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Edition #8 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER October 23, 2017

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 "Golden Calf." The treat will be provided by **Crites**.

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 chapel offering this past week was **\$45.50**. Our total for this quarter is **\$208.92**.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to the servers for last week's hot lunch. This Wednesday's hot lunch will be a **Subway hot lunch**. Order forms are being sent home today. **Nicole Zube will be in Tuesday morning to receive all orders**. Our servers on Wednesday are scheduled to be **Zube, Beutel, and Crites**.

SUBWAY: One more reminder: this week is a Subway hot lunch. Each child will receive an order form **today** that **needs to be returned tomorrow**. Please remember to do so. Our order **must** be placed a day early.

165/500 ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: On Sunday, October 29th we will celebrate the 165th anniversary of our congregation in conjunction with the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Prof.

David Scharf, from 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 near the gymnasium doors with suggested German dishes

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK SPONSORS: 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 evening 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.

PICTURE RETAKE/MAKEUP: I have learned from Photo Factory that there is a makeup/retake date scheduled in our area. If you would like your child's picture retaken or if you weren't able to be present for the first take, please **Bush Elementary School on Wednesday, November 15th at 8:45 AM**. Identify yourself to the photographer so that you are separated from Bush's student body.

FUNDRAISER: The CEA is sponsoring a fundraiser to replenish its treasury. The CEA has supported projects to replace desks and improve technology in recent years and its funds are running low. They plan to continue support our desk replacement project (grades 3-5 are next) and more technology. This fundraiser will run until November 6th. Please carefully read your child's packet of information and if you are willing, do what you can to support this fundraiser. Thanks!

CLOTHING ORDER: You will soon be offered an opportunity to buy a variety of school clothing items. This year everything will be ordered on line. You will be given a time frame in which to order and a website on which to order. As soon as all the details are finalized you will receive notification as to when you can order.

JUNIOR CHOIR: The Junior Choir will be singing on **Sunday, October 29th at 10:00 AM**. Rehearsal is at 9:45 in Mr. Dast's room. I am looking forward to

seeing everyone for this special service. Thank you to all who returned their Junior Choir slips regarding the special November 5th service Michigan District Reformation service at the Dow Event Center. If you have not returned your form, please return it ASAP so that planning can continue.

SETTING UP GYM: Parents attending the basketball game on Friday, October 27th are being asked to help! Our congregation will have a fellowship in the gym on **Sunday, October 29th**, the day that we celebrate our 165 anniversary. Tables and chairs need to be set up. Those attending the home basketball game on **Friday, October 27th** are asked to stay after a bit and help set up tables for the event. Thanks!

COSTUME DAY: Costume day is coming up. Our school will celebrate on **Tuesday, October 31st** in the PM. Students are **not** to wear their costumes to school. After lunch they will be given an opportunity to change. You are asked to make appropriate choices for your child's costume. Being a Christian school, nothing should be worn that does not support our values. No paints are allowed. If you have any questions about your costume choice, please discuss your concern with your child's classroom teacher.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Markus Herrera	10/23	Gr. 4
Laney Wilson	10/25	Gr. 1

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: As we enter the last full week of October, the children will be concluding their theme *Night Creatures*. They will review the letters D, E, F, colors black and orange, numbers 4, 5, 6, and triangle shape. The children will also be learning about nocturnal animals i.e. opossums, owls, and bats. The Bible lesson for the three year olds is *God Has a Plan for Joseph*. They will learn Joseph's brothers hated him and sold him to some traders. The memory treasure is Matthew 28:20 *I am with you always*. The four year olds will study *God Leads His People through the Red Sea*. They will learn God helped his people cross through the Red Sea. The memory treasure is Psalm 50:15: *I will deliver you, and you will honor me*. Thank you to Firefighter Powers and Firefighter VanDenBoom for coming on Monday to talk about fire safety to the four year class. The children enjoyed the presentation!

Kindergarten: This week in Word of God, the children will be studying the plans that God had instore for Joseph. In art class we are in the process of making a literature quilt. It is based on the book *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon. The children have finished up unit 4 on the letter A and Alf. They will be starting unit 5 on the letter D and meet their new Super Kid friend Doc. We will be starting to blend sounds in this unit. In math, the children have been learning numbers 6-10. They have also been learning about nouns. The sight word for this

week will be "to" and our color will be purple. Show-n-Tell for this week will be things that start with D or are purple. Next **Tuesday, Oct. 31**, we are having our special pajama/slipper day. On that day, the children can wear their pajama/slippers to school. This is completely optional. Keep reading those books at home for Book-It. The deadline for turning in your sheet is Wednesday, November 1. Have a great week!

This week's memory work will be:

Tuesday, Oct 24 - #9A Rev 7:17

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – none

Thursday, Oct. 26 – none

Friday, Oct. 27 – #9B 1 Samuel 12:20

Monday, Oct. 30 - none

Grades 1-2: Please place your Scholastic Book orders online using code Q4X4B or return by Oct 25. Looking ahead, we will have our costume day Oct 31. Your child may bring a costume to school to wear later that afternoon. We will have treats and play some games. Remember to keep costumes appropriate- no masks, nothing scary, no weapons, etc. This week first and second graders will take their first social studies test on Thursday. It covers chapter 1 about *Rules and Laws*. Please help your child review by completing the study guide at home. Please check your child's homework folder for Memory Treasures and spelling words.

Grades 3-5: It was a good week last week! I hope all the students enjoyed the field trip to Weiss Farms outside of Frankenmuth. Thank you so much to all those who drove, we greatly appreciate it! We have a full week this week so please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Wednesday hymn #399 is due, Thursday unit 7 in spelling is due and Friday memory work is due. 4th grade will have a test in math on Thursday. 3rd and 4th grade will have a test over chapter 2 in language arts. Please make sure to get your Subway orders back in on Tuesday if you are ordering hot lunch this week. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: This will be a busy week. We are wrapping up chapters in math and English and science and beginning a new chapter on colonial economies in social studies. A book report is due from each student by this coming **Friday, October 27th**. Michelle Neveau informed me that a letter will be sent home later this week about our classroom costume day party. We will celebrate on Tuesday, October 31st in the PM. The girls are excited about their basketball season. So far they have won all their games. There are two more this week, both at home. Go, Bobcats! Hope everyone has a great week.

SINGING SCHEDULE:

10/29 Jr. Choir

11/5 Preschool & Kindergarten

Jr. Choir @ Dow Events Center

11/19 Jr. Choir

11/22 1-8 (Thanksgiving Eve)

12/24 Pre-8 Children's Christmas Service

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

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

10/23

10/26

10/30

11/02

11/06

11/09

11/13

11/16

Games:

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

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

COMING UP:

10/25 **Prof. Schmeige @ Chapel/MLS Presentation**

10/29 **Bethel Church 165th Anniversary Sunday**

10/31 School Costume Day in PM

11/3 End First Quarter

Principals' conference in PM

11/4 Smoke House

11/5 Daylight Savings Ends

Joint Reformation Service at Dow Center

11/6 Report Cards Due Out

End of or CEA Fund Raiser

11/8 Grandparents' Day

11/11 Veterans' 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**

12/1-2 - MLS Small School Girls' Tourney

12/3 - Decorate Church for Christmas

12/8-9 - MLS Large School Girls' Tourney

12/10 - Congregational Caroling @ 5:00 PM

12/22 - Last Day before Christmas Vacation

½ day, Room Christmas Parties

12-23 to 1/8 – Christmas Vacation – No School

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 16th. 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>.