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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? The Sunday school is just about out of snacks and water. Donations would be appreciated!

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.

CHAPEL: During the second quarter of the school year BLS will support Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Our offering for this week was **\$37.04**. Our total for the quarter was **\$137.80**.

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 can Bethel 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 PM** 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.

CHRISTMAS VACATION: BLS will have its annual vacation from **December 22 to January 6th**. Classes will resume with a full day of school on **Monday, January 7, 2019**.

LAST DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS: The last day of school before Christmas break will be **Friday, December 21st**. It will be a half day of school. School will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. This day will be very busy. There will be our last practice for the Children's Christmas Service at 8:30 AM followed by individual room Christmas parties. Later that evening will be the presentation of the Children's Christmas Service starting at 6:30.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: The girls finished 4th at the MLS tournament this past weekend. I would like to thank the players for their effort and hard work this past season. The girls' showed tremendous sportsmanship and Christian character throughout the season. Thank you to the parents and families of the players for your Bobcat pride and support of the team. Thank you to everyone for a fun season! **Go, Bobcats!** --- Coach Thooft.

MLS FREE THROW CONTEST: This past weekend at MLS there was a free throw contest among the teams that participated in the girls' basketball tournament. Each team chose one representative for the contest. The winner was our very own Ashlynn Szostek who made 8 out of 10 free throws! **Way to go Ashlynn!**

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!

CAROLING: Students in all classrooms will be caroling across the street next week on the 17th (Preschool and Kindergarten) and 20th (Grades 1-8). Permission slips have been sent home. Please return them right away.

SPIRIT HOCKEY FELLOWSHIP: Thanks to Jaime Krohn for organizing a fellowship activity for our church and school. Please plan on attending this 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 hot dogs, corn, apple slices, and cookies. Our workers for Wednesday are scheduled to be **Figley, Fuhrman, and Hartley**.

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. Thoofft 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

BIRTHDAYS: Happy birthday to:

Avery Kukla 12/12 Gr. 2

Ada Figley 12/12 Gr. 3

Logan Volk 12/16 Pre.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: This week in preschool the children will conclude their theme *Hats Off to You!* The children will be talking about hats worn for celebrations, storybook hats, cold weather hats, and jobs that require hats. The letter is K, the number 10, the star shape, and the color green. The Bible lesson this week is *The Wise Men*. The children will learn that the wise men worshiped Jesus as their Savior and gave him gifts. The memory treasures are Matthew 4:10: *Worship the Lord your God* and Luke 11:28: *Hear the Word of God*. Please continue to review the song and

recitation for the children's Christmas service with your child. Thank you for your help.

Kindergarten: In Word of God this week, we will be learning how Jesus used His almighty power to feed 5000 people and walk on water. Please keep working with your child on their Christmas recitation and song. They are doing an awesome job. The children have begun our unit on letter T. In it they will be reading stories about 3 best friends named Tic, Tac, and Toc and the trouble they get into. Keep practicing those word lists that I have been sending home. Our sight word for this week will be the word "you". Show and tell this week will be things that begin with the letter T. In math the children will continue to work with numbers 11-19. In science, we are exploring the lights in the sky and how they are important to us. If you have not done so, please be sure to return the permission slip to go caroling with the Preschool class across the street at Brookdale on December 17. We will be leaving around 10:45am and could always use some parents to help walk us across the street. We will be back to school in time for 12:00pm dismissal. Have a blessed week.

Memory Work:

Tuesday, December 11 – 3A The 4th Petition

Wednesday, December 12 – Review Christmas Memory #1-7

Thursday, December 13 – None

Friday, December 14 – 3B Psalm 50:15

Monday, December 17 – Review Christmas Mem. #1-7

Grades 1-2: Please return permission slips for our caroling across the street at the nursing homes as soon as possible. This event is on the afternoon of December 20. Please indicate if you would like to chaperone for this event. We will continue to work on practicing for our Christmas service this week. Students will be memorizing the first verse of one of their Christmas songs, "Zechariah and Elizabeth". Please check your child's homework guide for other information about what we are learning in class, especially spelling words and Memory Treasures.

Grades 3-5: December is moving along! Thank you to the drivers who drove for our Career Day field trip last Thursday. This week we will be practicing the Christmas service. The memory work for Friday will be the remaining portion of our part of the service. On Thursday, spelling unit 12 is due and we will take our word test. On Wednesday, the students will recite their Christmas choir song for hymnology. Both third grade and fifth grade will have a test in math this week. All three grades will have a test in social studies this week as well. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Last week there was a permission slip sent home with information about our trip to the resident homes across the street; please send those signed permission slips in this week. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: Two weeks until Christmas vacation, and a lot on the table! Please remember to send back your child's permission slip to go caroling. We will do that on December 20th. Christmas practices are going well. This week whole group practices will begin in the church. We will fit in one more chapter (unit) in both social studies and science before Christmas. That isn't our usual pace, but all the other stuff going on will impact our schedule greatly. I will try to time social studies, science, English and math so that we start with new chapters right after Christmas break. Tests in all these subjects will be scattered over the next two weeks. I will also try to make it so that there is no homework during the holidays.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

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

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:

- 12/10 10:30 AM
- 12/13 10:30 AM
- 12/18 10:30 AM
- 12/21 8:30 AM

COMING UP:

- 12/15 Bethel Fellowship Spirit Hockey @ 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.