



Bethel Lutheran School's Weekly Newsletter

BOBCAT BULLETIN

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In the beginning God created the heavens and
the earth. Genesis 1:1

CHAPEL: For the last quarter of the school year our chapel offerings will be used to support Martin Luther College. This is the college that trains our future pastors and teachers. This past week we collected **\$50.50**. Our total for the quarter is now **\$129.36**. Please remember to encourage your child to participate each Wednesday as part of our Wednesday morning Chapel routine.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Enrollment is open to the public on a first come first served basis. As of today, there are **two spots still open** in our four year old program and **nine spots still open** in our 3 yr. old program. Please help us get the word out!

CONFIRMATION/EXAMINATION SUNDAY: Our 8th graders will be examined and confirmed into communicant membership on a date in mid-May yet to be determined. Please plan to attend this special service and welcome the following BLS students into communicant membership:

Logan Crites

Heidi Dahn

Alivia Kukla

Hayden Powers

Congratulations to these great young people!

FACULTY IN SERVICE: Your faculty will have its last meeting on **Friday, May 7th**. Students will be **dismissed at noon**. Please be on time! Thanks!

MOTHERS' DAY: **Sunday, May 9th** is Mothers' Day! BLS would like to recognize all of the mothers' in our school community. Christian mothers' are essential parts of God's plans for the upbringing of our children. A mother's contributions to her family, her church, and her community are numerous and crucially important. They work tirelessly every day to make our homes loving places. Thank you so much and Happy Mothers' Day!

COVID PROGRESS REPORT: As I am sure most of you know we did have a COVID outbreak in the families of our school and preschool over spring break. Since it was over break when school wasn't in session we were able to open school face to face and keep school up and running for most students. The extra week of spring break likely kept us from experiencing a much larger outbreak and the inconvenience and harm it might have brought to everyone. Since school started up there have been very few additional complications. The middle and upper grades were hit the hardest. Some students have already returned and a number of other students will be coming back this week. Barring any additional complications, all of our students being quarantined because of COVID should return by mid-May. I am happy to see things finally trending in the right direction. Please stay vigilant so that we can finish the year strong.

LADIES AID FUNDRAISER: I received a request to print the following in the BLS newsletter:

"Bethel Ladies Aid is sponsoring a fundraiser with: From Bud's to Bloom's Garden Center, 1515 E Center Rd, Essexville. Phone 989-894-0201. It runs from May 1st - May 31st. A percentage of each purchase will go to **Bethel Ladies Aid**. All you have to do when you check out is tell them that your purchases go towards **Bethel Ladies Aid**. They will keep track of the sales and forward us a check when the fundraiser has ended. Make sure to tell them your purchases go towards **Bethel Ladies Aid**."

BIRTHDAYS: Happy Birthday to:
Alivia Kukla 5/8 Gr. 8

PROJECT UPDATES:

Gym Scoreboard: A lot of work has been going on in the background to replace our aging scoreboard. Everything is now coming to a head. The BOE approved of final concept of this project yesterday and will take it to the Church Council for final approval. If approved it shouldn't take too long for things to happen and I feel confident it will be installed for use before school opens in the fall. Thanks to **Jennifer Thunberg** for heading up this project which included research, funding, design work, and implementation of the final concept.

Playground Upgrade: After researching all possible directions for upgrading our playground, the BOE formed a subcommittee to identify a suitable structure to replace our Timberland. The committee consists of Mark Fuhrman, Jennifer Thunberg, and Stephanie Wilson. They are getting close to making a recommendation to the BOE. If approved, you will eventually see the concept we are working towards and a chart will be prepared showing our progress towards acquiring the funds necessary for the purchase.

MALL TRACK MEET @ GARBER: Children in grades 1-8 will participate in our annual MALL (Mid-Michigan Area Lutheran League) track meet held each year at Garber High School in Essexville. The date is **Friday, May 28th starting at 9:00 AM.** There will be no school this day so that

students and staff can attend. Teachers will be signing up their students for various events over the next couple of weeks. Information will be sent home informing you of the events in which your child will compete. Please make sure your child begins to condition for the meet and is prepared to participate. If you would like any additional information, please contact your child's teacher.

GYM CAPACITIES: Please note the following:

- Small gyms (Bethel, Christ Shields, and Salem Owosso) will continue to allow only 2 spectators per player
- Large gyms (Trinity, St. John's BC, and Emanuel Lansing) will allow 4 spectators per player.

BOYS' BASKETBALL:

Boys' Games:

Tue. 5/4 vs. Trinity BC @ Trinity A&B

Fri. 5/7 vs. Zion Chesaning @ Bethel A&B

Boys' A/B Combined Practices:

Monday 5/3 5:00 to 6:30

Thursday 5/6 5:00 to 6:30

COMING UP:

- 5/7 Faculty in Service ½ Day – Dismiss @ Noon**
- 5/? Examination/Confirmation
- 5/26 Pre K 4yr old – Last Day
- 5/27 Pre K 3yr old – Last Day
- 5/27 Preschool Farewell @ 6:30 PM
- 5/28 MALL Track Meet @ Garber – No School
- 5/31 Memorial Day – No School
- 6/2 MLS Track Meet – Grades 5-8
K-4 Bethel Fun Day
- 6/3 Records Day – ½ Day – Dismiss @ Noon
- 6/4 Last Day – ½ Day – Dismiss @ Noon
End of 4th Quarter
Report Cards Sent Home
Awards Day
Closing Service @ 11:00 AM

MLS SUMMER CAMPS: Information is now available for Michigan Lutheran Seminary summer camps. Visit www.mlsem.org/summercamps for details on dates, times, and prices. You can also register for camps as well. We will not be offering any overnight camps this year. Camps offered include: basketball, volleyball, football, and fine arts. Registration will open on Monday April 19 at 8:00 a.m. and run through midnight on May 23. Space at the camps will be limited due to social distancing requirements so don't wait until the last minute to register! Contact Michael Priebe at mdp@mlsem.org with any questions.