informed. You will find additional information in the MLS section.

SPORTS SCHEDULES: Due to an ever changing environment I am going to publish a separate schedule for each sport this year. You will find the girls' basketball season at the end of this newsletter. I am also sending home a hard copy with each team member. Bethel will only have a girls' "A" basketball team this year. All games have also been posted on our Bethel Google Calendar. You can link up to it on our website.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The preschool classes are looking forward to a very exciting week. Both classes will be bringing their bikes, trikes, etc. to school to ride during their bike days. They are looking forward to riding around in the parking lot. The 4 year old class will also be going on their first field trip of the school year. They will be

visiting Leaman's Green Apple Barn on Friday. The 3 year old class will be going to Johnson's Giant Pumpkin Patch next Tuesday. Thank you to all the parents who are driving for the field trips! We wouldn't be able to go without your help. The Bible lesson for the week is *God Saves Adam and Eve*. The children will learn that God promised Adam and Eve a Savior. The memory treasures are: John 3:16 "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son". And Romans 3:23 "All have sinned". The children will begin a new theme *Animals of the Forest*. They will learn about forests, the kinds of trees found in a forest, the animals that live there and what is on the forest floor.. The letter this week is C, the number 3, the color red, and the circle.

Upcoming Dates:

September 20 - Bike Day 4 year olds
September 21 - Bike Day 3 year olds
September 22 - Field trip 4 year olds
September 26 - Field trip 3 year olds
September 28 - Family Fun Night

Kindergarten: Our first full week of school is finished. This past week we learned about how sin entered the world. This week we will be learning about the flood and how God saved Noah. We finished our first Letter book. In it we learned about the hard /c/ sound like in cat. Please look it over with your child. This week we will be starting Letter book 2. It is about the letter O. The children will be learning the short sound it makes like in otter. Our sight word for this week will be "my" and our color word will be blue. The children should finish their first chapter in math on numbers 0-5 and will be learning about greater, lesser, and the ordinal numbers. In science class we have been looking at our 5 senses and how we use them to observe the world around us. Show and Tell for this week will be things that are blue or begin with the letter O. There are lots of things happening in the next few days that need your attention. On Friday I sent home a book for your child to read to you. Please return it to school by **Wednesday, Sept. 20**. Field trip money and permission slips are also due on Sept. 20. The cost of the field trip is **\$5.00 per person**. All students are being dismissed at 12:00pm this **Friday, Sept. 22** for a faculty in-service meeting. September book orders are due **Monday, Sept. 25**. You may order online using the classroom code GVJW9 or bring it in to school.

Memory Work

Tuesday, Sept 19 - 3A 1Timothy 2:3,4
Wednesday, Sept 20 - none
Thursday, Sept. 21 - none
Friday, Sept 22 - 3B 1John 5:3
Monday, Sept 25 - 4A Proverbs 3:5

Grades 1-2: Don't forget to place your Scholastic Book order. Please order online using code Q4X4B, or send in a check with order information by **September 26**. Please check Engrade on a regular basis. If you need help logging in, please let me know. You should see a grade by most assignments, if your child has an R, it

means redo and your child will receive a grade once the paper is corrected. You might also see an M for missing or a -- meaning the paper hasn't been graded yet. Please keep Bible History sheets at home. They are a great tool to use at home for your family Bible study. The back of each story contains questions and activities for you to do together. You will find the spelling words and Memory Treasures on your child's homework guide.

Grades 3-5: Last week was a good first full week in the 3-5th grade classroom. I appreciated all the hard work the students put in last week as we continue to get our routines and procedures down. This week once again brings a full week of classes. Please help your child stay on top of their hymnology (hymn #391 due Wednesday), spelling (workbook due and test on Thursday) and memory work (due Friday); along with all other daily work throughout the week. This week 4-5th grade will have a test over chapter 1 in social studies, which will include their first map quiz. Last week I sent home information about a program called *Remind*. If you have not signed up for this program yet, please do as I will use it to send out announcements about upcoming events. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: We are very close. A lot of progress was made this week towards getting things running smoothly. The acclimation process is coming along. I am happy with the adjustments the sixth grade has made to being in a new room. They are coming along nicely. Everyone now has an approved book to read. They have until **October 27th** to read and turn in their report. Parents, make sure you encourage your child to read in his/her spare time and monitor that reading. An English paper is due on Monday after which we will turn to grammar. We have finished our first chapters in science and social studies. We sing on **Sunday, September 24th**, please make sure you and your family plan to attend. No one in my room wanted to enter the upcoming MLS Cross Country Meet. I was informed that they will accept last minute entries. I hope some of my kids change their mind before the meet this coming Wednesday. Please keep an eye on *Engrade*. Track your child's assignments and progress! Thanks to Mrs. Drayer for serving as my sub last Friday so that I could attend a principals' conference.

SOCCER:

9/19 vs. Hemlock @ Bethel @ 5:00 PM
9/21 vs. Trinity @ Trinity @ 4:00 PM
9/26 vs. St. Luke's @ Bethel @ 4:00 PM
9/28 vs. GS Burton @ Bethel @ 4:30 PM

SINGING SCHEDULE:

9/24 Grades 6-8
10/15 Grades 1-2
10/22 Grades 3-5
10/29 Jr. Choir

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: Bethel will only have an "A" team this year. Practices will be announced in the near future. Thanks to Mr. Thooff and Mrs. Krohn for serving as our coaches.

Practices:

Games:

10/13 vs. St. Barts/GS @ Bethel @ 6:30
10/17 vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel @ 6:30
10/20 vs. Tawas @ Tawas @ 6:30
10/24 vs. Trinity @ Bethel @ 6:30
10/27 vs. St. Luke's @ Bethel @ 6:30
11/3 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's BC @ 6:30
11/10 vs. Trinity @ Trinity @ 6:30
11/14 vs. Hemlock @ Bethel @ 5:30

COMING UP:

9/20 MLS Cross Country
9/22 Faculty in Service – ½ Day
9/24 CEA Meeting @ 11:00 am
9/24 BALM Luther Movie @ State Theater
9/28 Family Fun Night
10/3 School Class Pictures
104-6 State Teachers' Conference – No School
10/6 MLS Home Coming
10/11-13 Camp Timbers
10/15 MLS Jr. Poms Clinic
10/20 Faculty in Service – ½ Day
10/29 Bethel Church 165th Anniversary Sunday
10/31 School Costume Day in PM
11/3 End First Quarter
Principals' conference in PM
11/5 Daylight Savings Ends
Joint Reformation Service at Dow Center
11/6 Report Cards Due Out
11/8 Grandparents' Day
11/13 Faculty In Service in AM & Parent Consults in PM – **No School**
11/22-24 – Thanksgiving Vacation – **No School**

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

LES CROSS COUNTRY INVITATIONAL: On **September 20, 2017** we invite your school to participate in this year's LES Grade School Cross Country Invitational. The meet will take place at Wickes Park located at 7492 McCarty Road in Saginaw. Start time is 4:30 PM.

MLS HOMECOMING TAILGATE PARTY: The MLS Foundation would like to invite you to celebrate the tradition of football, food, and fun at MLS. Join us on **Friday, October 6 at 5:00 PM** (on the practice field along Hardin Street). We'll have roasted pork and lots of great sides on the menu. Tickets are necessary. Reserve your tickets in advance since this party becomes more popular every year and you don't want to miss the fun! Purchase your tickets by calling the MLS Foundation at 989-793-7511. Dinner ticket prices do not include admission to the football game.

MLS JR. POMS CLINIC: Members of the MLS Poms team would like to invite all girls from K to 6th grade to a Poms Clinic at the MLS gym. The date for the clinic is **October 15, 2017**. The cost of the clinic is \$30.00. There will be two sessions;
Session 1 (K-2) is from 1:00 to 2:30 pm
Session 2 (3-6) is from 3:00 to 5:00 PM