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*Always be prepared to give an answer. - 1 Peter 3:15*

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**Mission Program:** Our first quarter mission offering is going to support Christain Life Resources. They are an organization which provides Biblical-based counsel to individuals and families on life and family issues. Our current mission offering for the quarter is \$200.73. This is a great opportunity for children to contribute to the mission work of our church and synod.

**Class Pictures:** A form for school pictures will be sent out this week. You may fill out the form with payment and return it on picture day (Tuesday, October 18th) or you may order and make payment online. Information on how to do either is on the form that will be sent home. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

**MLS Taste of Ministry:** This week we had Gabi Wenzel and Brenna Moore from MLS visit our school to get some experience in what ministry is about. Gabi observed in the preschool room and Brenna in grades 1-2 on Monday and Tuesday. This program is a great opportunity for MLS students to get a taste of ministry!

**Dismissal Change:** Due to the higher volume of traffic in the Pine Rd parking lot at dismissal, it has been decided to change our dismissal procedure. Preschool and Kindergarten families (this includes PreK/Kindergarten students with older siblings) will be dismissed on the Ridge Road side of the building and will be signed out in the Multi-Purpose Room. Students in grades 1-8 will still be dismissed on the Pine Road side of the building. If you have questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

**Soccer Uniforms:** With the conclusion of the soccer season it is time to turn in soccer uniforms. Please inspect your child's uniform and repair it if necessary, then spot and clean the uniform and send it in right away. I have received some uniforms but not all yet. Thanks!

**State Teachers' Conference:** Last week your staff attended the Michigan District Teachers' Conference. This conference provided opportunities for professional and spiritual growth through continuing education opportunities. This conference is another way our staff continues to try to make our school the best that it can be.

**Grandparents' Day:** Grandparents' Day is Friday, October 14th. Grandparents are invited to arrive at school around 9:45am for a program beginning at 10am. After the program the students will do a variety of activities with their grandparents. Grandparents' Day is a noon dismissal day.

**Faculty In-Service:** Your faculty will meet during the afternoon of Friday, October 14th. This is the same day as Grandparents' Day. There will be a half day of school with students being dismissed at noon.

**Boys' and Girls' Club:** There will be a Pumpkin Party on Sunday, October 23 at 3 pm. The Boys' and Girls' Club will meet in the gym. **Please get your \$25 annual dues to Shannon Fuhrman beforehand.** Thanks!

**CEA:** The Christian Education Association (CEA) has met and scheduled a number of activities for the school year. For a schedule and list of activities, please check the CEA schedule portion of the newsletter. If you are willing to help with any of the CEA events please contact the people who are in charge of them, listed next to the event. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who are willing to lead these events.

**QuickSchools:** If you do not have your QuickSchools login information please contact your child's teacher to be sent that information. QuickSchools is the best way to stay up to date with your child's grades.

**Playground Update:** Although our playground equipment installation date has been delayed due to shipping delays, the Niles Foundation did sandblast and paint the existing playground equipment last week! They did a fantastic job and if you have a chance, check out the freshly painted equipment on the playground. This is another exciting step in the process of getting our playground project completed! Please continue to check online or our newsletter for updated information.

**Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy:** Our sister congregation, Good Shepherd in Midland, is currently without a pastor. Their former pastor accepted a call to Martin Luther College recently. Pastor Killinger has been called to serve as their vacancy pastor while Good Shepherd seeks to call a new pastor. There will be little disruption to what we are doing at Bethel during this process. Good Shepherd did put out a call to a new pastor and they are waiting for him to make a decision on where to serve. I encourage you to keep Good Shepherd in your prayers as they seek a new shepherd for their congregation and for Pastor Killinger as he serves them during the vacancy.

**Band:** Mrs. Perkins has sent home band information with students who are interested in the program. If you filled out the information provided by Mrs. Perkins you should be hearing from her soon. The first day of lessons will be Tuesday, October 11th.

**Birthdays:** Opal Welton - October 9th - PreK-3  
Nicklas Barclay - October 9th - Grade 5

**Student Spotlight:**

This week's Student Spotlight: Ada Figley-grade 7, Keiran Kent-grade 3, Chandler Asel-PreK-3, Ella Szostek-grade 1

**Coming Up:**

- 10/14 - Grandparents Day (Noon Dismissal)
  - Faculty In-Service in pm
- 10/18 - Class Pictures in morning
- 10/23 - Boys' & Girls' Club Pumpkin Party
- 10/28 - Costume Day
- 11/04 - End of 1st Qtr.
- 11/09 - Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/14 - No School
  - Faculty In-Service in AM
  - Parent Consults PM
- 11/23-11/25 - No School - Thanksgiving Vacation

**Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 10/16 - Cherub Choir
- 10/23 - PreK/Kindergarten
- 11/06 - Cantate Choir
- 11/23 - Grades 1-8 (Thanksgiving Service)
- 12/04 - Cherub Choir
- 12/11 - Cantate Choir
- 12/22 - Children's Christmas Service



**CEA Schedule:**

- 10/19 - First Hot Lunch
- 12/11 - Coffee Hour after church - Powers/Kukla
- 01/15 - General Business Meeting
- 02/12 - Coffee Hour after church - Crites
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - VanDenBoom
- 02/25 - Saginaw Spirit Game - Krohn
- 03/04 - Trivia Night - Thunberg/Wilson
- 04/28 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 05/05 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson
- TBD Springtime - Pine Car Derby - Powers
- TBD - Board Games Night - Friske

*Thank you to all those who have volunteered to organize these activities!*

**Bookmobile Schedule:**

- 10/25, 11/15, 12/06, 12/27

**Girls' Basketball Game Schedule**

**(Games begin at 5:30, when A and B team play on the same night, B team plays first followed by A team):**

- 10/14 - vs Emanuel (Lansing) @ Lansing (A only)  
1001 N Capitol Ave  
Lansing, MI 48906  
**(Note from Emanuel: Parking lot however is on Seymour Ave which is 1 block west of Capitol Ave)**
- 10/18 - vs Trinity @ Bethel
- 10/21 - vs St. B's/Midland @ SJBC
- 10/22 - B Team Tournament @ Trinity (One Day Tournament)
- 10/25 - vs Emanuel (Tawas) @ Tawas
- 10/28 - vs Salem (Owosso) @ Owosso (A only)
- 11/01 - vs Sag/Hem @ Bethel
- 11/04 - vs St. John's BC @ Bethel
- 11/08 vs Sag/Hem @ Christ Shields
- 11/11 - vs Emanuel (Tawas) @ Bethel
- 11/19 - MALL A Team Tournament @ Lansing (One Day Tournament)
- 12/09-12/10 - MLS Tournament @ MLS



**A Team Practice Schedule:**

- Monday October 10                   4:30-6:00
- Thursday October 13               3:00-4:30
- Monday October 17                 3:00-4:30
- Thursday October 20               3:00-4:30
- Thursday October 27               3:00-4:30
- Sunday October 30                 5:00-6:30

**B Team Practice Schedule:**

- Monday, October 10               3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 12           3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Monday, October 17               3:00 pm to 4:30pm (joint A & B practice)
- Thursday, October 27             3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (joint A & B practice)
- Wednesday, November 2         3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Monday, November 7             3:00 pm to 4:30 pm
- Thursday, November 10          3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (joint A & B practice)

## **Michigan Lutheran Seminary:**

### **MLS OPEN HOUSE**

Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites all 5th-8th grade students and their families to spend part of a day on campus learning about MLS at one of our Open House events. There will be several open houses throughout the school year. All open houses will include a tour of campus, faculty introductions, a free meal in the dining hall, and free admission to an MLS event.

- Oct 14 (1:30-5:30) - Varsity football game vs. Burton-Bendle
- Nov 20 (4:00-6:00) - Fall Play performance @ 2:30 (Open House after show)
- Feb 10 (1:30-5:30) - Varsity basketball games vs. Nouvel
- Mar 11 (4:00-6:00) - Children's Theater performances @ 2:00 and 7:00 (Open House between shows)
- May 5 (4:00-6:00) - Varsity baseball/softball games vs. Bullock Creek

Get your questions answered as you and your 6th-8th grade students meet faculty and students, attend mini-classes, and hear personal experiences from other MLS parents. Between tours and break-out sessions, you'll find out everything that makes MLS an incredibly special place for students and their families. Visit [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org) to register.

**Google Calendar:** If you have not, please check out our Google calendar for the latest dates of events. It is important that you have access to our Google calendar because that is the primary way to know when events are happening at Bethel. If you need assistance with setting up access to the Google calendar, please contact a staff member.

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