



BOBCAT BULLETIN

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

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THIS NEWSLETTER WILL COVER TWO WEEKS. THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018 SINCE THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL. YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday school lesson for **Sunday, February 4** is "Unforgiving Servant." The treat will be provided by **Szostek**. The Sunday school lesson for **Sunday, February 11** is "10 Lepers," The treat will be provided by **Rouech**.

CHAPEL: For the second quarter our chapel offerings will be given to our own **Bethel Equip for Quality Special Fund**. This past week we collected **\$30.00**. Our offering for the quarter now totals **\$30.00**.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent begins on **Wednesday, February 14th** with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. The Jr. Choir will sing for this special service.

SOUP SUPPER: The CEA will sponsor the first Lenten soup supper on **Wednesday, February 14th**. Supper will be served starting at 5:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the front hall bulletin board. Please sign up to help and provide needed items. Thanks to Michelle Neveau for heading up this special event.

PENNY WARS: The final results of the Penny War have been tabulated. As a school, we raised \$551.45 for the Bay County Animal Shelter. Of that amount, over \$300 was just in pennies. (That's over 30,000 pennies.) The winning class of the Penny War was the 4 year old Preschool with a Grand Total (minus the silver coins) of 101.40 points. 2nd place went to the 3 year old Preschool with 2.30 points. Grades 6-8 came in 3rd with -2.20 points. 4th place went to Kindergarten with -11.90 points. Grades 1-2 took 5th place with -24.35 points, and finally grades 3-5 with -55.18 points. Congratulations to the winning class and GOOD JOB to all of you for participating.

CEA COFFEE HOUR: The CEA will be sponsoring the coffee fellowship on **Sunday, February 11, 2018**. Jamiee Crites will head this up. Please watch for announcements about helping out.

HONOR ROLL: Congratulations to the following students who made Honor Roll for the 2nd quarter:

All A's and B's

Kyle Krohn	Gr. 6
Hunter Seifferly	Gr. 7
Kaya McGinnis	Gr. 8
Isabella Shaw	Gr. 8
Kaden Szostek	Gr. 8

All A's

Andrew Luetzow	Gr. 6
Carly Krohn	Gr. 7
Erica Krohn	Gr. 8
Olivia Lopez	Gr. 8

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served hot lunch last week, everything was great! The menu for **Wednesday January 31st** includes chicken noodle soup, crackers, salad, rolls, and brownies. Our workers are scheduled to be **Hartley, Herrera, and Houck**. The menu for **Wednesday, February 7th** includes hot dogs, corn, apple slices, and cookies. Our workers are scheduled to be **Krohn, Kukla, and Lopez**.

GIFTS/DONATIONS: There is nothing to report for this week.

2018-19 PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Bethel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting enrollments on a first come first served basis for the 2018-19 school year. Please see Mrs. Virant for additional information.

CEA BUSINESS MEETING: A second CEA business meeting has been scheduled for **Sunday, February 18th**. The meeting will be held in the multipurpose room right after church. Please plan to attend. Thanks!

FACULTY IN SERVICE: There will be a half day of school on **Friday, February 2nd**. Your faculty will have meetings in the afternoon. Please remember to pick your child up at 12:00 noon. When combined with no school on **Monday, February 5th**, it provides you with a nice extended weekend mid-winter break.

PASTOR/TEACHER CONFERENCE: There will be no school on **Monday, February 5th**. Your staff will attend a pastor/teacher conference in Frankenmuth. Enjoy the long weekend.

GROUNDHOG DAY: Will there be six more weeks of winter? Find out soon! National Groundhog Day is set for this coming **Friday, February 2nd**.

MLS FINE ARTS FAIR: The annual MLS Fine Arts Fair will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2018**. We have received preliminary information and students are being encouraged to participate. Parents, please also encourage your child. Students in grades 3-8 may participate in Spelling, Math, Music, Forensics, Art and Science. In some cases extra credit is being offered to those that enter. Contact your child's teacher if you would like additional information or if your child didn't bring home entrance material and you would like your child to enter.

CARDINAL FOR A DAY: Students in grades 1 to 8 will participate in "Cardinal for a Day." The date is **Thursday, February 1, 2018**. Students will be taken by bus to MLS to participate in a variety of events. They will have a pizza lunch which should last until about 12:45 and then be transported back to Bethel. We should be back from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. We will have a class or two and dismiss at the usual time. Please watch for a permission slips have been sent home. Students will have to pay \$2.00 for their pizza lunch.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Kody VanDenBoom	1/29	Pre.
Molly Knapp	1/31	Pre.
Zachary Beutel	2/2	Gr. 1
Ian McGehee	2/4	Gr. 1
Nolan Moreno	2/4	Pre.
Chloe Crites	2/5	Gr. 3

VOLLEYBALL: The volleyball season will soon be upon us. Thanks to Michelle Neveau for being our coach again this year. Practices will start soon. An informational sheet will be sent home shortly. Please watch for it. Practices and games will be listed in the next newsletter.

SPIRIT WEEK: Each year our school has a spirit week the week before our boys participate in the BALL Basketball Tournament. This year spirit week will be from **February 19 to 23**. Please see the schedule at the end of this newsletter. This year there will be a contest to see which room demonstrates the most spirit. A trophy will be awarded to the room with the most spirit, and that room will have bragging rights for a year.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: This week the children will be completing their theme *Polar Pals*. They will learn about the walrus and review the different polar animals. The children will also review the letters A-O. The Bible lesson for the 4 year olds is *Jesus Calms the Storm*. They will learn Jesus used his almighty power to stop the storm. The Memory Treasure is Psalm 50:15: *Call upon me in the day of trouble*. The 3 year olds will study the lesson *Jesus Helps His Friends Catch Fish*. They will learn Jesus asked his friends to tell others about him. The Memory Treasure is Mark 16:15: *Preach the good news*. The February Scholastic Book order will be **due Wednesday, February 7**. You may order online using the activation code: J6CQC or send in the form. February 19-20 will be parent teacher conferences. Sign-up sheets will be put out next week for you to mark the time that works best. Next week the children will be starting a new theme *Hearts and Hugs*. They will be learning about being a good friend, ways to show affection, tolerance and respect of others. The number is 13, the letter P, the color pink, and the heart shape. The Bible lesson for the 3 year olds is *Jesus Heals a Paralyzed Man*. They will learn Jesus forgave the man's sins and made him able to walk. The Memory Treasure is 1 Peter 5:7: *[God] cares for you*. The 4 year olds Bible lesson is *Jairus' Daughter*. They will learn Jesus used his almighty power to help Jairus. The Memory Treasure is John 14:19. *Because I live, you also will live*. Enrollment for the 2018-2019 Preschool year has begun. Applications are available from Mrs. Virant. At this time there are still **13** openings in the 4 year old class and **12** openings in the 3 year old class.

Kindergarten: Wow! What a week. The children had a lot of fun last week celebrating Lutheran Schools Week. Thank you, parents, for driving and helping out at the bowling alley and for sending in all that loose change. This week we will be back to a more normal consistent schedule. The newsletter will cover 2 weeks because we do not have school on Feb. 4. In Word of God, the children will learn about the fall of Jericho and how God helped Joshua and Gideon to be good leaders. Last week we managed to finish Letter book H. In it we met our last Super Kid, Hot Rod. We will begin Letter book U. This book focuses on identifying middle sounds. The class will also be working on writing sentences and spelling the words themselves. By the way, it's okay if they misspell some words. We

are focusing on hearing the individual sounds in a word. For example, the word neigh has 5 letters but only 2 sounds (/n/ and /a/). In math, the children have finished their chapter on numbers to 100. Our next chapter will be on sorting things by shape, color, or size and graphing them. Show and Tell for this week will be things that begin with the letter H. The last day to hand in Book-It sheets for January will be Thursday, Feb. 1. A new Book-It sheet for February will be handed out then.

Memory Work

Tuesday, January 30 – 8B Matthew 28:20
 Wednesday, January 31 – 9A 1 Corinthians 10:31
 Thursday, February 1 – none
 Friday, February 2 – 9B 9th & 10th Commandment

Monday, February 4 – No School
 Tuesday, February 5 – none
 Wednesday, February 6 – 10A Matthew 19:26
 Thursday, February 7 – none
 Friday, February 8 – 10B Revelation 2:10
 Monday, February 11 – 11B Psalm 56:11

Grades 1&2: *(From Mrs. McGehee who was out sick today):* We will be back on track with our usual schedule this week for the most part. Everyone enjoyed all of our special Lutheran Schools Week events. Second grade will take a math test on money Tuesday. Homework folders will be sent home on Tuesday this week. I apologize for the delay. Please look for additional information about what we are learning this week on your child’s homework guide.

Grades 3-5: It was a good week last week with the celebration of Lutheran Schools Week! Thank you to all those who made it a success and I hope the kids enjoyed the activities. This week brings a new week of classes and assignments. Memory Work will be assigned today and due on Friday. Our hymn due Wednesday is #446 *I am Trusting You Lord Jesus*. Spelling unit 19 will be due on Thursday and we will also have our spelling test that day. This Thursday we are going to MLS for “Cardinal for a Day”, a day in which the students will get to participate in various activities at MLS. Third grade will have a test over chapter 7 in math this week and fourth grade will have a test over chapter 8 in math this week. Fifth grade will have a test in math the following week and all three grades will have a science test next week. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly assignments. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: As I type this morning, I wonder how hard it is going to be to get back into a normal schedule. Last week was really packed with fun and celebration. This week does have one fun activity. On Thursday we will go to MLS for “Cardinal for a Day”. Last year was the first time this event was held and our kids had a great time. I am sure they will again. Only one student still needs to turn in a permission slip and money. The boys have their final regular season

basketball game this week and are gearing up for their tournaments. There will be end of chapter math tests this week for most grades. We will be beginning a new science chapter this week so there won’t be a science test this week. We will be finishing up a chapter in social studies by the end of the week if all goes well. We just studied Jesus feeds the 5000 in Bible History. Most students have picked a book to read for the third quarter and have received credit for doing so. Please check in with your child on this. The deadline is February 9th. I have six students entering the MLS Fine Arts Fair. Most have not turned in their forms and money. The deadline for this is **February 7th**.

SINGING SCHEDULE:

2/14	Junior Choir	Ash Wednesday
2/21	Grades 6-8	
3/4	Jr. Choir	
3/11	Pre & K	
3/18	Grades 3-5	
3/25	Jr. Choir	
3/30	Grades 1-8	
4/29	Jr. Choir	Easter

BOYS’ BASKETBALL:

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

01/29
 02/01
 02/05
 02/08

Games:

1/30 vs. SB/GS/St.J @ Bethel 5:30 PM
2/9-10 MLS LARGE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT
2/24 BALL TOURNAMENT @ TRINITY

SPIRIT WEEK: Spirit week this year will be from February 19 to 23. Please see the schedule below:

Monday	- Super Hero Day
Tuesday	- Pajama Day
Wednesday	- Formal Dress Up Day
Thursday	- Favorite Sports Team Day
Friday	- School Colors Day

COMING UP:

2/1 - Cardinal for a Day @ MLS
2/2 - Faculty In Service ½ Day – Dismiss @ 12:00 noon
Groundhog Day
2/5 - Pastor/Teacher Conference – No School
2/6-7 - Mr. Dast out of town for VEBA meeting
2/7 - Church and School Safety at St. John’s
 2/14 - Ash Wednesday
 2/18 - CEA Business Meeting in MP Room
 2/19-23 - Spirit Week
 2/22 - Hearing grades 2 and 4
 3/2 - Principals’ Conference
 3/2 - Sports pictures
 3/3 - MLS Fine Arts Fair
 3/5 - K Visit Day
 3/7 - K Visit Day

- 3/9 - BALL League Meeting
- 3/11 - Daylight Saving Time begins
- 3/23 - End 3rd Quarter
Faculty in Service in the afternoon – ½ Day
- 3/25 - Palm Sunday
- 3/26 - Report Cards Due Out
- 3/30 - Good Friday – Special Pizza Lunch – School
out after 1:00 PM Service
- 4/1 - Easter Sunday
- 4/2-4/6 - Spring Vacation – No School
- 4/23 - Examination
- 4/27 - Principals' Conference
8th Grade Career Day at Career Center
- 4/29 - Confirmation Sunday

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites all 5th through 8th grade students and their families to the Winter Open House, February 1, from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Families are invited to come spend time on campus, learn about MLS, and watch a basketball game, 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 invites everyone to join them on February 11, 2018 at the Double Tree in Bay City for a fun evening of support for MLS! You'll find great food, Christian fellowship, student entertainers, friendly competition, a way to provide silent support, a candy display to go with our Sweet on Seminary theme, and NEW contests this year. Tickets are \$40.00 when paid before February 1. To reserve yours, call 989-793-7511 or visit www.mls-foundation.org and click on the events tab.

The MLS Booster Club volleyball tournaments will take place on Saturday, February 24 and Sunday, February 25. The coed tournament will take place on Saturday and the men's and women's tournaments will take place on Sunday. You can register your team online by visiting www.mlsem.org/boosterclubvolleyball The entry fee for the tournament is \$65.00 per team. The registration deadline is Saturday, February 17th. If you have any questions at all during the time leading up to the tournament, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact our tournament director, Mr. Justin Danell, danellj@gamil.com or cell – 262-527-1033.

The MLS Booster Club will be hosting its second annual 3 on 3 Basketball tournament on March 17, 2018 at the MLS gymnasium. Age divisions include 5-8 grade boys and girls. Entry fees are \$75.00 per team. There is an early bird price of \$65.00 if you register before February 25, 2018. Registration deadline is March 11, 2017 at midnight. To register visit www.mlsem.org/3on3