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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**.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS: The CEA will again sponsor Christmas for Kids on **Saturday, December 14th, 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. There is a signup sheet attached to this newsletter. Please fill out and return to school ASAP. 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.

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.**

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 7th and 8th**. The volunteer meeting will be on Sunday, **December 8th, after the church service**. It is important that those who have volunteered attend! Thanks.

CEA COFFEE HOUR: The CEA will sponsor the coffee hour this coming Sunday, December 8th. Donations of food, etc. are needed. Please contact Jamiee Crites if you can help out. Thanks!

NO SCHOOL GRADES 3-8/MLS TOURNAMENT: Our girls' basketball team will participate in the annual MLS girls' tournament on **Friday and Saturday, December 6th and 7th**. 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 6TH!** The preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1-2 will have classes as normal.

HOT LUNCH: Thanks to those that served this past week! Our menu for **Wednesday, December 6th** will include hot dogs, corn, apple slices, and cookies. Our workers are scheduled to be **Zube, Crites, Dahn**.

BOOKMOBILE: The Bay County Bookmobile will start servicing Bethel on Tuesday, January 21st, in the afternoon. They will come about every three weeks after until school is out. I hope our students take advantage of this free service!

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

CHEERLEADING: We will have a cheerleading squad this year. Our team will be limited to girls in grades 3-5. Practices should begin shortly. Thanks to Mrs. Killinger for being our coach!

BIRTHDAYS: Happy birthday to:
Hayden Dahn 12/6 Gr. 4

GIRLS' BASKETBALL:

Practices: (Practices are from 3:00 to 5:00)

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)

12/15 **Cantate Choir**

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

COMING UP:

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 2nd 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!

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

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

Pine Car Derby

CLASSROOM NEWS:

Preschool: The preschoolers are busy preparing for Christmas. They are all working hard on their part in the Christmas service. Parents, please continue to review the recitation and song at home with your child. The more repetition the better prepared the child will be. This week the Bible lesson is *Jesus the Savior is Born*. The children will learn that Jesus was born to be our Savior and that He came to earth to save us from sin. The memory treasures are: 1 Timothy 1:15 *Jesus came...to save sinners*; and Luke 2:11 *A Savior has been born to you he is Christ the Lord*. The children will begin the theme *Five Super Senses*. This week they will learn about their senses and how they gather information about the world. They will focus on the sense of touch, sight and hearing. The letter is J, the number 9, the color green and the star shape. The December Scholastic Book order is **due Monday, December 10**. You may order online using the code J6CQC. Books will arrive before Christmas break.

Kindergarten: In Word of God this week, we will be learning about David and how God used him to bless the children of Israel. Please keep working with your child on their Christmas recitation and song. They are

doing an awesome job. The children will be starting Letter book T this week. In it, they will be meeting Tic, Tac, and Toc and the trouble they get into. Our sight word for this week will be the word "it" and our color will be gray. Show and tell this week will be things that begin with the letter T or are the color gray. In math the children will continue to work with numbers 11-19. In science, we are exploring the lights in sky and how they are important to us.

Memory Work:

Tuesday, December 3 – Christmas Memory #7

Wednesday, December 4 – Christmas Memory #8

Thursday, December 5 – Christmas Memory #9

Friday, December 6 – Review Christmas Memory #1-9

Grades 1-2: We should have a normal week back at it this week. We will be picking up where we left off in our Superkids reading program as well as beginning chapter 6 in math. Second graders will be working on subtracting two digit numbers with regrouping. First graders will be exploring a variety of subtraction strategies. We will be finishing up our chapter in science this week and testing early next week. We will begin focusing more on our Christmas service parts this week. You will notice we have a few Bible passages assigned as Memory Treasures this week. Please check your child's Homework Folder for more information about what we are learning, especially Memory Treasures and spelling words.

Grades 3-5: I hope your Thanksgiving break was relaxing and refreshing. We are back at it this week with a full slate of classes. All three grades will continue their work on multiplying in math this week. All three grades will continue to study verbs in language arts. We will have a new set of stories in our reading class this week as well. On Wednesday, hymn #7 *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers* verse one will be due for all three grades. On **Thursday**, we will take our spelling test and unit 11 will be due. Thursday will also be the day that memory work will be due. Please note that because of the girls' MLS basketball tournament there will be no school for our classroom on Friday. Blessings on your week!

Grades 6-8: I hope everyone was refreshed over the Thanksgiving break. I for one had some great family time and I hope you did also. And now for the Christmas rush. There are only three full weeks until Christmas break and they will be filled and busy. I hope parents are listening to Christmas parts at home. It is important that you do! This week will be a bit short because of the tournament on Friday. There will be assignment adjustments to accommodate the day off. It will be a busy week accordingly. The girls will finish their commitment to basketball this week which should help them out a bit, but the boys are starting up next week. We are starting new units in social studies and science this week.