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Edition #1 **BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** September 5, 2017

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

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SPECIAL TUESDAY FIRST DAY EDITION! Bethel's weekly newsletter will be published and handed out each week on Monday other than this first edition. Please remember to ask for your paper copy, or go to our website for an electronic version. Please read this newsletter each week and help us by being informed.

WELCOME BACK: Welcome back to all of our returning students. We are looking forward to another great year under this school year's theme "**In Christ Alone: by Grace alone, by Faith alone, by Scripture alone.**" Thanks to all our parents for your continuing support and help in the important task of teaching those entrusted by God to our joint nurture and care. Please join me in welcoming **nine** new Kindergarten students and their parents and **thirty** new Preschool students and their parents!

Preschool:

Madison Althouse	Robert Althouse & Vanessa Jagelka
Harper Arndt	David Arndt & Lindsay Iler
Caleb Austin	Mike & Leanne Austin
Ellie Brown	Austin & Rachel Brown
Kensington Corbat	Chad & Laura Corbat
Alexandra Doyen	Andrew & Sarah Doyen
Sephery Doyen	Jeff Doyen & Jane Maina
Sophia Friday	Kyle & Robyn Friday
Marcus Fuhrman	Mark & Shannon Fuhrman
Benjamin Greenwood	Chris & Allie Greenwood

Kindergarten:

Grace Austin	Mike & Leann Austin
Avaree Fuhrman	Mark & Shannon Fuhrman
Jayson Gutzwiller	David & Shianne Gutzwiller
Justin Krohn	Christopher & Jaime Krohn
Leah Nitz	Jodi & Sara Nitz
Arya Raushi	Rob and Jessica Raushi
JoyAnna Szostek	Keith & Jamie Szostek
Taylor Thunberg	Todd & Jennifer Thunberg
Landon Zube	Chris & Nicole Zube

EDUCATION SUNDAY: Please remember to attend our special Education Sunday church service this coming **Sunday, September 10th**. Children in the Junior Choir will sing. This special service will be followed by a congregational coffee fellowship to which all of you are invited. Please plan to attend and stay.

EDUCATION SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The faculty will be hosting the coffee fellowship hour this coming Sunday since it is Education Sunday. Many of you have volunteered to provide baked items for the fellowship. Please remember to bring your items to the kitchen in the gym before church. Thanks!

NEW WEBSITE: Please visit our new website, same address but totally redesigned. You will find new features and a fresh new look. Thanks to Mrs. McGehee for her work on this during this past summer.

GOOGLE CALENDAR: One of the new features on our revised website is a church and school Google calendar. You can link it to your Google calendar and have all our church and school activities at your fingertips. If there are changes or updates as the year goes on, you will know instantly. If you have any problems with our calendar or how to integrate it into your own calendar, please visit with Mrs. McGehee.

NEW SCHOOL/STAFF EMAILS: We have a new host for our church and school website, accordingly we cannot use our old school email address. You will note our new school email address at the beginning of this newsletter in the information box. You should also note faculty email addresses. They sometimes change as is the case this year with Mrs. Virant. The two new emails are:

bethelschoolbc@gmail.com
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JUNIOR CHOIR: The Junior Choir will be singing for Education Sunday which is this coming **Sunday, September 10th**. There will be a short practice in Mr. Dast's room starting at 9:45 PM.

ENGRADE: We will be using Engrade Pro as our gradebook service this school year again. Please remember to continually check your child's grades on **EngradePro.com**. If you had an account from last year, your log in information (username and password) will be the same as last year. For first time Engrade users, usernames and passwords will be provided for you the first week of school by your classroom teacher. For any assistance with usernames or passwords, please contact Mr. Thoof.

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. Thoof has volunteered to be our clearing house for this project. Just send an electronic copy of your pictures and he will store them until needed and then pass them along to Photo Factory. Thanks!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: Our fifth annual Family Fun Night is **Thursday, September 28 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Come get to know families with children from preschool to 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 VOLUNTEERS: I am assembling a 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 to 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 but would like to help out, please let me know that also.

BIRTHDAYS: There are none to report for this first week of school!

CROSS COUNTRY AT MLS: Please note the announcement about this opportunity at the end of this newsletter in the MLS section.

MLS FLAG FOOTBALL: Please note the announcement about this opportunity at the end of this newsletter in the MLS section.

VOLUNTEER TRANSPORTATION: Those who filled out this form on Registration Day were provided a list of the information that I gathered. It was placed in your church mail box. Thanks to all those who offered help! If you did not sign up but now need help or can offer help, please contact me for assistance.

BOX TOPS: This program continues! Thanks to Jaime Krohn for heading things up. There is a collection box in the front hall. Thanks for your support.

SPORTS SCHEDULES: At Registration Day you received a soccer schedule and another appears at the end of this newsletter. On **Friday, September 8th**, the league will meet to work on all remaining sports schedules for 2016-2017. Please watch for information in the near future.

LEAGUE MEETING: The annual fall meeting of the Bay Area Lutheran League will take place on **Friday, September 8th**. It is an all-day meeting. I will be out of the office on that day to attend the meeting. Thanks to Mrs. Drayer for serving as my sub.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: Welcome to a new school year. This week the preschoolers will be spending time getting to know one another. They will also be learning the classroom routine. The Bible lesson for this week is "God Creates Our Beautiful World". The memory treasure is: *God created the heavens and the earth.* Genesis 1:1. They will also begin the theme *Fabulous Friends*. The letter this week is A, the number 1, the color red, and the circle shape.

Kindergarten: Welcome back to a new school year! My plan for this week is to ease the children into a somewhat normal routine. In Christ Light, we will be studying the creation of the world this week. The

children will be learning 2 Memory Treasures this week, one for Thursday and one for next Monday. I will put a list of Memory Treasures for the week in the newsletter. You may also look at the Memory Treasure packet in the front pocket of your child's Christ Light folder. Our sight word for the week will be the word "God". In our reading and math classes, I will be doing some pre-testing to see what the children know. In science, we will start our unit on what it means to be a scientist. Because of our opening service on Tuesday, there will be no chapel on Wednesday. There will also be no Show-and-Tell this week. In order to give you a little heads up, I have scheduled our first field trip of the year. We will be going to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm on **Tuesday, September 26**. We will need drivers/chaperones so please make sure that any adult attending (mom, dad, and grandparents) has completed and returned their background check sheet. I will be sending home a permission slip with all of the details next week. Have an awesome first week of school!

Memory Treasures for the Week:

Wednesday, Sept. 6 – none

Thursday, Sept. 7 - #1A Genesis 1:1

Friday, Sept. 8 – none

Monday, Sept. 11 - #1B Psalm 146:2

Grades 1-2: Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I'm excited to get started! This week we will be exploring our class rules with storybook characters such as Clark the Shark, Mr. Rabbit and the Otters, and Mrs. McNeal's class. We will begin our Super Kids review units on Wednesday. On Thursday, we will take our math diagnostics tests. Homework folders will begin coming home this coming Monday. Look for them next week. As we ease into learning Memory Treasures, this week the students will be learning Genesis 1:1: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Students will recite this passage on Friday.

Grades 3-5: Welcome to another school year! I am very excited to see the students again and begin our school year. Please remember to check this section of the newsletter for updates on memory work, hymnology, spelling and any tests that are coming up, along with special reminders related to our classroom. I look forward to working with you and your child, helping them grow in God's grace!

Grades 6-8: I'd like to welcome back my students from last year and welcome our four new sixth grade students. I am looking forward to another year and have some new ideas along with some new materials. Things will start slowly and build over the next week or two. I post assignments on Engrade as they are given. Parents can monitor things daily and I encourage you to do so. I have already entered dates for book reports and the like. One subject that will need immediate attention is spelling. I want to get a unit in during this short week so the pace will be slightly faster. I will be

attending an all-day league meeting this Friday, September 8th. Thanks to Mrs. Drayer for serving as my sub. Thanks also to Mrs. Oblender who will be teaching hymnology and tone chimes in my room on Wednesdays and Mrs. Drayer who will continue to teach art class on Fridays. Every bit of release time these helpers provide is greatly appreciated and helps me keep up on my administrative work. If you have any questions or concerns as things progress, please stop in for a visit.

SOCCER:

9/12 vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel @4:00 PM

9/14 vs. St. Bart's @ Bethel @ 4:00 PM

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:

9/10 Jr. Choir

9/24 Grades 6-8

10/15 Grades 1-2

10/22 Grades 3-5

10/29 Jr. Choir

COMING UP:

9/10 Education Sunday

9/13 Vision Testing grades 1,3,5,7

9/15 Principals' Conference in PM

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 Anniversary Sunday

10/31 School Costume Day in PM

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 FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE: The MLS Youth Flag Football League will operate through the MLS Football program and is open to boys from a WELS/ELS church or school. Players will be coached by the MLS football coaches and members of the JV and Varsity football teams. The league is for boys in grades 1-5. It will run from September 13 to October 21 with games being held Saturday mornings from 9:45 to 12:00 noon. Practices are conducted on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. There will be an informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 6, at 6:00 pm**. The Cost is \$45.00. The Registration deadline is September 10, 2017. For more information and to register visit: mlsem.org/events/jrpoms

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