



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

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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 "Crossing the Red Sea." The treat will be provided by Szostek.

**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 **\$34.10**. Our total for this quarter is **\$112.86**. Please remind your child of the importance of giving to the work of the Lord!

**HOT LUNCH:** Information was send home this week. Please read the informational letter carefully and follow its provision. **Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** will be our first hot lunch. Our first hot lunch will be a Hungry Howies hot lunch. Tickets will be sold on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Our workers are scheduled to be **ROUECH, SEIFFERLY, and SHAW**.

**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.

**SOCCKER:** Our season is over. Thanks to Coach Luetzow and Coach Powers for the time they volunteered to this program. Thanks to our fans for

their support during the season. Thanks to our team for your hard work and good play. Our team finished with a record of 4 – 1 – 1. One of our better seasons in quite some time! Go, Bobcats!

**CLASS PICTURES:** Class pictures will be taken on **Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the morning.

**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!

**CLOCK/SCOREBOARD: Your help is needed!** I'm getting a bit more organized. I would like to compile a list of willing names for the tasks of keeping the game scorebook and running the clock for our home basketball games. Many of you have done this in the past and I hope you continue to do so. Please submit your name if you have helped in the past and I would also like the names of anyone else that might be interested (don't worry you can pick it up quickly – training will be provided). I will compile a list of volunteers and provide those names to my coaches. A large list of names will ensure that we have all the bases covered and no one is asked to do too much.

**MICROWAVE:** The microwave in Mr. Thooft's room has been replaced. Thanks to the Rouech family for donating a new microwave.

**165/500 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: On Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** we will celebrate the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our congregation in conjunction with the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Prof. David Scharf, from the theology department of Martin Luther College, will be the guest preacher. A German-themed luncheon is planned for after the service. Three German meats will be provided. You

are asked to try your culinary skills by bringing a German dish and/or dessert for that luncheon. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway bear the gymnasium doors with suggested German dishes

**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.

**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 an entertainment event for the congregation. **I am looking for a few sponsors for the congregational entertainment event.** Please come and talk to me if you are interested and I can give you more details.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to:  
Markus Herrera 10/7 Gr. 4

**CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** Welcome to October! The children will be studying the Bible Lesson of "God saves Noah and His Famil". They will learn God saved Noah and his family from the great flood. The memory treasure is 1 Timothy 2:3,4 *God our Savior...wants all men to be saved.* The children will begin a new theme called *People Who Help.* The letter is D and the color is orange and the shape is a triangle. They will be learning about how to help and people who help. I hope everyone has an enjoyable break this week.

**Upcoming Reminders:**

**October 11** Scholastic Book orders due  
**November 5** Preschool and Kindergarten sing in church

**Kindergarten:** We have a very short week this week, so I am planning on finishing a bunch of units and chapters before our mini break. In Word of God the children will be learning how God tested Abraham's faith. The children are still working on Letter book G. They will be focusing on ending sounds in words. We have learned the 3 primary colors so far and will be reviewing them this week. We have also been looking at books and learning what an author and illustrator do. We will continue to work on our chapter in math on number order and less and more. In science we will be looking at rocks and the differences in them. Enjoy your mini vacation!

**Memory Work:**

The only memory work for this week will be for Tuesday, October 3 – 6A Matthew 22:37.

**Grades 1-2:** The first and second graders enjoyed working with the third through fifth graders on their first STEM challenge! Please look for the field trip forms coming home today. We will be going to Weiss Centennial Farm in Frankenmuth on Oct 17 at 9:30.

Please sign and return by next Monday. First and second graders will both take spelling tests tomorrow. First grade will be tested on the following words: bunch, lunch, inch, pinch, ranch, branch, chip, chop, chick, check. Second grade will be tested on these words: who, what, why, where, there, here, were, are, have, be, do, how. This week we will only be working on science due to the short week. We will finish up our lesson on summer and spring and take a quiz on Tuesday. Finally, please mark your calendars for singing in church on the 15th at 10:00 am.

**Grades 3-5:** It was another good week in the 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom. It is hard to believe it is October already! We have a short week of school this week due to Teachers' Conference and because it is a short week we will not have spelling, hymnology or memory work. Please continue to help your child stay on top of their daily work this week. All three grades will have a social studies test this week on Tuesday. We will have a review day today to go over the material and take the test tomorrow. Hopefully the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents received Camp Timbers information last week. As of this newsletter writing I still do not know the final cost. When I receive that information I will pass it along to you right away. I hope everyone enjoys the three days off of school this week! Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** Everyone is looking forward to a couple of days off. It's a nice time to have a bit of a break after about a month of school. I hope the weather is good for the time we are off so you can enjoy the time off with your student. Please remind your child to keep reading. A book report will be due in a few weeks. Also, keep an eye on "**Engrade**". All assignments are posted daily as well as grades. Know what your child is doing and how s/he is doing. If you have any questions or concerns, call me and set up an appointment. There are only two students who still need to bring in tissues for the year. It would be nice to get those in so I don't have to track that item. Also, we are always in need of paper plates and napkins for use during lunch. Send a pack or two in. Thanks!

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

**10/2**

10/9

10/12

10/16

10/19

10/23

10/26

10/30

11/02

11/06

11/09

11/13

11/16

**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:**

**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

MLS Open House

10/29 Bethel Church 165<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 16<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!