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**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday school is held each Sunday at 9:00 AM. We hope to see all our students attend. After dropping off their student for Sunday school, parents are encouraged to stay and attend Bible Class in the Multipurpose Room. See you next Sunday!

**CHAPEL:** Our mission offerings for the first quarter will be used for our Synod's outreach to the Hmong people. This past Wednesday we collected **\$27.35** for a quarter total of **\$27.35**. Please remind your child of the importance of giving to the work of the Lord! There is nothing new to report this week since we had chapel on Thursday and the offering won't be counted until this week. Next week I will report offerings for two weeks.

**BETHEL CLOTHING ORDER:** Thanks to those that ordered Bethel clothing. You will be informed when your clothing is available.

**CEA BACK TO SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** On **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, the CEA will host a Back to School Ice Cream Social. It will begin at 3:00 PM. There are two sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board. The first is to RSVP to this event and the second is to sign up for donating items. We hope to see all of our school families for some fellowship and FUN!

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT:** The sixth annual Family Fun Night is **Thursday, September 26** from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Come get to know families with children from preschool - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

**STATE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE:** Your faculty will attend the Michigan District Teachers' Conference on **October 9, 10, and 11** in Jenera, Ohio. We will not be in session these days. Enjoy the time off with your student(s).

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy Birthday to:

Millie Long	9/23	Pre.
Caleb Pratt	9/23	Pre.

**CROSS COUNTRY AT MLS:** The results are in!

**Grades 3-4 Girls' Half Mile:**

Laney Wilson 9<sup>th</sup> Place

**Grades 3-4 Boys' Half Mile:**

Caleb Powers 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Austin Dean 4<sup>th</sup> Place

Avery Kukla 8<sup>th</sup> Place

**Grades 5-6 Boys' Mile:**

Trevor Dean 1<sup>st</sup> Place

Silas Killinger 5<sup>th</sup> Place

**Grades 7-8 Boys' 1.5 Mile:**

Isaiah Killinger 5<sup>th</sup> Place

Congratulations to all these students and thanks for representing our school! Go, Bobcats!

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL:** Attention girls' basketball families! The first girls' basketball practice will be next week on **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. Practices will be on Mondays and Thursdays, unless otherwise noted. A finalized practice schedule for the first few weeks of the season will be sent home this week. If there are any questions, please contact me. I'm looking forward to getting started with our season! ---Coach Thooft.

**CEA MEETING RESULTS:** Thanks to those that attended the CEA business meeting on Sunday. It was a nice group of people who were eager to serve. A lot of ground was covered. Some key decisions were made and new ideas were brought forward. There will be many new things offered this year. As you see things being promoted, please step up and help those

who are heading things up. It should be a fun and exciting year.

### **SOCCER:**

**Games:** All games begin at 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted.

**9/24 vs. St. John's Sag/Hemlock. @ Bethel @ 4:30**  
10/1 vs. Burton @ Bethel @ 4:30

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL:** Girls' basketball is starting up soon. Thanks to Mr. Thooft for coaching again this year!

**Practices:** Practices are from 3:00 to 5:00 unless otherwise noted.

**9/30**

**Games:** Game times are 5:30 unless otherwise noted.

**10/18 vs. St. John's Sag./Hem @ Christ Shields**

10/22 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's

10/25 vs. St. Luke's @ Bethel

10/29 vs. St. Barts/GS @ Bethel

11/5 vs. Trinity @ Trinity

11/12 vs. Tawas @ Bethel

11/15-16 BALL Tournament @ Trinity

11/19 vs. GS Burton @ Bethel

12/6-7 MLS Small School Tournament

12/13-14 MLS Large School Tournament

### **CHOIR SCHEDULE:**

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

**10/6 Cherub Choir**

10/27 Cantate Choir

11/10 Pre/K

11/27 1-8 – Thanksgiving

### **COMING UP:**

**9/24 Pre K/K trip to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm**

**9/26 Family Fun Night @ 6:00**

**9/29 Back to School Ice Cream Social @ 3:00 PM**

10/2-4 Camp Timbers

10/8 Class Pictures

10/9-11 State Teachers' Conf. No School

10/18 Grandparents' Day

Teacher in Service – Dismiss @ Noon

10/21 Girls' Club

10/24 Pre/K Cookie Bake

10/25 MLS Cardinal for a Day

10/27 Bethel 50<sup>th</sup> Ann. @ Pine Celebration

10/31 Costume Day in PM

11/1 End 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

Principals' Conference

11/3 Day Light Saving Time Ends

11/6 Report Cards Sent Home

11/11 Faculty In Service in AM, Parent Consultations in PM – No School

11/18 Girls' Club

11/22 MLS Play

11/27-29 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School

### **CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** The final week of September is here already! The time has sure flown by and the preschoolers have been busy getting into the routine of the classroom. The 3 year olds will be going on their first field trip this week. Thanks to all the parents and grandparents for driving for our field trip to Johnson's Giant Pumpkin Farm. The 4 year olds also welcome Mara Martin and Amelia Olvera and their families to the preschool class. The Bible lesson for the 3 year olds is *Cain and Abel*. The children will learn that God showed love for Cain by helping him see that he had sinned. The Memory Treasure is: 1 John 4:8 *God is love*, The 4 year olds will study *The Flood*. They will learn God will keep us safe from all harm. The Bible Words to Remember are *The LORD will keep you from all harm*. Psalm 121:7. The children will conclude the theme *Where We Live*. They will learn about the materials needed to build a home, neighborhoods and communities, and animal homes. The children will also learn about Johnny Appleseed. The letter is C, color red, number 3, and our shape is the circle. Family Fun night is this Thursday from 6:00-7:30pm. Come join in the fun! On Sunday, September 29 the CEA will host a Back to School Ice Cream Social. It will begin at 3pm. To RSVP for the event, please sign-up on the "Information Station" bulletin board in the multipurpose room. Looking forward to seeing you for some fellowship and fun!

**Kindergarten:** Our first month of school is almost complete. The children have learned a lot. So far they have memorized 6 Bible passages and have learned about Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac and how God created the world and promised to send a Savior. The children can also read and spell red, blue, God, my, and the. They have also been working on telling left and right. Their second Letter book on letter O will be completed this week. In math, the children are comparing numbers 0-5 and learning greater and lesser. This Tuesday they have their first field trip of the year to Johnson's Pumpkin Farm. We will be leaving school at 9:30am and should return by noon. Don't forget to have your child wear his/her yellow Bethel shirt. On Thursday is our annual Family Fun Night for all parents and children in preschool through Grade 2. The fun starts at 6:00 pm. Show and Tell for this week will be things that are yellow. Please send a pair of sneakers to school for your child so that they have the proper shoes to use for gym class.

### **Memory Work:**

Tuesday, Sept. 24 – 7A 1 John 5:3

Wednesday, Sept. 25 – none

Thursday, Sept. 26 – none

Friday, Sept. 27 – 8A James 1:17

Monday, Sept. 30 - none

**Grades 1-2:** Thanks to all who have returned field trip slips for our upcoming field trip to Leaman's Apple Farm. Please return the slip and payment as soon as possible if you have not done so. Remember to place your Scholastic Book orders online using code Q4X4B. Thanks to those who have placed their orders already. All orders will be submitted by **September 25**. Second grade will take a math test on Tuesday. Please check your child's homework folder for additional information about what we are learning, especially upcoming spelling words and Memory Treasures.

**Grades 3-5:** Last week was a good week in the 3-5th grade room. On Wednesday, hymn 391 *God Loved the World So That He Gave* will be due. On Friday, memory work and spelling unit 2 are due and we will take out unit 2 word test. Third grade will have a math test over chapter 1 this week. All three grades will have a language arts test over chapter 1 later in the week. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly responsibilities. As we approach the end of the month, the students should be turning in their reading logs for their reading minutes; reading logs can be turned in next week. For fifth grade families the deadline to turn in Camp Timbers forms is this week. If there are any questions about camp please let me know. A packing list for camp was sent home in a packet of information. Blessings on your week!

**Grades 6-8:** Progress is being made towards stepping up to normal routine. Some students are still adjusting, but more and more are getting up to speed. There will be tests this week for all classes in math, English, social studies, and science. They will be spread out. Please check in at **QuickSchools.com** for accurate information. Last Friday was the final day for students to get their first quarter book approved for extra credit. The actual report will be due on **October 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you have paper plates and napkins to spare, please send them to school. Students use them for lunch. So far no one has brought any in and we are almost out. My room will be attending "Cardinal for a Day" on **Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**. A permission slip will be coming home very soon. Please watch for it.

**MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:**

**MLS FOUNDATION HOMECOMING TAILGATE:** Join us under the big tent on October 4, before the homecoming football game for food, fellowship, and fun! Dinner starts at 5:00. Tickets are \$10 for age 11 and up, \$7.50 for Kindergarten - age 10 and free for a preschooler. Please reserve your tickets by October 1. Visit [www.mls-foundation.org/events/](http://www.mls-foundation.org/events/) or call 989.793.7511 for tickets and more information.