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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, April 29<sup>th</sup>** will be "Jesus Dies"

**CHAPEL:** For the fourth quarter our chapel offerings will be given to our own **Martin Luther College Tuition Match Program**. This past week **\$50.45** was collected. Our offering for the quarter now totals **\$138.70**.

**EXAMINATION:** Students of our eight grade will be examined for confirmation in a special service tonight **Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 6:30**. Please come and show your support for our students at this important event in their life.

**CONFIRMATION:** Our eight grade students will be confirmed on **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, during the 10:00 a.m. church service. Please take the time to congratulate these students and encourage them to remain faithful to their vows. Those being confirmed from BLS include:

Erica Krohn

Olivia Lopez

Kaya McGinnis

Isabella Shaw

Kaden Szostek

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those that served hot lunch last week, everything was great! This coming Wednesday the menu will include sloppy joes, potato chips, bananas, ice cream. Our workers are scheduled to be **Powers, Raushi, Richard**.

**YEARBOOK PICTURES:** It is time to put the finishing touches on the 2017-2018 BLS Yearbook and get it printed for those that ordered one last fall. Your help is needed! We would like candid pictures you are willing to share of school special events and/or sports. We have very few sports pictures for **soccer, basketball, and volleyball**. Please send an electronic copy of your pictures to Mr. Thooft, who is acting as our clearing house for this project. His email address is above. His phone number is 507-530-6650. **We do have a deadline to meet, so please do so right away and in doing so you will be helping to make our yearbook comprehensive and awesome.**

**TEACHER APPRECIATION:** Teacher Appreciation Week is May 7-11. Please return your volunteer slips and monetary donations for the luncheon to the school office by this **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

**PERMISSION SLIPS:** There have been several permission slips sent home lately with a few more on the way. Please make sure you read the information carefully and send back the slip and money if it is required. Some of the slips needed are:

- Clean up at the Bay City State Park
- 6-8 Class trips
- Loon's game

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** BLP is accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year! There are currently 9 openings in the 4 year old program and 10 openings in the 3 year old program. If you know of a family with preschool-aged children, please encourage them to consider Bethel Lutheran Preschool.

**JUNIOR CHOIR:** The Junior Choir will sing on April 29<sup>th</sup> for the Confirmation of five of our fellow choir members. Let's all be there to encourage them with song to remain faithful to the vows these confirmands make. There will be a brief rehearsal at 9:45. See you all there!

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

**COMMUNITY PROJECT PERMISSION SLIP:** BLS will join most of the other WELS Lutheran Schools in our area for a joint community service project on **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**. We will help spring clean and organize at the Bay City State Park. Permission slips were sent home. We will need many drivers in order to get our entire student body there. It is our hope that this event will be covered by the local media.

**PRINCIPALS' CONFERENCE:** I will be gone most of the day on **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** attending a principals' conference. Thanks again to Mrs. Drayer for serving as my sub.

**YARD SIGNS:** Are you willing to display one of our yard signs? The spring is a good time to advertise to our community about our school. In the front hall there is a box of yard signs – **help yourself!** Please pick one up (free) and display it in your yard. It will soon be the time when members of our community begin thinking about school for the fall. Display one of our signs now and throughout the summer. If you still have one at home please dig it out of the garage and display it. Thanks!

#### **CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** We are beginning the final week of April which means there is not much left of our school year. How the year has flown by! This week the Bible lesson is *Jesus' Ascension*. The children will learn Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after Easter. The memory treasure is Matthew 28:20: *I am with you always*. We will continue the theme *Sand and Sea*. We will learn about creatures that live in the sea i.e. seahorses, octopus, sharks, jellyfish, whales, and dolphins. Our letter is X, the number 18, the color blue and the rhombus shape.

#### **2018-2019 enrollment update:**

8 openings 4 year old class

10 openings in the 3 year old class

#### **Please note the upcoming dates:**

May 6 - Sing in church

May 14 - 4 Year Old Field Trip

May 17 - 3 Year Old Field Trip

May 23 - 4 Year Old Farewell

May 24 - 3 Year Old Farewell

**Kindergarten:** Hard to believe but only six more weeks of school remain. In Word of God the children will be learning about Elijah and Elisha. This week the children will finish working with the letter J. The children have been working on identifying the beginning and ending sounds in words and identifying rhyming words. In math, the children are learning about measurement. Show and Tell for this week is things that begin with the letter Q. Our end of the year field trip has been scheduled. We will be going to The Wilderness Zoo on Thursday, May 17. Please check

your child's folder for more information along with a permission slip. Enjoy the nice weather this week!

#### **Memory Work for this week:**

Tuesday, April 24 – 8A John 11:25

Wednesday, April 25 - none

Thursday, April 26 – none

Friday, April 27 – 8B John 14:19

**Grades 1-2:** We will be back to our normal schedule this week. If you haven't already returned your field trip forms please return as soon as possible. Please place Scholastic Book orders online using the code Q4X4B. We will be singing in church on May 6th. Please mark your calendars. We will have a social studies test on Unit 4 all about *Our Changing World*. First and second grade will both be starting new chapters in math this week. 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:** It is starting to look more like spring outside! With the play being finished, we are looking to get back into our more regular routines. Last week a number of permission slips and field trip information went home; please send those slips back with your child. We will need drivers for both the Loon's game on May 15<sup>th</sup> and our trip to The Henry Ford Museum on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This Wednesday, hymn #573 *Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying* is due. Thursday spelling unit 30 workbooks is due and we will take our word test. Friday memory work is due. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will have a test this Friday. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8: WE NEED KLEENEX!** As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, several students still need to return money and slips for their class trip to Michigan Adventure and for the cleanup day at the Bay City State Park. After many weeks of practice and one delay the play was finally presented this past Wednesday. I thought my students performed very well. Nice job! Tonight is the examination of our eighth graders. I know this time can be nerve racking but I am confident they will do well. I hope everyone in my classroom shows their support by attending this evening. They will be confirmed this coming Sunday. It is an important time in their lives and I pray that they all remain faithful. I hope we can get back to our regular academic schedule this week. It has been some time. With all the special events still coming, we only have about five weeks of school left and I would like to make the most of them. It is also nice to see some better weather coming. I am sure my class is anxious to be outside enjoying it. I will be signing up students for track this week. Please encourage your child to participate and train.

### **SINGING SCHEDULE:**

<b>4/29</b>	<b>Jr. Choir</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>
5/6	Grades 1-2	
5/10	Jr. Choir	
6/3	Grades 1-7	Graduation

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to:  
Hayden Powers 4/27 Gr. 5

### **COMING UP:**

- 4/23** - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Examination
- 4/27** - Principals' Conference  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day at Career Center
- 4/29** - Confirmation Sunday
- 5/2 - WELS LES Community Service @ State Park
- 5/4 - Faculty In Service – Dismiss at Noon
- 5/6 - Pastor Luetzow's last Sunday
- 5/9 - WELS LES 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
- 5/23 - 4 Year Old Preschool Farewell
- 5/24 - 3 Year Old Preschool Farewell
- 5/25 - BALL Track Meet @ Garber
- 5/28 - Memorial Day – No School
- 5/29 - 6-8 Class Trip @ 6:00 a.m.
- 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:**

**INSTALLATION:** You are cordially invited to the Installation service for the 8<sup>th</sup> President of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Pastor Mark Luetzow will be installed in a special service held on May 20 at 4 p.m. in the MLS Chapel. Pres. Joel Petermann will be serving as the liturgist and Pastor David Scharf will be the preacher for the occasion. Pastor Greg Gibbons, chairman of the Governing Board of MLS, will do the installation. A reception will follow the service in the MLS Commons.

**GRADUATION ACTIVITIES:** MLS invites you to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2018. The annual Commencement Concert will be held on May 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the MLS Gymnasium. The Graduation Service for the Class of 2018 will be May 26, 2018 at 10:30a.m., also in MLS Gymnasium.

**CARDINAL CLASSIC:** We're excited to start planning for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual MLS Foundation Cardinal Classic golf outing! This popular event will be held July 21, 2018 at Beech Hollow in Freeland. Early bird discounted registration is available until June 1. We also need sponsors and volunteers to make this an

enjoyable, successful event. Call the foundation office at 989-793-7511 or visit [www.mls-foundation.org/events/golf](http://www.mls-foundation.org/events/golf) for more information and to register yourself or your team.

**SPORTS CAMPS:** Registration is now open for Summer Sports Camp! MLS camps emphasize teaching fundamentals, skills, and knowledge of the game in a positive, Christian setting. We offer basketball, boys' football, girls' volleyball camps and new this year is an overnight father/son football camp. For more information and to register, visit [www.mlsem.org/summercamps](http://www.mlsem.org/summercamps)

**HOST FAMILIES:** MLS is looking for host families for the 2018-2019 school year. We need families that are willing to model typical American Christian family life for these students. While they will live in the dorm, they need places to stay when the dorms close for vacations. Although we usually have host families that have a student at MLS, this is not absolutely necessary. Host families will receive \$300 per international student as a token of our appreciation and to help offset the cost of hosting. In addition to regular host families, we are also looking for people who can occasionally help out for the times when our host families are not able to take their student during one of the school breaks. For more information, please contact Prof. Joanne Kohler ([jrk@mlsem.org](mailto:jrk@mlsem.org)) or Dean Melissa LaBair ([mjl@mlsem.org](mailto:mjl@mlsem.org))