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Edition #1 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER September 10, 2018

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

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WELCOME PRESCHOOLERS: There are 26 students enrolled in our preschool this year. Bethel is happy to welcome the following students and their families to our church and school family:

3 Year Old Preschool

Blake Clark Jacob & Rachel Clark
Amelia Esterhai Lyle & Lindsay Esterhai
Elliott Gibson Scott & Carolyn Gibson
Meadow Gustafson Laura Gustafson
Kai Jones DeAndre Jones/Ashley Mier
Kree Kott Kurt & Stacy Kott
Milli Long Jon and Kourtney Long
Caleb Pratt Caleb & Danielle Pratt
Mia Rupp Mackenzie Rupp
Parker Sweetman Gerald Sweetman/Krista Johnson

Jacob Szostek Keith & Jamie Szostek
Kameron VanDenBoom Kevin & Nicole VanDenBoom

4 Year Old Preschool

Caleb Austin Michael & Leann Austin
Alexander Beutel Randy & Sara Beutel
Sephery Doyen Jeff Doyen/Jane Nyambura
Robi Gutzwiller David & Shianne Gutzwiller
Kaylee Lack Aaron Lack & Teresa Hoffman
Reagan Kotewa Timothy & Anna Kotewa
Nolan Moreno Benson & Matt Moreno
Brooklyn Potter Stephanie & Dominic Potter
Leighton Schultz Dave & Lindsay Schultz
Ivan VanGuilder Jordan & Robin VanGuilder
Aslynn VanMullekom Jerad VanMullekom & Kasey Cater
Chloe Szostek Keith & Jamie Szostek
Reed Reichert John & Amanda Reichert
Logan Volk Christopher Volk & Megan Slack

WELCOME PASTOR KILLINGER AND FAMILY: As most of you know our gracious God provided us with a new Shepherd. Pastor Michael Killinger was installed as Pastor of Bethel on Sunday, September 2nd. Pastor and his family arrived on Thursday, August 23rd and have been busy settling in for the past few weeks. They have four children (listed below). I know all of you join me in thanking God for the blessing of a new Pastor. Please make every effort to welcome them into our church and school family and make them feel right at home.

WECOME NEW STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES: Bethel is happy to have several new families in our school for this year. Please make sure to welcome these new families into our school community and get acquainted.

Ellie Brown	K	Austin & Rachel Brown
Isabelle Urban	K	Matthew & Kari Urban
Kody VanDenBoom	K	Kevin & Nicole VanDenBoom
Lucas Killinger	1	Pastor & Jessica Killinger
Ella Killinger	3	Pastor & Jessica Killinger
Hayden Dahn	3	Jim & Jennifer Dahn
Silas Killinger	5	Pastor & Jessica Killinger
Isaiah Killinger	7	Pastor & Jessica Killinger

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school will start on **Sunday, September 14th** at 9:00 am.

CHAPEL: Each year during our Wednesday morning chapel service an offering is collected. These offerings are directed to four different missions (one for each quarter of the school year). 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. Please remind your child of the importance of giving to the work of the Lord!

YEARBOOK: Many of you take pictures of our school events all year long. Please consider sharing! Our class picture company will be putting together another yearbook this coming spring. If you share your event pictures with us, we will have them placed into our yearbook. Mr. Thooft has volunteered to be our

clearing house for this project. Just send an electronic copy of your picture and he will store them until needed and then pass them along to Photo Factory. Thanks!

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.

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.

SOCCER: My apologies to our soccer family about last Tuesday's mix up. I sent a revised schedule home last Wednesday. Please note the changes. Our Google calendar has been adjusted and so has the soccer information in this newsletter.

HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS: I am assembling of list of hot lunch volunteer workers. That list of names will be provided to our hot lunch coordinators for use in the case of emergencies. If you are willing serve as a volunteer **in addition to your assigned times**, please let me know. If you know of someone who is not a school parent & would like to help out, please let me know that.

GOOGLE CALENDAR: Do you have access to our church and school electronic calendar? If not please find the note you were given on Registration Day explaining how to get it or go to our website for a link. All church and school activities are on the calendar and are updated constantly. Games, practices, activities, and a whole lot more. You won't need to text or call anyone to check on anything, it's all right there.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: A group of Bethel members is gathering on **Thursday, September 13th** at 6:30 pm to discuss how we can better use our school for outreach into our community. If you are interested contact me.

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: I have a chief, now I just need a whole bunch of Indians. Thanks to **Aubrey Dean** for heading up the program. She will make sure supplies are always on hand and set up a schedule of workers. 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.

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!

NEW CHOIRS: We are heading in a new direction this year. Two new choirs have been formed and will be considered part of our music curriculum in which all students will participate. Each choir will practice twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school day. Ms. Becky McGehee will direct the Cantate Choir (grades 3-8) and Mrs. Jodi Virant will direct the Cherub Choir (grades 1-3). Please watch this newsletter, consult your handbook schedule, or check out the Google Calendar for singing information and plan to have your child sing when scheduled. Preschool and Kindergarten will sing jointly as in the past, and on occasions there will be singing by all students as one choir.

NEW TECHNOLOGY CLASSES: Thanks in part to a generous donation we will get started using our new technology more deliberately this year. We purchased 10 robotics kits this past summer and plan to use them in conjunction with another addition to our curriculum. Mr. Thooft heads up our technology department and will be teaching grades 1-5 robotics and grades 6-8 coding. Most teachers will also gradually begin to use our new Chrome Books with their regular classroom instruction. Each year we hope to dig deeper and deeper into technology usage for all students.

TRANSPORTATION HELP: The following information was provided on Registration Day. Thanks to those that offered to help.

Needing Transportation Help:

Sarah Powers needs help in PM everyday

Offering Transportation Help:

Aubrey Dean Most days PM & AM – space for 2

Jenel Kukla Mornings every day – space for 3

CEA BUSINESS MEETING: The CEA will have its first and only business meeting on **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!

HOT LUNCH: I am working on this year's schedule and should have something for you soon. This program will be discussed at our first CEA business meeting. Make sure you plan to attend.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Bet you didn't expect to see an announcement like this already, but since there are changes for 2018, I am passing this along. The Congregation has decided to move the Children's Christmas Service to the evening of the last day of school before Christmas Break. This permanent move will make room for a new permanent tradition of a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service. Below are the dates and times of our special services

- **December 21st @ 6:30 Children's Christmas Service**
- **December 24: 6:30 PM Candlelight Service**
- **December 25: 10:00 AM Christmas Day Service**

MLS: Attached to this newsletter are several flyers about events they are offering. Please note them and respond directly. 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.

VIDEO DISPLAY: Are you watching for the latest information on our hall video display? As you sit in the front hallway at the end of each school day, make sure you check out all the announcements on the video display. Thanks to Mr. Thoof for keeping things fresh and for all the work it takes to keep it up and running.

BIRTHDAYS: There are no birthdays to report for this week.

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 on **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 children will continue getting acclimated to classroom routines and their responsibilities. The Bible lesson is *God Creates Man and Woman*. We will learn the first two people God made were perfect. The memory treasure is Psalm 146:2 *I will praise the LORD all my life, and Psalm 139.14: I am ...wonderfully made*. They will continue the theme *Hello and Goodbye*. This week the letters are A and B, the number 2, the color red, and the circle. Scholastic Book orders are due Wednesday, September 12. Field trip and permissions forms and fees are due Monday, September 10 for 4 year olds and Tuesday, September 18 for 3 year olds.

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: The Kindergarten children have been working hard and are adjusting to being big kids. They especially enjoy being able to play on the big slides and monkey bars at recess. This past week, we learned how the angel Gabriel came and told Mary she was going to be the mother of Jesus. We also learned about the birth of John the Baptist. We began Letter book C and met our first Superkid named Cass. We also learned placement words like top, middle, and bottom. We are also working on identifying the hard c sound /k/ at the beginning of words. We have also been working on our small motor skills like holding a pencil properly, cutting with scissors, and writing our names on a line. In Math, we began our chapter on numbers 0-5. We learned the words "match" and "set" along with the number words "one" and "two". We also learned how to count sets of objects with 1 or 2 things in them. In Science, we studied words that describe the weather. This week we will be having Show-n-Tell on Wednesday. Please bring something that begins with the hard sound of C like in cat or that is the color red. I have set up our first field trip of the year. We will be going to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm on Thursday, September 27 with the 3 yr. old preschool class. Please return the permission slip and money to school by Monday, September 17. Book order forms have also been sent home. Please place your order online or return the orders to school by Friday, September 21.

Our annual Family Fun Night will also be taking place on Thursday, September 27. This is for Bethel students and their families in grades Pre-3 through Grade 2. More information will be sent home soon.

Memory Work

Tuesday, Sept. 11 – 2A John 3:16

Wednesday, Sept. 12 – none

Thursday, Sept. 13 – none

Friday, Sept. 14 – 2B Psalm 118:1

Monday, Sept. 17 – none

The dates for memory work are the days the children will say their passage to me.

Grades 1-2: We have had a fun first week of school! The children are quickly picking up our routines and getting used to first and second grade. We took our diagnostic math test this week and have started our Super Kids review. We have learned 3 different learning stations- read to self, word work, and computers. We will continue to practice these routines this week, as well as learn a few more. We will also be starting our math textbooks on Monday. Please look for your child's home binder to come home today. It will contain important information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures.

Grades 3-5: It was a great first week in the 3-5th grade classroom last week. We are continuing to settle into the routines and this week we will really be working to nail those down. On Wednesday, the students have hymn #478 *With the Lord Begin Your Task* due. On Thursday, Spelling unit 1 is due and we will have our first Spelling test of the year. On Friday, Memory Work is due. 4-5th graders will have a quiz on the Great Lakes this week for Michigan History. As we continue to settle into our class routines, please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: The first few weeks of school are often a bit crazy, there is a lot to get used to; there are often interruptions for unexpected events, and it's hard getting into a routine. I hope this week is more like normal. I enjoyed my first week with my new classroom and look forward to a great year. My students seem eager to learn and have been very cooperative. I am trying to gradually build up so as not to overwhelm anyone. There are also many schedule changes when compared to last year. It should make for an exciting year. The go to place for information about what is going on daily in my room is *Engrade!* All new assignments will be posted almost immediately and grades for the day are usually posted before I go home. I often post larger assignments early so everyone has time to work ahead. Please watch for several notices coming home soon. Our class will be going to the River of Time in Bay City and also Cardinal for a Day at MLS. Please watch for future information and please volunteer to drive!

SOCCKER: Mr. Stephen Powers has volunteered to be our coach this year. Bethel is very grateful for his volunteer work with our youth!

Practices:

9/14 3:30 to 5:00

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.

9/11 vs. St. Bart's @ St. Bart's

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:

9/13 Education Committee Meeting @ 6:30 PM

9/14 Principals' Conference in PM

9/19 MLS Cross Country @ 4:30

9/21 Faculty in Service – ½ Day

9/23 CEA Meeting @ 11:00 am

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

10/28 Congregational Meeting @ 11:00 PM

10/31 School Costume Day in PM

FROM MLS:

Greetings from Michigan Lutheran Seminary & happy back to school. We need your help with two specific challenges. 1. Pastoral vacancy numbers are high & growing. Schools are scrambling for teachers. We need more pastors & teachers. 2. Young people are leaving the church & drifting from their faith in Jesus. We need to keep our young people connected to the church & connected to Jesus. So what can you do? Help us be a part of the solution! MLS is equipped to take these two challenges head on, but we need your help too. Part of MLS's purpose as a school is to help train the next generation of pastors & teachers. At MLS, students get the opportunity to see the ministry firsthand, to learn about it, & experience it. In addition to this special purpose, MLS is helping teens grow in their faith & become strong, mature Christians. We need more students—students who will grow in their faith & look at the idea of the public ministry with us. That next generation will come from your church & school. We can be a team that does this work together. How? Bring a group to visit MLS for an Open House or to a Cardinal for a Day. Or simply plan a visit for any day we have school. See attachments.