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*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 **\$37.78**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$105.65**.

**THANKSGIVING EVE CHURCH SERVICE:** Our congregation will have a special Thanksgiving Eve Church service on **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:30**. Grades 1-8 will sing for the service. Please plan to attend with your family.

**MRS. MAYHEW:** As most of you know by now Mrs. Mayhew, our Kindergarten teacher, has decided to resign from her teaching position at the end of the school year. This is Mrs. Mayhew's 12<sup>th</sup> year of teaching at Bethel and 16<sup>th</sup> year of teaching over all. We are truly grateful for her contributions to our church and school and wish her God's blessings in the future. Sandy will be deeply missed by her Bethel family and

her colleagues here at Bethel. Thanks for your faithful service, Sandy!

**MRS. VIRANT:** You likely also know that Mrs. Virant, our preschool teacher/director has received a preschool call to teach at Mandan, North Dakota. Please take the time to offer your counsel to Mrs. Virant as she deliberates on the two calls that she holds and keep her in your prayers!

**CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS:** The CEA will again sponsor Christmas for Kids on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Elizabeth Figley and Jamie Crites are heading up this activity. They will need help. Watch for additional information and call Elizabeth if you can help out. I expect that there will be a signup sheet on the front hall bulletin board shortly. Thanks!

**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! Also, make sure your child(ren) are practicing his/her parts at home on a regular basis. There is a lot to prepare and work outside of school hours will be needed!

**CONGREGATIONAL CAROLING:** Our annual Congregational Caroling is set for **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CHURCH DECORATING:** The congregation is asked to come together on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019** to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Decorating will begin after the church service. Make this a family activity and plan to stay. The more help we get the more quickly the job is accomplished. Thanks!

**TOURNAMENT HELP!!!!:** Bethel will be hosting the **BALL Boys' basketball tournament on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** There will be a meeting of tournament volunteers to start getting organized for the Boys Basketball tournament that we will be hosting at St. John's in Bay City on **February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**. The volunteer meeting will be on Sunday, **December 8<sup>th</sup>, after the church service.** It is important that those who have volunteered attend! Thanks.

**NO SCHOOL GRADES 3-8/MLS TOURNAMENT:** Our girls' basketball team will participate in the annual MLS girls' tournament of **Friday and Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**. There will be three games on Friday with the first beginning at 9:30 AM. Tournament information is attached to this newsletter. **GRADES 3-8 WILL NOT HAVE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>!** The preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1-2 will have classes as normal.

**CEA MEETING:** The CEA will have its second business meeting on **Sunday, January 12**, after the church service. There are many activities that are planned for the new year that aren't fully developed. All the heads of these activities are asked to be prepared for the meeting. I hope all our school parents consider attending and help out where it is possible.

**HOT LUNCH:** Thanks to those that served this past week! Our menu for **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** includes sloppy joes, potato chips, bananas, and ice cream. Our workers are scheduled to be **Urban, VanDenBoom, and Wilson.**

**BOARD GAME NIGHT:** Thanks to those that organized the family board game night this past Saturday! There was a very good turn out and everyone had fun!

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:** Boys' basketball practices will begin shortly. Bethel will have two teams. Thanks to Steve Powers and Zach Thooft for coaching. The boys' season will begin with their first game on **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 is only one month 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.

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Happy birthday to:  
Mason Bargouthy 11/25 Pre.  
Logan Szostek 11/25 Gr. 6  
Justin Krohn 11/29 Gr. 2

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL:**  
**Practices:** (Practices are from 3:00 to 5:00)  
**11/25**  
12/2  
12/5  
**Games:**  
**12/6-7 MLS Small School Tournament**

**BOYS' BASKETBALL:**  
**B - Practices:** (Practices are from 3:00 to 4:30)  
**12/9**  
**12/12**  
12/16  
**A - Practices:** (Practices are from 4:30 to 6:00)  
**12/9**  
**12/12**  
12/16  
**Games;** (All game nights will begin at 5:30 unless otherwise noted.)

**Tuesday, 1/7 vs. Trinity @ Trinity**  
**Friday, 1/10 vs. Tawas @ Bethel – A only**  
Friday, 1/17 vs. St. John's BC @ Bethel  
Saturday, 1/18 B Tournament @ Trinity  
Tuesday, 1/21 vs. St. Barts/SJ/GS @ St. John's BC  
Friday, 1/24 vs. Trinity @ Bethel  
Tuesday, 1/28 vs. Tawas @ Tawas – A Only  
Tuesday, 2/4 vs. St. John's BC @ St. John's  
Fri./Sat. 2/7-8 BALL Tourney @ St. John's BC  
Tuesday, 2/11 vs. St. B/SJ/GS @ Bethel  
Fri./Sat. 2/14-15 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:**  
**11/27-29 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  
1/12 CEA Business Meeting @ 11:00 AM  
1/17 End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
Faculty In Service – Dismiss at Noon  
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!

<b>12/8</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Crites, MacDougall</b>
<b>12/14</b>	<b>Christmas for Kids</b>	<b>Figley, Crites</b>
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 those heading these events up.

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

**CLASSROOM NEWS:**

**Preschool:** As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, the preschool classes will conclude the theme - *Cooling Off*. This week they will learn about Thanksgiving and how it began in America. The letter is I, the color brown, the number 8, and the rectangle shape. The Bible lesson is *An Angel Visits Mary*. The children will learn Mary was happy to learn that she would be the mother of the Savior. Our Bible Words to Remember are John 3:16. *God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.* and Luke 1:31. *Give him the name Jesus.* Last week your child brought home a song and recitation the children are preparing for the children's Christmas service. Please review this with your child at home to reinforce what we are practicing at school. Thank you for your help. Have a relaxing and blessed Thanksgiving break!

**Kindergarten:** This week in Word of God, the class will be learning how Hannah showed love for her son, Samuel. The children are doing a great job of learning their parts for the Children's Christmas service. Please continue to review parts 1-6 over the Thanksgiving break. The children will be finishing their Letter book Unit on I. We will start a new unit after the break. A new list of words will also be coming home this week. In math, the children have finished their chapter on addition and subtraction and are moving on to learning

about numbers 11-20. Christmas gift exchange names should have come home Monday. If you are not sure who your child has, please speak to me as soon as possible. Enjoy and be thankful with your family.

**Memory Work:**

- Tuesday, November 26 - Christmas Memory #6  
Wednesday, November 27 – no school  
Thursday, November 28 – no school  
Friday, November 29 – no school  
Monday, Dec. 3 – Review Christmas Memory #1-6

**Grades 1-2:** Thanks to those who brought in plates for our classroom! We should be set for a while! Don't forget, we sing in church for our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 27. Please meet in Mr. Dast's room at 6:00. Names for our Christmas gift exchange will be sent home this week. Gifts should be kept between \$5 and \$7. Homework Folders will not be sent home this week. First and second graders will both take math tests on Tuesday. We will have one Memory Treasure this week: **Luke 11:28 Even more blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.** It will be recited on Tuesday. I wish all of you a blessed Thanksgiving as you celebrate all of the good and perfect gifts that come from the hand of our gracious God.

**Grades 3-5:** Thank you to all the drivers who drove for the MLS play last week! This week is a short week because of Thanksgiving break. There will be no hymn, spelling or memory work due this week. All three grades will continue to work on multiplying this week. In language arts all three grades will be working on verbs and specifically verbs in the future tense. Please help your child stay on top of their daily and weekly work. Blessings on your week and your Thanksgiving celebration!

**Grades 6-8:** It will be a short week but very busy none-the-less. I am trying to finish up chapters in social studies, science, and English and not start anything new until we return from Thanksgiving vacation. If your child is keeping up, there should be little to do over vacation. There will be a Bible History quiz on Monday which is unavoidable. The girls are finishing up their basketball season and the boys are anxious to get going. Thanks to those that volunteered to drive to the MLS play this past Friday! I hope parents know the name their child has drawn for our classroom gift exchange. Please ask if you don't know. I am looking forward to our Wednesday evening Thanksgiving worship and I hope all my students and their families are planning on attending. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and enjoy the time off with your families.