



# BOBCAT BULLETIN

Edition #30 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER May 20 & 27, 2019

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**PASTOR SCHROEDER:** I thought you might like to know that our former Pastor, Keith Schroeder, recently had a very bad fall resulting in serious injuries. Please keep him in your prayers! In case you would like to send him personal well wishes his address is:

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**MEMORIAL DAY:** There will be no school on **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**. Our nation will be honoring its veterans. Please try to participate by attending one of the many short services held at various places in our community

**CHURCH PICNIC:** Our annual congregational picnic is on **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. There will be the usual noon meal followed by games for the children. Please plan to come and join the fellowship and fun. **There are sign up forms on the front hall school bulletin board. Items and help are needed. Please sign up!**

**TWO WEEK NEWSLETTER:** This newsletter will cover two weeks. Since there is no school on **Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** because it is Memorial Day and since I will be out of town on a class trip on **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**, **your last newsletter will be an end of year newsletter published on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS:** This past Sunday was our last Sunday of Sunday school and Bible Class for the school year. Thanks to all those who taught Sunday School this past school year and thanks to Pastor Killinger conducting Bible class and presenting many interesting topics. Sunday school and Bible class will start up again on **September 8<sup>th</sup>**. Make plans now to enroll your children in Sunday school and attend Bible class.

**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 **\$27.25**. Our total for the quarter is **\$241.54**.

**JOINT ASCENSION SERVICE:** Bay area WELS churches will have a joint Ascension service at St. Bart's on **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, **starting at 6:30 PM**. Please make plans to attend with your family.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY:** **Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be a very busy day. In addition to the church picnic it is also Graduation Sunday at Bethel. A portion of the service will be set aside to present diplomas to our eighth graders and to recognize all other graduates of Bethel. Our school children will sing. Please plan to attend this special 10:00 service and also join us later for the picnic. Our graduates this year are:

**Alexis Houck**  
**Carly Krohn**  
**Hunter Seifferly**

As mentioned above, all graduates of Bethel are being honored on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you have a high school, junior college, college, trade school, graduate school, or any other such graduate, please fill out the form placed in your church mail box and return it to me by **May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Only those that submit information will be recognized in the bulletin and at the service. Thanks!

**RECORDS DAY:** There will be a half day of school on **Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**. Your faculty will use the afternoon for end of year book keeping, records updates and preparing 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report cards. Please make sure that your children are picked up by 12:00 noon.

**END OF FOURTH QUARTER:** The last day of the fourth quarter is **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Report cards will be

sent home after the closing service and Awards Assembly.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:** The last day of school is **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**. It will be a half day of school. Students will be dismissed for the school year at 12:00 noon. Before dismissal, there will be an 11:00 am closing service followed by our annual Awards Assembly at 11:30 am. Please plan to attend the closing service and Awards Assembly. Thanks!

**CLOSING SERVICE:** Our annual school closing service will be held **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**, beginning at 11:00 am. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

**AWARDS ASSEMBLY:** Our annual student awards assembly will be held right after the closing service starting at around 11:30 am. School will be dismissed for the summer following the Student Awards Assembly at about 12:00 noon.

**PRESCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT 2019-2020:** Bethel Lutheran Preschool is 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 Mr. Dast.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy birthday to:

Ashlynn Szostek	5/20	Gr. 7
Mrs. Virant	5/23	
Pastor Killinger	5/29	

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those who served hot lunch this past Wednesday, everything was great! Next Wednesday will be a Hungry Howies pizza hot lunch. Tickets will be sold Wednesday morning. Our workers are scheduled to be **Wilson, Zube, and Beutel**.

**BALL TRACK MEET:** The annual BALL track meet will be held on **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Students from 1-8 are expected to attend. Most students have already signed up for events so it is time to start training. We will be providing time at school but parents are encouraged to have their children train at home. The meet will be at Garber High School as usual, but what is not usual is that we cannot use the home side bleachers which have been condemned. I am not sure of what accommodations will be made for the lack of bleacher seating so bring a lawn chair and be prepared. Information has been sent home so that you know what events in which your child has been scheduled to participate.

**6-8 CLASS TRIP:** Grades 6-8 will take their annual class trip to **Michigan Adventure on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Final information about the trip will be sent home shortly. Thanks to those parents offering to chaperone and drive for the trip!

**FIELD DAY FOR K TO 4:** On **Wednesday, May 29**, the faculty is planning to have a special picnic/field day for the students in Grades K-4. The children will have a normal morning of classes and then at 12:00pm the fun will begin. We are planning on having a picnic lunch followed by several outdoor games (weather permitting). In order for this to run as smoothly as possible, we need to have some parent/grandparent volunteers to help with the picnic and games. If you would be willing to help, please speak with Mrs. Mayhew as soon as possible.

**MLS TRACK MEET:** The annual MLS Track meet is on **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**. Students in grades five through eight are invited to participate. Those participating will be released from school at 10:00 am. The meet starts at 11:00 AM. The MLS track is on Mackinaw Street.

**BOY PIONEERS/GIRLS' CLUB:** The Boy Pioneers and Girls' Club will have their final activity of the year on **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. They will be skating at Metro Skate West from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Please contact Shannon Fuhrman if you have any questions.

#### **CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** It is hard to believe that this week the preschoolers will say farewell to class for the summer. There will be a special farewell and closing devotion for each of the classes on their last day of school this week beginning at 11 a.m. in the church. Thank you to all the parents for sharing your preschool child with me this past year. It has been a joy to be part of your child's first school experience and to watch them grow, learn new things, and become more independent. Thank you also to Mrs. Karol Seifferly, Mrs. Alice Danell, Mrs. Shannon Fuhrman, Mrs. Jessica Killinger, Mrs. Peggy Wetters, and Mrs. Charlene Zessin for their faithful service assisting in the preschool classroom. At this time we also say thank you and farewell to Mrs. Kay Meyer for her 20 years of service in the preschool classroom at Bethel. Blessings on your summer!

**Kindergarten:** Our last full week of school is done. Yay! Summer is almost here! Please note that the kindergarten class will **not** have school on Friday, May 24 because of the BALL Track Meet or Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day. Enjoy your long weekend! Consequently, this newsletter will cover the final two weeks of school. For Word of God the children will learn about faithful Stephen and how God changed the heart of Saul to become the Apostle Paul. The children will be finishing their final Letter book. In it they will be reviewing all of the letter sounds they have learned. They will also be making a picture album of all of the stories they read about the Super kids. In math, they will be reviewing how to count by 2's, 5's and 10's and telling time to the hour. In science, we will be finishing up our unit on animals. There will be no Show and Tell

for the final weeks of school. Just to give you a heads up, we are trying something new this year for the last week of school. In the afternoon of Wednesday, May 29, we are going to have a picnic/field day for the students in grades K-4. All of the Kindergartners are invited to stay for the entire day to participate. I will be sending home a special note with all of the details. Please look for it in your child's folder.

**Memory Work for the final two weeks:**

Tuesday, May 21 – 12A Acts 5:29

Wednesday, May 22 – none

Thursday, May 23 – none

Friday, May 24 – no school

Monday, May 27 – no school

Tuesday, May 28 – none

Wednesday, May 29 – 13A Mark 16:15

Thursday, May 30 – none

Friday, May 31 - none

**Grades 1-2:** This school year is quickly wrapping up. The next two weeks will be busy ones. We have our field trip today. Thank you to all the parents who drove and chaperoned on this trip. We have our track meet on Friday at Garber. Please let me know if you have any questions about this. We will wrap up chapter 14 in math this week in both first and second grade. We will also be taking a science test the Wednesday after Memorial Day. We will have one more spelling test this Thursday. We will continue with reading and spelling assignments next week, but they will not be tested. This week will also be our final week of Memory Treasures. Please check your child's homework binder for information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures and spelling words. When homework binders are sent home next week, they do not need to be brought back. Your child's personal items will be sent home over the course of the last week of school. I've enjoyed working with your children this year. I wish my second graders the best as they transition to third grade next year and look forward to seeing my first graders again next year! God's blessings on your summer!

**Grades 3-5:** The school year is winding down. There are some special events this week to take note of. On Thursday, we will be taking our end of the year class trip to the Henry Ford Factory Tour. We will be leaving school at 7:30 am and returning between 3 and 4 in the afternoon. Please have your child bring a lunch for our trip on Thursday. Friday is the BALL track meet at Garber High School. On Wednesday, hymn #293 *God's Word is Our Great Heritage* is due; this will be our last hymn of the school year. With the short weeks the next two weeks, we will not have spelling this week or next week. Between this week and the beginning of next week, we will be wrapping up several units in different classes. Please help your child stay on top of their daily work and finish out the school year strong! Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** Down to a few days! This year just flew by! Parents, make sure your child doesn't let up but finishes strong. These next two weeks can make a big difference either way. All book reports are in. There will be a few more tests, but the dates are uncertain as I type. Most students are in good shape with late and missing work which is great! Please watch **Engrade** closely at this point. Also coming home today is the final information on our class trip set for **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please read over everything closely. All of your questions should be answered. Most of my students have signed up for both track meets. I hope you have been encouraging your child to train at home. We have been doing quite a lot of it at school also. Those attending the MLS track meet are to arrange for their own transportation to and from the meet which is held on their Mackinaw Street athletic complex. I hope everyone has a great Memorial Day weekend and that you all have time to take your family to one of the memorial services.

**CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

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

**6/2      Grades 1-7 – Graduation**

**COMING UP:**

**5/22      Four Year Preschool Farewell**

**5/23      Three Year Preschool Farewell  
Grades 3-5 Class Trip**

**5/24      BALL Track Meet  
Boy Pioneer/Girls' Club Skating @ Metro  
Skate West from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter – Report Cards sent home**

**6/2      Graduation Sunday/Church Picnic**

**6/6      Year End Faculty Meeting**

**MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:**

**MLS GRADUATION ACTIVITIES:** MLS invites you to celebrate the graduation of the Class of 2019. The annual Commencement Concert will be held on **May 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** in the MLS Gymnasium. The Graduation Service for the Class of 2019 will be **May 25, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.** also in MLS Gymnasium. Both events will also be live streamed on the MLS website, [www.mlsem.org/cardinalcasts](http://www.mlsem.org/cardinalcasts).

**MLS 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. For more info and to register, visit [www.mlsem.org/summercamps](http://www.mlsem.org/summercamps).

MLS offers a variety of camps designed for both the beginners and the advanced.

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

**MLS FOUNDATION CARDINAL CLASSIC:** Join us for the annual Cardinal Classic golf outing on **July 20, 2019!** Early-bird rates are available until June 1, so register your team early to receive the discounted pricing of \$75 per golfer or \$300 per team. If you're not a golfer, you can still join us for dinner - or you can sponsor an MLS faculty member or student's registration. Visit [app.donorview.com/DMZ1](http://app.donorview.com/DMZ1) for details and to register online, or call 989-793-7511.