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BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS: Make sure you plan to have your child in attendance each Sunday at 9:00 AM. Sunday school is just about out of snacks and water. Donations would be appreciated! Adult Bible Class will be held in the MP room at the same time. **Please consider attending on a regular basis!**

CHAPEL: During the fourth quarter of the school year we will support the Pastoral Studies Institute. The Pastoral Studies Institute supports nontraditional students through their pre-seminary and seminary training so that they can become pastors in the WELS. Our offering for this week was **\$40.81**. Our total for the quarter is **\$145.03**.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Alexis Houck, Carly Krohn, and Hunter Seifferly will be confirmed on **Sunday, May 5th**. Please plan to attend this special service to support these young people and welcome them into confirmed membership in our congregation. They will also take their first communion on this Sunday. Congratulations to them all and God's blessings!

EDUCATIONAL VISION MEETING: A meeting was held on **Monday, April 15th**. Those in attendance worked to more clearly define the goals of this committee. It was decided to survey our parents in attempt to identify what programs Bethel might implement that might be helpful for them. The committee also will try to survey prospective preschool

and school parents in an attempt to identify those things that might attract them to our school and preschool. This committee is also looking at things the school might do or offer to help bind everyone together and rally them around our school. Finally this group hopes to recommend additions to our educational offerings to the congregation and then build ground level support for those projects the congregation decides to pursue. The efforts of this committee are vital to the long term health of our school and preschool. Please consider attending the next meeting and offering your support and advice.

BAND UPDATE: It has been some time since I have reported on this topic! A lot has been going on in the background. The survey produced a fair amount of interest in our school. Other local WELS schools are also interested. At first it appeared I might have a great prospect from a nearby community, but upon further digging there were reasons not to pursue this direction. I then visited with local public school officials about coming in to provide lessons. Once again there was a lot of interest and enthusiasm but road blocks started to develop. I am now working with Herter Music and chasing down another local instructor. I intend to continue to pursue all options until I find an instructor or run out of possibilities. I have learned a couple of things along the way.

- In school setting, most instrument instruction begins in the sixth grade.
- Students are responsible for providing their own instruments.
- Instruction isn't always in the form of private lessons. Group lessons are very much the norm such as woodwinds, brass, percussion, etc.
- If lessons are eventually offered they may have to be outside regular school hours, which is already the norm for sports.

If anything breaks, I will be certain to inform you as quickly as I can.

MLS TUTORIAL HELP: MLS is considering offering students of WELS schools tutorial help. If this kind of program is of interest to you and you feel you can make arrangements for your child to get to their campus for the help they are offering, please follow the link and respond to the survey.

<https://forms.gle/HrYUHb8TqKfz5uEB9>

BIRTHDAYS: There are none to report for this week!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK: This note from Shannon Fuhrman,

Teacher appreciation week is this next week, May 6-10. There are three ways to participate:

1. Place a little something in your child's teacher's basket.
2. Provide breakfast or lunch.
3. Volunteer for a recess.

Let's all chip in to make it a great week for our Bethel teachers!

Also, please see the attached flyers on this topic.

RECRUITMENT: Your staff is always looking for prospects for your school and preschool, especially at this time of the year. Please help us! Talk to your family, neighbors, and friends about your school. Encourage them to contact Mrs. Virant or me. In addition, pass along names. I will certainly follow up and make a contact. Please don't be passive about this. Now is the time when families are considering their options. Growing His kingdom is the work of all of us!

TECHNOLOGY PRESENTATION @ ST. LUKE'S:

This from St. Luke's – also see attached flyer!

Hi friends,

The struggle with kids and technology is real and growing. In an effort to build strong families, St. Luke's CEO is bringing Kent Robinson, a Licensed Professional Counselor to discuss this prevalent topic and share helpful tools with parents. This event is free. Join us on Friday, May 10. A potluck supper will begin at 5:30 PM. The presentation will take place from 6:30-7:30 PM at the fellowship hall at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 916 W. Huron Ave., Vassar, MI 48768. Please register by emailing stlukesles@sbcglobal.net, or by calling Kelly Plocher at 989-455-2265 by Monday, May 5. We are looking forward to having you join us!

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those who served hot lunch this past Wednesday, everything was great! The menu for this coming Wednesday will include **sloppy joes, potato chips, bananas, and ice cream.** Our workers are scheduled to be **McGehee, Nitz, and Powers.**

FACULTY IN SERVICE: Our last faculty in service for the year will take place on **Friday, May 3rd.** School will let out at 12:00 noon. Please be on time to pick up your child. Thanks!

PRINCIPALS' CONGREGATIONAL REPORT: Please see the attached quarterly congregation report that I presented to the congregation on **Sunday, April 14th.** I prepare a report like this for all congregational

meetings. If you would like me start sharing them by attaching them this newsletter on a regular basis, please stop in and let me know. Thanks!

PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT 2019-2020: Bethel Lutheran Preschool has begun accepting enrollments for the 2019-2020 school year. Please help us get the word out. If you know of a prospect, please contact either Mrs. Virant or myself.

MAP TESTING: The final round of MAP online testing will begin on **Monday May 6th,** Grades 3-8 will be tested. Please make sure your child does not miss school from **May 6th to May 10th** if at all possible.

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: May is almost here and with it the close of the school year is just around the corner. This month will be a busy one as the children prepare for the end of the year activities. This week the Bible lesson is *The Coming of the Holy Spirit.* The children will learn Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen the disciples' faith and help them share it with others. The memory treasures are Isaiah 41:10b *I will strengthen you* and Luke 11:28 *Hear the Word of God.* The preschoolers will begin their theme *Baby Animals.* The children will be learning about puppies and kittens and also the May Day holiday. They will also discuss what it means to be independent. The number is 19 and the shape is the square. Thank you to all who were able to participate in the Spring Cookie Bake. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. The last book order for the school year is due **Wednesday, May 8.** You can order online using the activation code J6CQC.

2019-2020 enrollment update

10 openings in the 4 year old class

6 openings in the 3 year old class

Please note the upcoming dates:

May 7 - 3 Year Old Field Trip

May 13 - 4 Year Old Field Trip

May 22 - 4 Year Old Farewell

May 23 - 3 Year Old Farewell

Kindergarten: Thank you to all of the parents and children that came and donated items to our first cookie decorating night. I hope you all had an enjoyable night decorating the treats. Mrs. Virant and I hope to make this an annual event. This week in Bible History, the children will be learning about *The Great Catch of Fish* and *Jesus' Ascension.* The children will begin working on Unit 21, which covers the letters K and Q. In this unit they will be reading a play called "The Glum Princess". In math the children will be finishing up their chapter on measurement and comparing objects. In science they will be learning about what plants need to grow. Please do not forget to send in your permission slips and money for the field trip on **May 7.** Show and Tell for this week will be things that begin with the letter K.

Memory Work for this week:

Tuesday, April 30 – 8B Isaiah 41:10

Wednesday, May 1 – none

Thursday, May 2 – none

Friday, May 3 – 9A Matthew 28:20

Grades 1-2: I am still missing 3 field trip slips. If you haven't already done so, please sign and return the slip and money. We need to pay in advance so it's important that we have all the slips collected ASAP. May reading logs and Scholastic Book orders will be coming home this week. Please order online using code Q4X4B. We will take math tests this week. Second grade will test on measuring length on Tuesday. First grade will test on geometry on Wednesday. The second graders have been working hard on their animal research reports for the last month. Stop by our bulletin board to check out their great work! Please check your child's homework binder for other important information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures and spelling words.

Grades 3-5: It was another good week in our classroom last week. Thank you to everyone for turning in field trip permission slips on time. This week hymn #588 *Abide with Me* will be due. On Thursday, unit 28 will be due in spelling. On Friday, memory work will be due. In math, fifth grade will have test over chapter 11 and fourth grade will have a test over chapter 12; third grade will continue to look at graphs and interpreting/displaying information. In reading, we will have a new set of vocab and themed stories. In language arts, third and fourth grade will have a test over pronouns and fifth grade will continue to learn about pronouns. In science, all three grades will be looking at heat and sound. This Wednesday is MLC day, a day to highlight the ministry at Martin Luther College; please continue to keep MLC in your prayers as they continue to train called workers for the ministry. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: My eighth graders made it through a big day yesterday, the day of their examination. They did great! This coming Sunday they will be confirmed. Congratulations to them all! This week I will be signing up my students for the BALL track meet at Garber. Please check in with your child to see what s/he is signed up for and then encourage your child to practice and get into shape. The track meet will be held on **May 24th**. We are right on pace in most subjects and should be able to finish the year in great shape. One more book report will be due by **Friday, May 17th**. Make sure your child is reading regularly. Our class trip is on **Tuesday, May 28th**. Most students have turned in their permission slips and money. There are only two that still need to turn things in.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

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

5/5 Cantate Choir

5/19 Cherub Choir

5/30 Cantate Choir - Ascension

6/2 Grades 1-7 – Graduation

COMING UP:

5/3 Faculty in Service – ½ Day

5/5 Confirmation Sunday

5/6 MAP Testing Window Opens

5/12 Mothers' Day

5/22 Four Year Preschool Farewell

5/23 Three Year Preschool Farewell

5/24 BALL Track Meet

5/27 Memorial Day – No School

5/28 6-8 Class Trip to Michigan Adventure

5/29 MLS Track Meet – Grades 5-8

5/30 Records Day – ½ Day

Ascension Service @ St. Bart's @ 6:30 pm

5/31 Last Day – ½ Day

Awards

Closing Service @ 11:00 AM

End 4th Quarter – Report Cards

6/2 Graduation Sunday/Church Picnic

6/6 Year End Faculty Meeting

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

SUMMER CAMPS: MLS camps emphasize teaching fundamentals, skills, and knowledge in a positive, Christian setting. The camp directors see this as an opportunity to use the beautiful facilities of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to work with our synod's youth. Our staff is dedicated to the improvement of each camper. Staffs are made up of members of the MLS faculty and staff, who are assisted by MLS alumni and current MLS students. MLS offers a variety of camps designed for both the beginners and the advanced. For more info and to register, visit www.mlsem.org/summercamps.

June 16-19 - Boys' Basketball (Grades 5-9)*

June 19-21 - Boys' Football (Grades 7-9)*

June 20-21 - Fine Arts (Grades 2-6)*

June 21-22 - Father/Son Football (Grades 4-6)*

June 23-24 - Girls' Volleyball (Grades 6-9)*

June 24-27 - Girls' Basketball (Grades 5-9)*

*2019-20 school year