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

GRADUATION SUNDAY: As part of the regular church service this coming Sunday, June 3, our eighth graders will be graduating. Congratulations to:

Erica Krohn
Olivia Lopez
Kaya McGinnis
Isabella Shaw
Kaden Szostek
Don Westphal

I hope you cherish the distinction of being the 138th graduating class of BLS. I also pray that your faith which was nurtured here remains strong and that you remain active in your congregation. All other graduates of Bethel Lutheran Church that submitted their names and information will also be acknowledged on Sunday. Please plan to attend

CHAPEL: For the fourth quarter our chapel offerings will be given to our own **Martin Luther College Tuition Match Program**. This past week **\$24.36** was collected. Our offering total for the quarter of **\$322.27** has been sent to MLC.

BETHEL CALLS PASTOR BARKOW: At a voters meeting this past **Wednesday, May 30th**, our congregation extended a call to Pastor David Barkow to be our next Pastor. Pastor Barkow is currently serving at Christ the Lord in Cottage Grove, MN, He is 35 years old and has three children, ages 7,5, and 1. His wife's name is Rachel. Please keep Pastor Barkow in your prayers as he deliberates where best to serve the Lord.

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.

GRADES 1-7 SING FOR GRADUATION: Grades 1 to 7 will be singing for this coming Sunday's Graduation service. Please make sure your child is at church by 9:45 and reports to Mr. Dast's room for a short practice.

CHURCH PICNIC: Please don't forget to plan to attend our church picnic this Sunday. Things get started at 12:00 noon. There will be food and fun for everyone.

LAST DAY: The last day of school for this school year will be on **Friday, June 1, 2018**. Students will have class until 11:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. there will be a special school closing service held in the church. The congregation is invited. After the service concludes, about 11:30 a.m. we will have our Awards Presentation until about 12:00 noon. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon.

VOLUNTEERS: Bethel School has a very large group of wonderful volunteers helping our school to run efficiently and properly. Bethel's staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who volunteer in any way. Our school greatly benefits from their hard work and faithful service. A special thanks to our two full time and one part time preschool volunteers as well as our daily office staff! I look forward to all of them returning for another year. You all are truly a blessing to our school.

HONOR ROLL: Congratulations to those students in grades 6-8 who made honor roll for the fourth quarter. What a great way to finish the year.

All A's:

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

All A's and B's:

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

HOT LUNCH THANK YOU: Thanks to all those who served hot lunch this past year. We are all grateful that you took time out of your day to prepare and serve us hot lunch. Also a big thank you to Michelle Neveau and Amanda Herrera for heading up this program! Michelle Neveau will no longer be volunteering for hot lunch since Kaya will be moving on to high school. But I am happy to report that Aubrey Dean will be taking part of Michelle's roll in the hot lunch program. She will be certified in food preparation and will be responsible for all the legal details. I will need to find a shopper for each week (or maybe two). I have a few ideas and possible offers but nothing concrete. If you have an interest please contact me ASAP. Thanks again Michelle for your many years of heading up our hot lunch program!

CONCESSIONS: Michelle Neveau will no longer be serving as the head of concessions for the same reason as stated above. I will also need a volunteer or two to take over this program. Please contact me right away if you can help out. Don't wait to see if someone else steps up – I need you! Thank you Michelle for your many years of heading up our concessions program!

PINE CAR DERBY RESULTS: Bethel's annual Pine Car Derby was held a few weeks back. We would like to extend a huge "thank you" to all those who organized and/or worked on this event - especially Sarah Powers for heading it up. Congratulations to all those that participated! Here are the results:

Grand Champion: Blake Hartley

2 nd Grade – Younger:	3 rd – 8 th Grades:
1 st : Blake Hartley	1 st : Trevor Dean
2 nd : Austin Dean	2 nd : Hayden Powers
3 rd : Isaac Powers	3 rd : Andrew Luetzow

Craft Judging Results:

Older Entrants:	Younger Entrants:
1 st : Nathan Luetzow	1 st : Landon Zube
2 nd : Tommy Luetzow	2 nd : Caleb Powers
3 rd : Andrew Luetzow	3 rd : Isaac Powers

YEAR BOOKS: Year books are in and were sent home yesterday. If you have any problems contact Photo Factory directly. I have about five extra copies for sale in case you forgot to order one. They are \$12.00 each.

CHILDREN'S PICNIC TICKETS: As you probably know, BLS students are given tickets each year to be used for food and candy purchases at the picnic. Mrs. Oblender has printed your child's ticket and will be placing them in your church mail box. If you have a problem of any kind, please contact Mrs. Oblender and she will correct the problem. Thanks!

JUNIOR CHOIR: Mrs. Oblender sends this message.

Thank you for the retirement party on May 18th. Thank you to the many children who over the years have helped beautify our church services and also provided many memories! Thanks to the faculty for organizing the surprise party. God bless all as you continue to make good sounds to the Lord.

VBS: For a variety of reasons including scheduling problems, possible program revisions, and the like, Bethel will not be offering any form of VBS this summer. We are going to take a year off, take a good look and what we have been doing and be back next summer with a refreshed and possibly revised program. Stay tuned!

REPORT CARDS: Report cards for the fourth quarter were handed out today. Please review them carefully. Nothing needs to be returned.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Kindergarten: Our year has ended and the children are now officially first graders. I have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to teach your children. I look forward to seeing you back next year. Be sure to take advantage of the activities that the library has scheduled for the summer and keep practicing those reading skills. I hope everyone has a fabulous summer and enjoys their summer vacation! God's blessings to you all!

Grades 1-2: Thank you for a wonderful school year! I hope you enjoy your summer vacation and extra time with your children. Over the summer continue to reinforce your child's reading and math skills. Go to the library often! Participate in a Summer Reading Challenge! Practice math facts! Your child should be able to add and subtract within 20 fluently. www.arcademics.com is a good website to practice math facts. To our second graders, I wish you well next year as you make the jump to 3rd grade! To our first graders, I look forward to seeing you back in the fall. Don't forget we are singing in church on Sunday, June 3rd. Please meet in Mr. Dast's room by 9:45 am.

Grades 3-5: We are at the end of the school year. Looking back at the year, it felt like it flew by. It was great to see the students grow in the love of their Savior throughout the school year. Thank you to everyone who helped during the school year. Your dedication and participation for the classroom and school are greatly appreciated. I pray that everyone

enjoys their summer. I am looking forward to next year. Blessings on your summer!

Grades 6-8: The work is done and graded and the year is over. I am sure everyone is relieved. I had a great group of kids who blended well together. It was a fun year! We will be saying good bye to our eighth graders as they move on to high school. They have grown a lot from the time they stepped into my classroom as sixth graders. It was fun to watch. They will not all be going in the same direction. Plans are tentative but it appears Erica Krohn, Olivia Lopez, and Kaya McGinnis will be headed to Garber. Kaden Szostek will either attend MLS or Garber. Isabella Shaw will attend USA and Don Westphal is uncertain. I know all of you join me in wishing all of these students God's blessings. I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to getting started on another year with my returning and new students. Have a great summer but be safe. I hope to see all of you regularly this summer at church.

SINGING SCHEDULE:

6/3 Grades 1-7 Graduation

BIRTHDAYS: This newsletter will contain the names of all those who have birthdays during the summer. Happy Birthday to:

Breyden Richard	June 8	Gr. 6
Andrew Luetzow	June 9	Gr. 6
Luke Hugo	June 10	Pre.
Alexis Houck	June 19	Gr. 7
Isaac Powers	June 25	Pre.
Ellie Brown	June 27	Pre.
Harper Arndt	June 30	Pre.
Kaiden Thompson	July 3	Pre.
Rylee Thunberg	July 8	Pre.
Kyle Krohn	July 13	Gr. 6
Collin Nitz	July 16	Gr. 1
Olivia Rouech	July 21	Gr. 3
Arya Raushi	July 21	K
Rebecca McGehee	July 23	
Robby Raushi	July 29	Gr. 3
Blake Hartley	July 31	Gr. 2
Brooklyn Potter	August 4	Pre.
Sephery Doyen	August 5	Pre.
Logan Zube	August 7	Pre.
Michael Gutzwiller	August 13	Gr. 3
Eliza Figley	August 14	Gr. 1
Madison Althouse	August 26	Pre.

COMING UP:

- 6/3 - Graduation/Church Picnic
- 8/15 - Registration Day 3:00 to 8:00 PM
- 9/4 - First Day of School

FAREWELL: This year BLS will graduate six 8th graders who will be moving on to high school. They have been well prepared to meet the rigors of high school and I pray that they accept their next educational challenge with confidence, determination,

and zeal. I know they all have great potential and it will be exciting to watch them grow and prepare for their chosen careers. I have enjoyed working with this group of children and it has been awesome watching them mature to the work load of the upper grades and excel in doing so. I will miss them all very much and wish them God's blessings. I also pray that they remember their roots and the importance of their religious instruction and that they remain active members in their church.

BLS will also be saying goodbye to Thomas, Andrew, and Nathan Luetzow. They won't be going far away and we will see them from time to time, but they will be attending St. Paul's Lutheran School in Saginaw since their dad is now President of Michigan Lutheran Seminary. We all wish them God's blessings as well!

REGISTRATION DAY FOR 2018-2019: Thinking about next year already? I am! Your staff looks forward to your return next fall. Plan ahead and save this date. Registration Day for the 2018-2019 school year will be **Wednesday, August 15, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 PM.** School will begin on Tuesday, September 4th.