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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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HOT LUNCH: THERE WILL BE NO HOT LUNCH THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND. Our students will be working at State Park and will be bagging their lunch. If it is a rain out day and we can't go to the state park students will still need to bag their lunch for school. The menu scheduled for **Wednesday, May 2nd** will be skipped and the workers will be skipped. We will move on to the next scheduled hot lunch in the next newsletter.

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

TEACHER APPRECIATION: Teacher Appreciation Week Update: Thanks in advance to those who have volunteered their time for recess duties. We still have a few more time slots to fill! Please contact Shannon Fuhrman if you are available/interested. Also, we have received a generous amount of money towards the teachers' luncheon -- THANK YOU!!! :)

FACULTY IN SERVICE: Your staff will have an in service meeting on **Friday, May 4th**. School will be dismissed at noon. Please remember to be on time!

BALL TRACK MEET: Students in grades 1-8 will need to be signed up for events in the BALL track meet by this coming Friday. Please encourage your child to participate fully. The BALL track meet is on Friday, May 25th, at Garber High School starting at 9:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY PROJECT PERMISSION SLIP: There are still a few students who need to send back permission slips to attend our community service project at the Bay City State Park this coming Wednesday, May 2nd. Please return them **tomorrow**.

BAY CITY STATE PARK CLEAN UP DETAILS: This coming Wednesday we will travel to the Bay City State Park and join about 200 other LES students in spring cleaning. **Drivers should be at school by 9:30.** We are scheduled to arrive at the park and begin working around 10:00. I hope some of our drivers can stay for the day and help supervise! Those that can't stay but will drive, please make sure you are back to pick up students in grades 1-8 by 2:00 p.m. All students, except for the Kindergarten, will stay until 2:00 p.m. Please remember to bring whatever tools you volunteered for us to use. Students are to dress appropriately (for work) but make sure you wear your

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Sunday school lesson for **Sunday, May 6th** will be "**Jesus' Grave is Opened**"

PASTOR'S FAREWELL: This coming Sunday, May 6th, there will be a special farewell to Pastor Luetzow. Pastor will preach his last sermon and there will be a farewell dinner and small program to follow. The congregation is invited. Students in grades Pre-8 will sing for the service. **Please plan to attend!** Bethel is very grateful for the faithful service of Pastor Luetzow these past eight years and I know you all join me in praying for God's blessings on his new ministry at Michigan Lutheran Seminary!

CHAPEL: For the fourth quarter our chapel offerings will be given to our own **Martin Luther College Tuition Match Program**. This past week **\$41.75** was collected. Our offering for the quarter now totals **\$180.45**.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: BLP is accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year! There are currently 7 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.

special T shirt over top. Everyone is to pack a sack lunch. We will spend the day working, hiking, and doing some fun activities.

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: May is almost here and with it the close of the school year is just around the corner. This month will be a busy one as the children prepare for the end of the year activities. This week the Bible lesson is *The Coming of the Holy Spirit*. The children will learn Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen the disciples' faith and help them share it with others. The memory treasures are Isaiah 41:10b: *I will strengthen you* and Luke 11:28: *Hear the word of God*. The preschoolers will begin their theme *Pet Friends*. They will learn about how to care for pets, how pets are different from animals found in nature, and how to keep pets healthy. The letter is Y, the number 19, the color purple and the square shape. The children will be singing in church this **Sunday, May 6**. Meet in Mr. Dast's classroom at 9:45. The last book order for the school year is due **Wednesday, May 9**. You can order online using the activation code J6CQC.

2018-2019 enrollment update:

7 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 24 – *4 Year Old Farewell*

May 25 – *3 Year Old Farewell*

Kindergarten: This week in Bible History, the children will be learning how a slave girl helped her master and the how the prophet Jonah disobeyed God. The children will begin working on Unit 23, which covers the letters X and Y. In this unit they will be reviewing the sight word "you" and reading a story called "The Big Box Fix Up". In math the children have begun a new chapter on money. They will be learning how to identify and count pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. From now to the end of the school year, you will be seeing two different grades on your child's papers. One will still be the normal S or N that we use in Kindergarten evaluation. The other one will be a percentage and letter grade. I do this so that you can see where your

child will fall in the traditional A, B, C, D, F grading scale. This will be the same scale that is used in grades 1-8. There will be no Show and Tell for this week because of the Bay City State Park Clean-up. Please note that another singing date has been added. The entire school will be singing for Pastor Luetzow's farewell on May 6. Enjoy the nice weather!

Memory Work for this week:

Tuesday, May 1 – 9A Mark 16:15

Wednesday, May 2 – none

Thursday, May 3 – none

Friday, May 4 – 9B 1 Timothy 2:3, 4

Grades 1-2: We will be singing in church this Sunday. Please be here at 9:45 am. If your child is not singing with us on Sunday, please let me know. Look for information about track and field to come home this week. Second grade will have a math test on capacity and weight this week Wednesday. First grade will finish up their math chapter on place value to 100 this week and take a test on Wednesday. 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: I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather! This week brings another full week of classes. On Wednesday, grades K-8 will be heading to the Bay City State Park to help with clean up; the students should pack a lunch to be eaten out there. Also on Wednesday, the song *Lift High the Name of Jesus* is due for music class. The students will be singing this song on Sunday for Pastor Luetzow's last service. On Thursday, unit 31 workbooks are due and we will take our word test. On Friday, our memory work for the week will be due; please note that Friday is a half day. 5th grade will have a test in math over chapter 13 on Friday. 3-5th grade will have a science test later in the week. Please turn in the Henry Ford permission slips and money this week. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: Congratulations to my eighth graders! Yesterday was their confirmation. I know you all join me in praying that they remain faithful to their vows. Time is running out. There are many students in my room that have not brought in their permission slips for the Loons' game, the state park clean up, and our trip to Michigan Adventure. Please remember these slips and your fees tomorrow. A few boxes have come in – thanks – but WE STILL NEED KLEENEX! We could also use some paper plates and napkins. Now that catechism classes are over, the extra time will be used to catch up on Bible history classes and other subjects. There will be a science test on Tuesday and a social studies test on Thursday. We are also finishing up chapters in math for all grades. I am not sure when those tests will take place at this time.

SINGING SCHEDULE:

5/6 Grades Pre-8
5/10 Jr. Choir
6/3 Grades 1-7 Graduation

BIRTHDAYS: There are none to report for this week.

COMING UP:

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 8th 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 14th 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 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