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Edition #3 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER September 24, 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?

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 **\$21.37**. Our total for the quarter is **\$49.37**. 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 TODAY, 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**.

CONCESSIONS: 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.

MAP TESTING: A note was sent home last week with information regarding MAP testing. MAP testing will take place this week and next week. Students will test in the morning on Monday and Wednesday of this week. Testing will finish next Wednesday (10/03).

FREE PIANO: The school is purchasing an electronic piano to replace one of our traditional wood pianos. If you are interested in our old piano or you know someone that is, please contact the school right away.

HOT LUNCH: At yesterday's CEA meeting our annual hot lunch program was approved. Volunteers to coordinate things are in place and everyone had a look at the tentative schedule. I still need to have another set of eyes look at the schedule and make sure it is accurate, but it should be coming home soon. Thanks to Aubrey Dean for accepting the roll of overall head and licensee, to Sarah Powers and Todd Thunberg for doing the purchasing, and Amanda Herrera for continuing on as our caller. **I DID FIND some errors on the schedule I gave out at the CEA meeting. If you attended, please discard the schedule I gave you.** There will be a date at the bottom of your calendar. Please take the most recent date.

RIVER OF TIME: Grades 3-8 will attend Bay City's annual River of Time this coming **Friday, September 28th**. Thanks to all of those who have volunteered to drive.

CEA: There was a very large group of participants at yesterday's CEA meeting! The discussion was lively and a lot was accomplished. Thanks to the many people who stepped up to volunteer for a variety of things, for the new ideas to look into, for the advice on the topics on the agenda, and for the obvious support for Christian education. I will be sending home a CEA Information Sheet when I have time to fill in all the new information.

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 pizza lunch (\$2.00 per student) will be provided by MLS and students will be returned to Bethel about midafternoon. Please return your child's permission slip and lunch money right away. Thanks!

MLS CROSS COUNTRY: The results are in. Congratulations to those students who participated in the MLS Cross Country Meet last week! Thanks to these students for representing Bethel and congratulations to one and all!

Name	Division	Place
Trevor Dean	Gr. 3-4	1 st
Caleb Powers	Gr. 3-4	4 th
Hayden Powers	Gr. 5-6	3 rd
Silas Killinger	Gr. 5-6	5 th
Connor McGehee	Gr. 5-6	10 th
Heidi Dahn	Gr. 5-6	7 th
Isaiah Killinger	Gr. 7-8	3 rd

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!

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:
Caleb Austin 9/24 Pre.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: It's time to start thinking about girls' basketball! Practice will begin on Wednesday, October 3rd from 3-5. The season

schedule is not yet complete. BALL officials should be sending full and accurate information soon. The following are a few practice dates to note:

- 10/08 from 3-5:00
- 10/15 from 3-5:00
- 10/18 from 3-5:00
- 10/22 from 3-5:00

After the first practice on 10/03, practices will be held on Mondays and Thursdays from 3-5 pm unless otherwise noted. The schedule is still being finalized, so please check the google calendar and newsletter for updates on dates of games. I look forward to getting started with practice and having a great season! --- Coach Thooft.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The final week of September is here already! The time has sure flown by and the preschoolers have been busy getting into the routine of the classroom. The 4 year olds have taken their first field trip and the 3 year olds will get to go this week. The Bible lesson this week is *Cain and Abel*. The children will learn that God showed love for Cain by helping him see that he had sinned. The memory treasures are: 1 John 4:8 *God is love*, and Luke 11:28 *Hear the word of God and obey it*. The children will conclude the theme *Apples Everywhere*. They will learn about Johnny Appleseed, what can be made with apples, and the four year olds will write their own class apple adventure story. The children will review letters A,B,C; numbers 1,2,3; color red. Family Fun night is this Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm. Come join in the fun!

Kindergarten: Our first month of school is almost complete. The children have learned a lot. So far they have memorized 6 Bible passages. They have also learned how Jesus was born and how God protected him. The children can also read and spell *red, blue, the, my, and God*. They have also been working on telling left and right. Their second letter book on letter O should be completed this week. This past Friday the children brought home a picture book entitled "Cass." You may keep this book at home so that your child can practice "reading" the story to you. Just be sure to send the bag, reading log, and completed worksheet back to school. Each Friday your child will be bringing home one of these books. Please be sure to look for it. In math, the children are comparing numbers 0-5 and learning greater and lesser. Show and Tell for this week will be things that are yellow. This Thursday will be our first field trip of the year to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm. We are praying for good weather. Thursday evening will also be our Family Fun Night. Please come to the Pine Street parking lot and dress appropriately for the weather. Hope to see you there and have a great week!

Memory Work

- Tuesday, Sept. 25 – 4A Ephesians 6:1
- Wednesday, Sept. 26 – 4B John 1:29
- Thursday, Sept. 27 – none

Friday, Sept. 28 – 5A Galatians 4:4
Monday, Oct. 1 - none

Grades 1-2: Please return “Cardinal for a Day” at MLS forms as soon as possible with the \$2 for pizza lunch. We will also be taking a field trip to Johnson’s Giant Pumpkins on Oct 16 in the afternoon. Look for more information to come home about that next week. Please place your Scholastic book orders by September 28. You may order online using code Q4X4B. Please start checking Engrade on a regular basis as well as looking at graded papers that come home on Fridays. Papers with “Redo” or “Make Corrections” at the top should be corrected by the student and brought back to school. The two grades will be averaged for a final grade. If you have any questions at any time please let me know. First grade is finishing up their review unit in reading this week and will take their beginning of year assessment on Wednesday. Please find additional information about what your child is learning, especially spelling words and Memory Treasures, in your child’s homework binder.

Grades 3-5: With the calendar moving along and the weather cooling off it is really starting to feel like fall. This week brings a full week of classes and activities. On Wednesday, hymn #391 *God Loved the World so that He Gave* is due. On Thursday, spelling unit 3 workbooks are due and we will take our unit 3 word test. On Friday, memory work is due. 3rd grade will have their first math test of the year on Tuesday over chapter 1. All three grades will have a test over chapter 1 in language arts this week. Our first field trip of the year is on Friday to the River of Time. Please check the newsletter for times on leaving for and departing from the River of Time. If your child has not turned in their Cardinal for Day permission slip and money, please make sure they do that this week. 5th grade parents please note that Camp Timbers t-shirt order forms need to be in this week and please continue to work to turn in the forms for Camp Timbers. Please note that MAP testing will begin this week and finish next week. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: We are getting more and more on schedule. Most students are doing well in adjusting and keeping on top of things. With testing this week and next week, a field trip this Friday, and Cardinal for A Day next week Friday; it still will be some time before we are settled in to our normal weekly routine. The sixth grade is doing very well in adjusting to a more robust curriculum and different classroom expectations. Students in all grades will gradually be transitioned into normal protocol on testing in major subjects over the next few weeks. We need paper plates and napkins for lunch. We are almost out. The classroom has been quite warm for the first few weeks. It is nice to see some cooler fall weather settling in.

SOCCKER:

Practices:

9:24	3:30 to 5:00
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.

9/25 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

11/11 Cherub Choir

11/18 Cantate Choir

11/21 Grades 1-8 Thanksgiving

COMING UP:

9-24-10-9 MAP Fall Testing Window

9/27 Three year old Preschool trip

9/27 Family Fun Night

10/5 Cardinal for A Day @ MLS

10/9 School Class Pictures

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

10/17 Hot Lunch Begins

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 am

10/31 School Costume Day in PM