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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 "Passover." The treat will be provided by **Dean**.

CHAPEL: 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 this past week was **\$48.01**. Our total for this quarter is **\$78.76**. Please remind your child of the importance of giving to the work of the Lord!

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!

HOT LUNCH: The CEA approved of this year's hot lunch program at yesterday's meeting. I should be able to send your packet of information home shortly. Please watch for it sometime this week. **Wednesday, October 11th** will be our first hot lunch. Our first hot lunch will be a Hungry Howie's hot lunch. Tickets will

be sold on the morning of the 11th. Our workers are scheduled to be **ROUECH, SEIFFERLY, and SHAW**.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: 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.

SOCCER: Only two games left and they are both at home this next week. Our team is doing very well at this point. Their record is 2-1-1. We have two home games yet this week on Tuesday and Thursday to finish out the season. Finish strong, Bobcats!

CLASS PICTURES: Class pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, October 3rd** in the morning. Packet samples are attached to this newsletter. The actual packet will be sent home on **Monday, October 2nd**. If you have any questions please deal directly with Photo Factory. Their 800 number is on the information sheet. Please examine the material closely, make your packet choice, and be sure not to miss school on this day.

STEM: This year our first through eighth graders will be participating in STEM activities about once a month. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. We want to expose our students to STEM related concepts and give them opportunities to explore real-life situations. We hope to foster a child's natural love for problem-solving, science and mathematics by exposing them to real-life situations that are both hands-on and minds-on. Students will be placed in small groups, be given a problem to solve, materials to use to solve it and time to build or create. The final steps will be testing and improving their solutions. In the future we will be looking for donations of supplies that can be used in our projects. Please stay tuned and help out if you can! See the attached letter for more information.

CAMP TIMBERS: Grade 5 will be attending Camp Timbers again this year. The dates are **October 11 to 13**. Mr. Thooft will be disseminating information soon.

CEA BUSINESS MEETING: The CEA business meeting was very well attended. Thanks to all those that stayed. A lot was accomplished and many volunteers stepped forward. Our annual agenda was passed and members asked that another business meeting be held in January or February. Stayed tuned for that! There will be a fundraiser this fall and you should see information on that soon.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK: We are already working on this year's Lutheran Schools Week which will be held from January 22 to 26. A number of big events are being planned including one for the congregation. I am looking for a few sponsors for the congregational event. Please come and talk to me if you are interested and I can give you more details.

MICROWAVE: We are still in need of a microwave for grades 3-5. If you have an old one around that you don't need contact either Mr. Thooft or me. Thanks!

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS: I have the results from last Wednesday's meet hosted by MLS.

Grades 3 and 4 Girls:	
Chloe Crites	3 rd
Grades 3 and 4 Boys:	
Trevor Dean	1 st
Thomas Luetzow	2 nd
Michael Gutzwiller	4 th
Logan Szostek	9 th
Grades 5 and 6 Girls:	
Heidi Dahn	2 nd
Grades 5 and 6 Boys:	
Hayden Powers	4 th

Congratulations to these students and thanks for representing Bethel!

BIRTHDAYS: There are none to report for this week.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The final week of September is here already! The time has sure flown by and the preschoolers have been busy getting into the routine of the classroom. They have also taken their first field trips. The Bible lesson this week is *Cain and Abel*. The children will learn that God showed love for Cain by helping him see that he had sinned. Their memory treasures are: 1 John 4:8: *God is love*, and Luke 11:28 *Hear the word of God and obey it*. The children will also complete their theme *Animals of the Forest*. They will review the letters A,B,C; the numbers 1,2,3; the color red; and the circle along with what is found in a

forest. Family Fun night is this Thursday from 6:30-7:30. Come join in the fun!

Kindergarten: Our first month of school is almost complete. The children have learned a lot. So far they have memorized 6 Bible passages. They have also learned how God created the world and promised to send a Savior. The children can also read and spell red, blue, God, my, and the. They have also been working on telling left and right. Their second Letter book on letter O will be completed this week. In math, the children are comparing numbers 0-5 and learning greater and lesser. This Tuesday they have their first field trip of the year to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to drive. We will be leaving school at 9:00am and should return by noon. Don't forget to send your child's booster seat that day. On Thursday is our annual Family Fun Night for all parents and children in preschool thru Grade 2. The fun starts at 6:30pm. Show and Tell for this week will be things that are yellow.

Memory Work:

- Tuesday, Sept. 26 – 4B Galatians 6:10
- Wednesday, Sept. 27 – 5A Hebrews 10:23
- Thursday, Sept. 28 – none
- Friday, Sept. 29 – 5B Psalm 50:15
- Monday, Oct. 2 - none

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 this Tuesday, September 26. Please check your child's homework guide for more information about what we are learning in the classroom. You will find the spelling words and Memory Treasures on your child's homework guide.

Grades 3-5: It was another great week in the week in 3-5th grade room! We battled the heat last week and the kids did well but it looks like it will be another warm one again! This week brings another full week of classes. Please help your child stay on top of their daily work, as well as their weekly work. Hymn #338 / *Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* is due Wednesday, spelling unit 3 is due Thursday and memory work is due Friday. 3rd grade will have their first test of the year over the material from chapter 1. The test will be on Tuesday. If you have not, please sign up for the *Remind* program. For 5th grade parents information about Camp Timbers will be sent home this week; please take note of the information and fill out the forms provided for your child.

Grades 6-8: I am pleased with the progress of my entire room and especially with the adjustments of the sixth graders to my room. We are now pretty much on a normal schedule. Thanks to those parents who brought my students to church this Sunday so that we could sing as a classroom during the church service. Nearly 100% of my students were in attendance.

SOCCER:

9/26 vs. St. Luke's @ Bethel @ 4:00 PM

9/28 vs. GS Burton @ Bethel @ 4:30 PM

SINGING SCHEDULE:

10/15 Grades 1-2

10/22 Grades 3-5

10/29 Jr. Choir

11/5 Preschool & Kindergarten
Jr. Choir @ Dow Events Center

11/12 Jr. Choir

11/22 1-8 (Thanksgiving Eve)

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

Practices:

9/27 3:00 to 5:00

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:

9/28 Family Fun Night

10/3 School Class Pictures

10/4-6 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
MLS Open House

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**

11/16 MLS Musical -

11/22-24 – Thanksgiving Vacation – **No School**

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

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

MLS Fall OPEN HOUSE: MLS invites all 5-8 grade students and their families to the Fall Open House on **October 20th, from 1:30 to 5:30 PM**.

Families are invited to come spend some time on campus, learn about MLS, and watch the Cardinals take on New Lothrop in football, if time permits. If families are interested in attending, MLS asks for advance notice to help accommodate visitors. Families can register online by visiting www.mlsem.org.

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 16, 18, and 19**. Tickets go on sale online only on October 16th. Hope to see you there!