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BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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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 **Sunday, February 25** is "Rich Man & Poor Lazarus." The treat will be provided by **Luetzow**.

LENT: Please remember to attend our mid-week Lenten services! There is a soup supper before each one starting at 5:00 PM. Wednesday evening services start at 6:30 PM.

2/28 Lent 3
3/7 Lent 4
3/14 Lent 5
3/21 Lent 6
3/29 Maundy Thursday @ 6:30
3/30 Good Friday @ 1:00 Grades 1-8 Sing

CHAPEL: For the third quarter our chapel offerings will be given to our own **Bethel Equip for Quality Special Fund**. This past week **\$34.00** was collected. Our offering for the quarter now totals **\$168.75**.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served hot lunch last week, everything was great! The menu for this coming Wednesday includes tacos, carrot sticks, and ice cream. Our workers are scheduled to be **Richard, Rouech, and Seifferly**.

GIFTS/DONATIONS: BLS received a \$500.00 gift from the Brian Dean family. This gift will be placed into the

school's Special Fund to be used for unbudgeted purchases. Thank you for your gift to BLS!

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.

KINDERGARTEN VISITATION: All 2018-19 Kindergarten-bound children are invited to "**Hop on into Kindergarten**". This is the theme for this year's Kindergarten visitation. Because of the number of children we have had participate in the past, we have decided to have 2 visitation days. This year's visitations will take place on **Monday, March 5 and Wednesday, March 7 from 10:00-11:55am**. If you would like your child to participate, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the multi-purpose room or speak to Mrs. Mayhew by **Wednesday, February 28**. Your child must turn 5 by September 1, 2018 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. Mrs. Virant and Mrs. Mayhew will decide on which day your child will visit and will inform you.

PRESCHOOL PARENTS - KINDERGARTEN SCREENING: Parents of 4 year old preschool children, if you are interested in continuing your child's education here at Bethel Lutheran School for the 2018-19 school year, please sign up for a time for Mrs. Mayhew to screen your child. Screenings are taking place now. This screening is provided as a service to all preschool children even if you decide not to enter our Kindergarten. Your child must turn 5 by September 1, 2018 in order to be eligible for kindergarten. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the multi-purpose room. If you have any questions or if the times available do not work for you, please speak with Mrs. Mayhew.

SPIRIT WEEK: Last week was spirit week. Everyone seemed to have fun with it. Classrooms were competing to see which had the most spirit. The classroom with the highest percentage of students participating would be awarded the first annual "Spirit Week Stick." The results are in and the winner of the 1st annual Spirit Week contest is the **Preschool**. Congratulations! They will have the privilege of displaying the Spirit Stick in their classroom until next year when the contest will be held again.

SURVEYS: Thanks to those that turned in the survey about the possible change of our Children's Christmas Service! If you haven't turned yours in yet please do so right away.

3-8 PLAY COSTUMES: This past week your child should have brought home information about the costume that your child will need for the play on April 14. Every child in grades 3-8 will need to have a Camp Runamok t-shirt. The cost of the t-shirt is \$10. Please return the **order form and money** to school by **Wednesday, February 28**. If you have any questions please speak with Mrs. Mayhew.

MLS FINE ARTS FAIR: All information has now been submitted. Thanks to those that have entered. Keep the date of **Saturday, March 3rd** open and check things out.

TISSUES: There are no tissues left for grades 6-8. Parents, please each send another 3 to 4 boxes of tissues per child. I hope that will take us to the end of the year.

CAREER DAY: Eighth grade students have been invited to attend the BAISD Career Center Career Day. The date is **Friday, April 27th** in the morning. Information was sent home and is to be returned immediately. There are still one student who has not done so. Please remember this for tomorrow.

SPORTS PICTURES: Photo Factory will be here this **Friday, March 2nd** to take basketball sports pictures. Things will get started about 1:00 p.m. We will offer the same basic packages as in the past. If coaches would like their picture taken with their team, please contact me right away or show up before 1:00 p.m. On this date all basketball uniforms are to be turned in. **PLEASE CAREFULLY SPOT, AND THEN WASH YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM. CHECK IT OVER CAREFULLY FOR DAMAGE AND IF THERE IS DAMAGE, HAVE IT REPAIRED BEFORE TURNING IT IN.** A sample packet was attached to last week's newsletter. The actual form will be sent home the night before for the picture session.

ROBOTICS: You might remember that we were gifted money to start working with robotics at school. Your staff is researching this now with plans to implement something ASAP. I was informed that SVSU will be hosting the first state wide high school robotics competition. This was posted on their website. *"Saginaw Valley State University will welcome nearly 5,000 high school students from across Michigan for the statewide FIRST Robotics competition Wednesday, April 12 through Saturday, April 15. Including professional mentors and family members, an estimated 7,500 people will descend on the Great Lakes Bay Region for the competition, which is designed to inspire students to pursue careers in the*

STEM fields: science, technology, engineering and math." It might be worth taking your children to see.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: Thank you to all of the parents who came for parent-teacher conferences. It is a joy to share all of the progress your child is making in preschool here at Bethel. This week the four year old class will study the Bible lesson *Jesus Blesses Children*. They will learn Jesus showed that he loves children by holding and blessing them. The memory treasure is 1 John 4:19. *We love because he first loved us*. The three year old class will study the lesson *Jesus Changes Zacchaeus' Life*. They will learn Jesus forgave Zacchaeus' sins. The memory treasure is 1 Timothy 1:15. *Jesus came...to save sinners*. The classes will conclude the theme *Opposites Attract*. They will review opposites, right and left, look at how food temperatures can be opposites, and learn about Dr. Seuss's birthday. The letter is R, the number 14, the color pink and the heart shape. The March Scholastic Book order is coming home this week. Orders can be placed online with the activation code or by sending in the form.

2018-2019 enrollment update:

12 openings 4 year old class

12 openings in the 3 year old class

Please note the upcoming dates:

March 1 – March Tuition Due

March 5 - Kindergarten Visitation

March 7 – Kindergarten Visitation

March 7 – Scholastic Book orders due

March 9 – Field Trip to MLS Play

March 11 – Preschool and Kindergarten sing in church

March 19 - Vision and Hearing Screening for 2018-2019 Kindergarten students

Kindergarten: This past week was an exciting week for the Kindergarten class. On Tuesday, we finally got to celebrate the 100th day of school. The children brought in 100 cookies to share with the rest of the school. We also graphed 100 M&Ms, colored a 100 dot picture, and made a 100 bead necklace. It was a very fun and busy day. In Word of God this week, we will be learning about Hannah and Samuel. This week the children will be working on letters R and N. They will also be reviewing the –at, -ub, and –ug word families. In math, the children have been learning what shapes have sides, vertices, and curves. If you have not done so, please be sure to return the permission slip and money for the MLS play. The children are looking forward to having the preschool children come and visit with them next week for Kindergarten Visitation Day. We have lots of fun activities planned. Thursday will be the last day to turn in February Book-Its. A new Book-It slip will be sent home then. March is the last month that the children can earn their pizza certificate. Show-and-Tell for this week will be things that begin with the letter N.

Memory Work for this week:

Tuesday, February 27 – 1A Proverbs 22:6

Wednesday, February 28 - none

Thursday, March 1 - none

Friday, March 2 – 1B Ephesians 6:1

Monday, March 5 – none

Grades 1-2: This is the last call for February book orders. Please place orders online using code Q4X4B. I'll submit the order by Wednesday at the latest. Please return permission slips and \$2 for the MLS field trip by Friday. Friday is *Read Across America Day*. We will celebrate with a reading party in the afternoon. Please have your child bring his or her favorite books and a comfy blanket, pillow or stuffed friend to read with. Next week more information about our March Reading Challenge will be sent home. Next week we will also have Mr. Thooff's brother visiting and teaching in our classroom as part of his early field experience at MLC. Please look for additional information about what we are learning, especially spelling words and Memory Treasures in your child's Homework Guide.

Grades 3-5: Welcome to another week! It is hard to believe that February is almost done! I hope the students enjoyed Spirit Week last week! We have another full week this week. Hymn #125, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, is due on Wednesday. On Thursday, spelling Unit 23 is due and we will take our word test. Memory work is due Friday. 5th grade will have a test in math over chapter 9 this week. Last week the students were researching for their research report paper; this week we will begin the writing phase starting with a rough draft and working our way to the final draft of the paper. Please note that this Wednesday is the deadline to have play t-shirt order forms in. Forms may be either given to Mrs. Mayhew or me. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: Not much has happened so far so I will ask again. We are completely out of tissues in grades 6-8. I hope parents send in several boxes per child. There will be social studies test on Tuesday. The boys finished their basketball season this past Saturday with a tournament at Trinity. Congratulations on an exciting season. Now it's on to volleyball. Practices are already in full swing and everyone seems to be excited for the upcoming season. Play practices are taking place regularly also. Things are moving along. An order form was sent home for costumes; please return this right away. I was very happy to see that almost everyone in my class was in attendance last Wednesday to sing. Please remember to attend Bethel's mid-week Lent services. I do my best to keep homework to a minimum on Wednesdays so that it isn't a hindrance to your attendance.

SINGING SCHEDULE:

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
5/6 Grades 1-2
5/10 Jr. Choir
6/3 Grades 1-7 Graduation

VOLLEYBALL:

Practices:

Mon. 2/26 5:00 to 6:30
Tue. 2/27 5:00 to 6:30
Tue. 3/6 5:00 to 6:30
Tue. 3/13 3:00 to 5:00 (Maybe 5:00 to 6:30)
Tue. 3/20 5:00 to 6:30

Matches:

Fri. 3/2 vs. Emanuel @ Christ @ 6:30
vs. GS.SJ @ Christ @ 7:30
Fri. 3/9 vs St. John's I @ Bethel @ 6:30
vs. Trinity II @ Bethel @ 7:30
Fri. 3/16 vs. St. Barts @ Trinity @ 6:30
vs. Trinity I @ Trinity @ 7:30
Tue. 3/20 vs. St. Luke's @ Bethel @ 5:30
vs. St. John's II @ Bethel @ 7:30

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:

Ivan VanGuilder 2/26 Pre.
Kensington Corbat 2/17 Pre.

COMING UP:

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 - Pre-2 MLS Play
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
4/14 - School Plays
4/23 - Examination
4/27 - Principals' Conference
8th Grade Career Day at Career Center
4/29 - Confirmation Sunday
5/3 - WELS Community Service @ State Park
5/4 - Faculty In Service – Dismiss at Noon
5/8 - WELS Community Service @ State Park
Rain Out date
5/10 - Ascension Service @ St. John's
5/13 - Mothers' Day
5/15 - Loons Game
5/20 - Pine Car Derby
5/25 - BALL Track Meet @ Garber
5/28 - Memorial Day – No School
5/30 - MLS Track Meet
5/31 - Records Day – Dismiss at Noon

- 6/1 - Last Day – Dismiss @ Noon/ Report Cards
Awards Assembly @ 11:30
- 6/3 - Graduation/Church Picnic

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

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