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Edition #2 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER September 17, 2018

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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school has begun. Make sure you plan to have your child in attendance each Sunday at 9:00 AM. After dropping off your child how about attending Bible Class in the multipurpose room at the same time?

ENROLLMENT CORRECTION/ADDITION: My apologies! In your first newsletter I provided misinformation regarding one of our preschool students. Please note the correction below.

Four Year Old Preschool
Nolan Moreno **Matt and Jill Moreno**

Also this past week another three year old preschool student enrolled. Welcome to:
Amelia Olvera **Juan Olvera & Grace Owera**

CHAPEL: During the first quarter of the school year our chapel offerings will be given to our local chapter of Lutherans for Life. This group works to prevent abortions in our community. Our offering for this week was **\$28.00**. Our total for the quarter is **\$28.00**. Please remind your child of the importance of giving to the work of the Lord!

BETHEL CLOTHING ORDER: It's time to get your Bethel apparel! The clothing order will be done online through Sandlot Sports and has a variety of

items including youth and adult sizes. The online store will open on Monday, September 10th and close Monday, September 24th. Orders will be ready for pick up around October 5th. To place your order, visit <https://bethel18.itemorder.com>. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Thooft.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MEETING: The first meeting to look into the possible expansion of our early childhood ministry was held on Thursday, September 13, at 6:30. Preliminary ground work was laid. Mark Fuhrman volunteered to be the chairman. Those in attendance were asked to go home and think about our current early childhood ministry, should it be expanded and how, research the needs of our members, and our community, and prepare for a roundtable at our next meeting. If possible additions to our early childhood ministry are identified, a recommendation(s) will be developed and passed on to Bethel's Board of Education for its consideration. Members were also encouraged to recruit additional people to serve on this committee. Our early childhood ministry has been identified as one of Bethel's most effective outreach tools and our desire, if possible, is to strengthen and enhance it. More committee members are needed. I hope more of you recognize the importance of the work of this committee and consider attending the October 25th meeting.

REMIND: Parents, please remember to sign up for **Remind** to receive notifications about school events. We want to make sure you are in the know! Text the message @bls20 to the number 81010.

VOLUNTEERS: I received very few offers of help on Registration Day. In addition I forgot to place on the list a few categories for which in need a lot of help. Please contact me right away if you can help out. Sending a text is perhaps the fastest and most convenient way. My number is 989-297-1626. I still need a lot of help for:

- Running the clock at home BB games
- Keeping scorebook at home BB games
- Room mothers for most grades

CONCESSIONS: **Only one person has stepped up, yet workers are needed if this program is to continue!** Please contact me if you are willing to be part of a schedule of workers for all home BB and volleyball games. If enough people help out we may even try to provide concessions for our two home

soccer games. Again, perhaps the best way to let me know is by text.

CARDINAL FOR A DAY: All students in grades 1 to 8 will attend "Cardinal for A Day" at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on **Friday, October 5th**. Permission slips and additional information will be sent home today. MLS will provide bus transportation for this event. A lunch will be provided by MLS and students will be returned to Bethel about midafternoon. Please return your child's permission slip right away. Thanks!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT: The sixth annual Family Fun Night is **Thursday, September 27** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Come get to know families with children from preschool-2nd grade and enjoy an evening of fun family games. **Please park in the Pine Road parking lot.** The activities will be held outside near the garage area at Bethel weather permitting. Bring your inner child and let the games begin!

CEA BUSINESS MEETING: The CEA will have its first and only business meeting this coming **Sunday, September 23rd** after the church service. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting and help support the work of the CEA.

FACULTY INSERVICE: Your faculty will have its first in service meeting on **Friday, September 21st**. School will let out at noon. Please be on time to pick up your child. Thanks!

RIVER OF TIME: Grades 3-8 will attend Bay City's annual River of Time during the morning of **September 28th**. Watch for more information coming home soon.

STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE: Your faculty will attend the Michigan District Teachers' Conference on **October 10, 11, and 12** in Stevensville, Michigan. BLS will not be in session these days. Enjoy the time off with your student.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:
Millie Long 9/23 Preschool
Caleb Pratt 9/23 Preschool

CROSS COUNTRY AT MLS: Thanks to those representing Bethel and here's hoping you do well. The meet will be held at Wickes Park on McCarty Rd in Saginaw this coming **Wednesday, September 19th** beginning at 4:30 PM. Here is a schedule of events:

4:30 Grades 3-4 Half Mile
4:50 Grades 5-6 Mile Run
5:15 Grades 7-8 Mile and a half Run
The exact address is 3475 Hospital Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603. Those participating from Bethel are:

Isaiah Killinger 7th
Hayden Powers 6th
Heidi Dahn 6th
Conner McGehee 5th

Silas Killinger 5th
James Krohn 5th
Trevor Dean 4th
Chloe Crites 4th
Caleb Powers 3rd

Thanks to these students for representing Bethel. Go Bobcats!

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The preschool classes are looking forward to a very exciting week. The 4 year old class will be going on their first field trip of the school year. They will be visiting Leaman's Green Apple Barn on Monday, September 17. The 3 year old class will be visiting Johnson's Pumpkin Patch next Thursday. Thank you to all the parents who are driving for our field trips! Both classes will be bringing their bikes, trikes, etc. to school to ride during their bike days this week. They are looking forward to riding around in the parking lot. The Bible lesson for the week is *God Saves Adam and Eve*. The children will learn that God promised Adam and Eve a Savior. The memory treasures are: John 3:16: "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son" and Romans 3:23: "All have sinned". The children will begin a new theme *Apples Everywhere*. They will learn about the health benefits of apples, the parts of an apple, and different varieties of apples. The letters this week are B and C, the number 3, the color red, and the circle.

Upcoming Dates:

September 17 Field trip 4 year olds
September 20 Bike Day 3 year olds
September 21 Bike Day 4 year olds
September 27 Field trip 3 year olds
September 27 Family Fun Night

Kindergarten: Our first full week of school is finished. This past week we learned about the birth of Jesus and how Simeon and Anna praised God. This week we will be learning about the Wise Men and King Herod. We finished our first Letterbook. In it we learned about the hard /c/ sound like in cat. Please look it over with your child. This week we will be starting Letterbook 2. It is about the letter O. The children will be learning the short sound it makes like in *otter*. Our sight word for this week will be "my" and our color word will be blue. The children should finish their first chapter in math on numbers 0-5 and will be learning about greater, lesser, and the ordinal numbers. In science class we have been looking at our 5 senses and how we use them to observe the world around us. Show and Tell for this week will be things that are blue or begin with the letter O. Just a reminder that on Friday, Sept. 21 everyone will be dismissed at 12:00pm because the staff has a faculty meeting. Looking ahead please plan on coming to our annual Family Fun Night on Thursday, Sept. 27. The fun begins at 6:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Memory Work:

Tuesday, Sept 18 – 3A Matthew 4:10

Wednesday, Sept 19 - none
Thursday, Sept. 20 – none
Friday, Sept 21 – 3B Psalm 91:11

Grades 1-2: The first and second graders have continued to get used to our schedule and routine this week. This week we will introduce our final learning station for math. This week, second grade is finishing up their review unit and will take the Beginning of Year Reading Assessment on Wednesday. They have their first spelling test of the year on Tuesday. First grade is continuing with their review unit. They will be starting spelling this week. Their first spelling test will be the following week Tuesday. Scholastic Book Orders were sent home this past week. Please place your orders by September 28. You may order online using code Q4X4B. September reading logs were also sent home. Please color in an apple for every 10 minutes your child reads. Return at the end of September.

Grades 3-5: Our first full week of school is in the books! It has been good to see the kids settle into our classroom routines. This week will be a regular week with the exception of Friday being a half day, dismissal at noon. This week 4th grade will have a math test on Thursday over chapter 1 and 5th grade will have a math test over chapter 1 on Friday. Both 4th and 5th grade will take their first Michigan History test over chapter 1 on Wednesday. We will spend the first two days this week reviewing chapter 1 before the test. On Wednesday, hymn #411 *What a Friend We have in Jesus* is due. On Thursday, spelling unit 2 is due and we will have our unit 2 word test. On Friday, memory work is due. 5th-grade families, please watch for Camp Timbers information being sent home this week. There are a few River of Time permission slips that need to be turned in also; please check with your child that their permission slip was turned in. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: It has been a whirlwind two weeks since school opened. There has been a lot going on. Looking ahead it looks like more of the same. There will be a trip to River of Time on **September 28th** and then over to Cardinal for A Day on **October 5th**. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing will start late in September. This new testing program is computer based and replaces Terra Nova testing. The 6th graders are adjusting nicely to my room. I am trying to move slowly and helping them to adjust to a new format, new testing materials, etc. My older students are helping the younger ones as much as possible. I like the mix of students and I expect we should have a good year. We will be finishing up our study of the Civil War in US History this week with a test coming later in the week. After a slow start we will now dig into the missionary work of Paul in Bible History. Thanks to Shannon Fuhrman for subbing last Friday.

SOCCKER:

Practices:

9/17 **6:00 to 7:30**
9/26 6:00 to 7:30
10/1 6:00 to 7:30

Games: All games begin at 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

9/18 vs. St. John's @ Bethel

9/20 vs. Trinity @ Bethel

9/25 vs. GS Burton @ Burton @ 4:30 PM

10/2 vs. Hem. @ Richland Twps. Park @ 4:30 PM

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

(Cantate = Grades. 4-8; Cherub = Grades 1-3)

9/30 Cantate Choir

10/21 Cherub Choir

10/28 Pre & K

COMING UP:

9/19 MLS Cross Country @ 4:30

9/21 Faculty in Service – ½ Day

9/23 CEA Meeting @ 11:00 am

9-24-9-9 MAP Fall Testing Window

9/27 Family Fun Night

10/9 School Class Pictures

10/10-12 State Teachers' Conference – No School

10/17-19 Camp Timbers

10/19 Faculty in Service – ½ Day

10/25 Early Childhood Meeting @ 6:30 pm

10/28 Congregational Meeting @ 11:00 PM

10/31 School Costume Day in PM