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

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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?

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: Thanks to Mrs. Figley and all those who worked on Christmas for Kids. I know everyone had a great time.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE: Don't forget that our annual Children's Christmas service has a new home. In the future it will be on the last day of school before Christmas vacation in the evening. This year our service will be on **Friday, December 21st at 6:30 PM**. Our students are working hard to prepare; make sure you save the date.

CAROLING: Thanks to all those who came last night for caroling! We had about 35 people in all. It is a wonderful experience to share the joy of the Christmas season with those whom are deeply appreciative. The cookies were great!

CHAPEL: During the second quarter of the school year BLS will support Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Our offering for this week was **\$37.10**. Our total for the quarter was **\$100.76**.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MEETING: Our first meeting went very well. It soon became evident that our focus would be much larger than originally planned. A great deal of time was spent on what things Bethel can offer that are helpful for the busy schedules of our parents, what can be done to bond parents together in support of the school, what can be done to establish relationships with and bind together our preschool and its families to our day school and its families, and much more. There was great excitement for the ideas that were presented and enthusiasm for digging into more. Another meeting has been set for **Thursday, January 31st @ 6:30** in the MP room. Everyone is invited to attend. Since our committee is not as narrowly focused as before, it will be renamed, more accurately describing its purpose. I hope to see more of you on 1/31/19.

GIRLS' MLS BB TOURNAMENT: Our girls' basketball team will play in the Michigan Lutheran Seminary small schools tournament on **December 7th and 8th**. Our first game will be Friday at 9:30 AM against Owosso.

NO SCHOOL: There will be **NO SCHOOL OR PRESCHOOL** this coming **Friday, December 7th**. Our girls will be playing in the MLS tournament at 9:30 am.

VOLLEYBALL: I have been informed of a change in plans. Due to unexpected conflicts, Michelle Neveau will not be able to coach volleyball this year. Therefore I need a coach for our team. I hope someone will be able to take over the program starting in mid-February. It is a short season and should not put a big strain on your schedule. Please contact me as soon as possible to volunteer!

CEA SPONSORED COFFEE HOUR: The CEA will be sponsoring the coffee hour on **Sunday, December 9th**. If you are interested in helping, you can do so by bringing your favorite Christmas treat! A signup sheet is on the school bulletin board in the front hallway. Surplus proceeds will flow into the CEA treasury. Thanks to Jamiee Crites for heading things up, she is looking forward to trying some of your "yummy holiday treats."

BIRTHDAYS: Happy birthday to:
Hayden Dahn 12/6 Gr. 3

SPIRIT HOCKEY FELLOWSHIP: Thanks to Jaime Krohn for organizing a fellowship activity for our church and school. Please see the attached flyer for a fun activity coming up on **December 15th**.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those who served hot lunch this past week! The menu for this coming Wednesday will include sloppy joes, potato chips, bananas, and ice cream. Our workers for Wednesday are scheduled to be **Crites, Dahn, and Dean.**

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Practices:

12/4 3 to 5

12/6 3 to 5

Games: (Game time 5:30 PM unless otherwise noted)

12/7-8 MLS SMALL SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

BOYS' BASKETBALL: The boys' basketball season is coming up fast. I still don't have a complete schedule of games, but I can pass along a little information. Mr. Thooft will be coaching our "A" team this year, and Steve Powers will be coaching the "B" team. Thanks to these two men for volunteering. All practices will be from 3:00 to 5:00 unless otherwise noted. Both teams will practice on the same dates and times.

Practices:

12/10

12/13

12/17

12/20

Games: Game time is 5:30 unless otherwise noted.

1/8 vs. St. B/GS/St. John's @ Trinity

1/11 vs. St. Luke's @ Bethel - A Only

1/19 B Tournament @ Trinity

1/22 vs. Trinity @ Bethel

1/25 vs. Tawas @ Tawas

1/29 vs/ St. John's BC @ St. John's

2/1-2 MLS Small School Tournament

2/5 vs. St. B./GS/St. John's @ Bethel

2/8-9 MLS Large School Tournament

2/12 vs. Trinity @ Trinity

2/15-16 BALL Tournament @ Tawas

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The preschoolers are busy preparing for Christmas. They are all working hard on their part in the Christmas service. Parents, please continue to review the recitation and song at home with your child. The more repetition the better prepared the child will be. This week the Bible lesson is *Jesus the Savior is Born*. The children will learn that God gave his son, Jesus the Savior to all people and that He came to earth to save us from sin. The memory treasures are: 1 Timothy 1:15 *Jesus came...to save sinners;* and John 3:16 *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.* The children will begin the theme: *Hats Off to You.* This week they will begin talking about hats: where are hats worn, the parts of a hat, and types of hats. The letter is J, the number 9, and the

color green. The December Scholastic Book order is **due Wednesday, December 5.** You may order online using the code J6CQC. Books will arrive before Christmas break.

Kindergarten: In Word of God this week, we will be learning about the death of John the Baptist and how Jesus taught Simon a lesson about faith. Please keep working with your child on their Christmas recitation and song. They are doing an awesome job. The children will be finishing Letterbook I this week. In it, they read a rebus story using the names of the Super Kids, the words "is" and "a" and pictures of people the Super Kids want to be. Please have your child read you this story when the letter books come home. Keep practicing those word lists that I have been sending home. Our new Letter book will focus on the letter T. Our sight word for this week will be the word "it". Show and Tell this week will be things that begin with the letter "I" like in igloo. In math the children will continue to work with numbers 11-19. In science, we are exploring the lights in sky and how they are important to us. A new Book-It sheet will be sent home for the month of December. Also please note that there will be no school this Friday, December 7 because the girls' basketball team will participate in a tournament.

Memory Work:

Tuesday, December 4 – Christmas Memory #5

Wednesday, December 5 – Christmas Memory #6

Thursday, December 6 – Christmas Memory #7

Friday, December 7 – No School

Monday, December 10 – Review Christ. Memory #1-7

Grades 1-2: Please look for December Reading Logs and Christmas service parts to come home today. Remember we will not have school on Friday, December 7th due to the girls' basketball tournament at MLS. Come and cheer our girls' on instead! Because of the short week, our spelling test and Memory Treasures will be on Thursday. We will be finishing up our chapter in science and testing this week Tuesday. Then we will switch back to social studies. We will be learning about geography including maps and landforms. Both first and second grade will also be finishing chapter 5 in math this week. Second grade will test on Tuesday and first grade will test on Wednesday.

Grades 3-5: It was a good week in the 3-5th grade room last week. We are practicing our parts for the Children's Christmas Service and the students have been assigned some of those parts as memory work for Thursday. On Thursday, spelling unit 11 will be due and we will take our word test. Please note that our field trip to the Career Center is also on Thursday (there is a lot going on Thursday!). We will eat lunch early on Thursday (around 11) and leave school around 11:30. The Career Day begins at 12 and goes until 1:20. 4th grade will have a math test over chapter 5 this week. There will be no school Friday for the MLS tournament. The girls' play at 9:30! Please help your

child stay on top of their daily and weekly assignments. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: Three weeks till Christmas, and they will be very busy weeks. There will be a basketball tournament, many Christmas practices, caroling across the street, a room Christmas party, and of course some school. It will be very difficult to keep on a regular schedule so please watch **Engrade** on a regular basis to keep on top of things. My students will be narrators for the Children's Service and will read their parts, but please still make them practice. They need to be confident, read distinctly, read with voice inflection, and be loud. Have them read their parts to you slowly and often at home. I will be talking to my room mothers in the near future and working on plans for our room party. You will eventually receive a note about what is needed. Everyone has chosen a book to read for the second quarter. Please make sure your child is reading.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

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

12/9 Cantate Choir

12/21 Pre-8 Children's Christmas Service
1/27 Pre-8 Sing – Lutheran Schools' Sunday
2/10 Cherub Choir
2/17 Cantate Choir

GIRLS' CLUB: Please note the following meeting dates of the Girls' Club. All gatherings are at Bethel from 3:00 to 4:15 PM

Monday, January 21st
Monday, February 18th

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICES:

12/5 1:00 PM
12/10 10:30 AM
12/13 10:30 AM
12/18 10:30 AM
12/21 8:30 AM

COMING UP:

12/6 Career Day for Grades 3-5
12/7-8 MLS Small School Girls' Tournament
12/9 CEA Coffee Hour – Crites
12/15 Bethel Fellowship Spirit Hockey Game @ 7:00
12/17 Preschool and Kindergarten Caroling
12/20 1-8 Caroling
12/21 Last Day of school before Christmas Vacation
½ Day
Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30 PM
12/22-1/6 Christmas Vacation
1/7 Classes Resume after Christmas Vacation
1/11 Principals' Conference
1/13 CEA Business Meeting @ 11:00 AM
1/15 2019-2020 Preschool Enrollment Begins
1/18 BLS End 2nd Quarter
Faculty In Service – ½ Day
1/21-25 – Lutheran Schools Week
1/23 Report Cards Sent Home

1/27 Lutheran Schools' Sunday
Chili Cook Off
1/29 MAP Testing Window Begins
1/31 Early Childhood Com. Meeting @ 6:30 pm
2/10 CEA Sponsored Coffee Hour – Powers
2/18-19 Preschool Parent Consultations
2/22 BLS Faculty In Service – ½ Day
2/25 Pastor/Teacher Conference – No school

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

LIGHT UP A STUDENT'S LIFE: During the months of November and December you will have the opportunity to Light up A Student's Life! For each \$10 gift during those months, a light on the Christmas tree in the commons will be changed from red to white in memory or in honor of a special person in your life. The MLS Foundation will also send a Christmas card to the honoree or family to acknowledge your caring gift to MLS and its students. Gifts benefit the Student Need Fund, which provides financial assistance to MLS students. For more information visit: <http://mls-foundation.org/LUASL>.

MLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Christmas Concert will be presented on Friday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

FUTURE CARDINAL REWARDS PROGRAM: Every year MLS is excited to welcome new students into the MLS family! This year we want to thank you by giving any new students who apply early a reward! Prospective students who submit an online application by January 31, 2019 will receive a gift card, upon registration in August, to the Cardinal's Nest, which can be redeemed for great MLS apparel or other MLS merchandise. Apply by December 31, receive a \$50 gift card. Apply by January 31, receive a \$25 gift card. It is the goal of the MLS admissions department to get 65 applications this year, so please encourage anyone thinking about attending MLS to please apply. Visit www.mlsem.org/apply to apply.

JR CARDINALS POMS CLINIC: Members of the MLS poms team would like to invite all girls from grades K-6 to a poms clinic on January 13, 2019. Each participant will be taught an age appropriate routine and get to perform that routine during halftime of the varsity basketball game on January 18. The cost of the clinic is \$25.00 if you sign up before December 30, 2018. After that date the price goes to \$30 with the final deadline on January 6, 2019. Each participant will receive a t-shirt that will be worn on the night of the performance and a light snack will be provided. They will also have the choice between a set of poms or a hair bow. There is an option to purchase the hair bow if you don't already have poms from a previous clinic. To register visit www.mlsem.org/junior-poms-clinic Questions? Please contact Michael Priebe at mdp@mlsem.org.