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Edition #10 BETHEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER November 18, 2019
God is our refuge and strength; an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

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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 second quarter will be used to support the WELS effort to stop abortions. Our chapel offerings will be sent to the Pregnancy Counseling Center in Saginaw. Please support this important mission. This past week we collected **\$36.77**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$67.87**.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP NIGHT: A congregation fellowship night sponsored by the Ladies Aid is all set at Krzysiak's House Restaurant for Thursday, December 5, at 6:00 PM. Ages 18 and above are welcome. There is an optional \$10.00 gift exchange. Bring a gift to get a gift. Tickets will be on sale after the next 3 services. The cost is \$14.50 for buffet including coffee, dessert, tax, and tip. Tickets are not available after Sunday, December 1st.

BIRTHDAYS: Happy birthday to:

Chloe Szostek 11/22 K

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served this past week! Our menu for this week will include turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, and pumpkin pie. Our workers are scheduled to be **Rouech, Szostek, and Thunberg**.

HOT LUNCH DESSERTS: The Bay County Health Department has notified us that the desserts that we provide at hot lunch cannot be home made. They must be purchased at a store. We are looking for a suitable option for brownies. Please watch this newsletter for updates. I don't intend to send home another schedule. Please watch this newsletter for accurate information. As for now the rotation will include cupcakes, cookies, and ice cream. **Brownies will be eliminated.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE PRACTICES: All Children's Christmas Service practices are placed on our Google Calendar if you are interested. Please make every attempt to avoid scheduling something during those times. Thanks!

CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING: Our annual Congregational Caroling is set for **Sunday, December 8th starting at 5:00 PM.** This is intended to be a family activity. Please plan to attend with your whole family. We will meet at 4:30 to organize. There will be hot chocolate and cookies after for a fellowship. Please bring a dozen of your favorite cookies. Hot chocolate will be provided.

CHILDREN'S EXCHANGE NAMES: The various classrooms of our school have Christmas parties on the last day of school before vacation begins. This year that is Thursday, December 19th. Children exchange names and purchase each other gifts. Your child's teacher will facilitate the change. That will happen shortly if it hasn't already happened. We ask you to help your child purchase a gift in the price range of \$5.00 to \$7.00 and send it to school on the 19th. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

LIONS' GAME: Some of you might know that our church is promoting a fellowship activity which involves attending the Lions vs. Packers football game on Sunday, December 29th. A bus has been chartered to take everyone down. **There is one ticket left.** If you are interested contact Paul Gies – 233-4994!

REGISTRATION DAY BILLS: Please be reminded that regular monthly payments are to be made if you have not paid all your Registration Day fees. Please take a close look at the statements I have been sending home and make sure you are doing that. If you need special considerations, please contact me. Also, there are only two months left in the calendar year. **As of January 1, 2020, all open accounts will be charged a 1% monthly fee.** Please make regular payments now and avoid the upcoming interest.

GIRLS' TOURNAMENT: Our girls played at the BALL league tournament this past weekend at Trinity. After winning their first game they ran into some stiff breezes but did take fourth place. Congratulations girls and thanks to them and their coaches for all the hard work!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: Have you signed up for this easy way to donate to Bethel School?

TOURNAMENT HELP!!!!: Bethel will be hosting the BALL Boys' basketball tournament on **February 7th and 8th, 2020.** A lot of help is needed such as ticket sales, running clock, scorebook, concession workers and the like. Some already signed up on Registration Day, but much more help is needed. **A signup sheet has been placed on the bulletin board of the front hall and/or you can contact me. Concessions are a big part of the tournament. That is the main way we cover our expenses. Much help is needed in this area.**

MLS PLAY: Grades 3-8 will attend a play at MLS on **Friday, November 22nd.** Permission slips have been sent home. Please return your slip and fee ASAP. Many drivers will be needed!

SCHOOL VISION COMMITTEE MEETING: A meeting date has been chosen! The next meeting of this group is scheduled for **TONIGHT: Monday, November 18th, at 6:30 PM.** This group is working to find ways to improve our school, better meet the needs of our parents and our community, improve our school programs, and expand what we offer. Your input is needed. Please consider attending the next meeting and offering your counsel.

THANKSGIVING: BLS will not have school on **November 27, 28, and 29.** School will be out for Thanksgiving vacation. Bethel Church has a special Thanksgiving Eve church service on **Wednesday, November 27th, starting at 6:30 PM!** Please plan to attend this service with your family and have a blessed Thanksgiving celebration!

BOARD GAME NIGHT Please join us for a Family Game Night November 23rd from 6-8pm. board games, Wii tournaments, and fellowship! If you have a favorite board game feel free to bring it along. Please make sure that it is labeled so it can be returned to the proper owner at the end of the night. Also feel free to

bring your favorite snacks and drinks! Hope to see you there!

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Games:

11/19 vs. GS Burton @ Bethel @ 5:00 PM
12/6-7 MLS Small School Tournament
12/13-14 MLS Large School Tournament

CHOIR SCHEDULE:

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

11/27 1-8 – Thanksgiving

12/15 Cantate Choir
12/19 Pre-8 – Children's Christmas Service

COMING UP:

11/18 Girls' Club

Educational Vision Meeting @ 6:30 PM

11/22 MLS Play

11/23 Board Game Night

11/27-29 Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
12/6-7 MLS Small School Girls' BB Tourney
12/8 Congregational Caroling 5:00 PM
12/13-14 MLS Large School Girls' BB Tourney
12/14 Christmas for Kids 9:00 to 12:00 Noon
12/19 Last Day before Christmas Vacation ½ Day
Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30 PM
12-20-1/5 Christmas Vacation – No School
1/6 Classes resume after Christmas Vacation
1/10 Principals' Conference
1/17 End of 2nd Quarter
Faculty In Service – Dismiss at Noon
1/19 CEA Business Meeting @ 11:00 AM
1/20-1/24 Lutheran Schools' Week.
1/22 Report Cards Sent Home
1/26 Lutheran Schools' Sunday
Chili Cook off
1/27 Map Testing Window begins

CEA SPONSORED EVENTS: The CEA has decided to sponsor more events this year to help create school family bonding and fun for all. Below is a tentative list of what is being planned as well as those heading up these various events. Obviously there is a lot of work for these events, so contact those listed if you are willing to help. Put these events on your calendar and plan to attend! Thanks!

11/23 Board Game Night

12/8	Coffee Hour	Herrera, Crites
12/14	Christmas for Kids	Crites, MacDougall
2/9	Coffee Hour	Figley, Crites
2/9	Coffee Hour	Powers, Killinger
2/29	Trivia Night	Thunberg, Wilson
2/26	Soup Supper	Herrera, Crites
3/22	Coffee Hour	Wilson, Crites
4/11	Easter for Kids	Figley
4/25	School Plays	Faculty
5/3	Confirmation	Willard and Co.
5/29	Awards Presentation	Faculty
5/31	Church Picnic	Willard and Co.

The CEA is also likely to be sponsoring the following events but no firm date has been chosen. Watch for

future announcements and volunteer to help with those heading these events up.

Mother/Son & Father/Daughter Events: Thunberg,
Killinger, Figley
Pine Car Derby Powers

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: It is hard to believe that we are in the third week of November and Thanksgiving is just around the corner with Christmas close behind. This week the children will be picking names for their Christmas party gift exchange. The children will also begin preparations for the Children's Christmas service; a copy of their song and recitation will be coming home this week. Please help to review their part at home as they prepare for the service. The four year olds will have two Bible lessons this week as they wrap up their study of Moses with *God's People Enter the New Land* and *The Fall of Jericho*. They will learn God encouraged his people as he led them into the new land; and God blessed his people by giving them the city of Jericho. The Bible words to Remember are Matthew 28:20 *I am with you always* and Psalm 84:5 *Blessed are those whose strength is in you*. The three year olds Bible lesson is *God Helps David Kill Goliath*. They will learn that David trusted that God would help him fight Goliath. The children will begin the theme *Cooling Off*. This week they will learn what happens when the weather gets colder, how to dress in cold weather, which animals migrate and hibernate. The letter is I, the color brown, the number 8, and the rectangle shape. Blessings on your week.

Kindergarten: This week in Word of God, the class will learn how God used Joshua and Gideon to lead the Children of Israel. A sheet with the Christmas memory work can be found in your child's folder. They will be having memory work every day for the next few weeks. Letterbook L has been completed. Letterbook I will be started this week. The children will continue to work on identifying the beginning, middle or ending sounds in words. In math, the children are learning how to do subtraction phrases. In science the class has begun a new unit on the weather. This week's sight word is "am" and the color word is "pink". Show and Tell for this week will be things that are pink or begin with the letter i.

Memory Work:

Tuesday, November 19 – Christmas Memory 1
Wednesday, November 20 – Christmas Memory 2
Thursday, November 21 – Christmas Memory 3
Friday, November 22 – Christmas Memory 4
Monday, November 25 – Christmas Memory 5
Tuesday, November 26 – Christmas Memory 5

Grades 1-2: Please place any Scholastic Book orders online using code Q4X4B or submit orders to me by next Monday (the 25th). Books make great Christmas presents- so get your orders in now! We are in need of

more paper plates for our classroom. Please consider donating, especially if your child uses paper plates on a regular basis. Don't forget, we sing in church for our Thanksgiving Service on November 27. Finally, we will begin working on parts for our Christmas service soon. I am sending home a sheet with all of our parts on them. They won't be assigned as separate memory work unless it is needed. Still, please practice these parts with your child at home too! Thanks! Please check your child's homework folder for Memory Treasures and this week's spelling words.

Grades 3-5: Thank you to those who turned in their MLS play permission slips already. We will leave school shortly after 8 for the play and return around to school around lunch time. On Friday, memory work will be due and we will take our unit 10 spelling test. On Wednesday, hymn #610 *Now Thank We All Our God* will be due. Both fourth and fifth grade will have a math test in the middle of the week. We will have a new round of stories in reading based around our theme for the week. All three grades will continue to learn about verbs in language arts. As the weather continues to get colder, please remind your child to plan accordingly with coats, hats, gloves, etc. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work this week. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: WE ARE IN NEED OF PAPER PLATES AND NAPKINS. Thanks! My students have exchanged names for their room Christmas party. Please ask them for the name they have drawn and assist them with their purchase. Gifts are to range from \$5.00 to \$7.00. We will be attending the play at MLS this coming Friday. Thanks to those that have volunteered to drive and chaperone. We will be gone for the morning and return to have lunch at school at noon. We are starting up new units in geography and science. I hope to finish chapters on major subjects right before Thanksgiving so everyone can have a break. Please watch *Quickschools* closely.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

LIGHT UP A STUDENTS LIFE: During the holiday season, the MLS Foundation sponsors a special giving program to benefit MLS and its students. Contributions will support the Foundation's ongoing financial assistance to the students who attend MLS now and in the future. Donors to the *Light Up A Student's Life* program have an opportunity to make a gift in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person. These gifts will be recognized by the lighting of a large Christmas tree that will be located in the commons. For a \$10 contribution, a white light ornament will be placed on the Christmas tree with the name of the individual being remembered or honored. A special Christmas card will be sent to the family or honoree recognizing your caring gift to MLS and its students. Please visit mls-foundation.org/luas/ for details.