



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

Worship Schedule This Week:

- 10/17 - 6:30 - Worship
- 10/23 - 9:00 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 - Worship (20th Sunday in Pentecost)

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 \$276.88. 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 was sent out last 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. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher.

Girls' B Team Basketball Tournament: The girls' B team basketball tournament on October 22nd will be at Trinity (1907 Broadway). Games start at 8:30. A schedule of games is attached to the back of the newsletter.

Joining Reformation Service: Wednesday November 2nd 6:30 at St. John's.

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 (4 year old program) and Kindergarten families (this includes PreK 4 year olds/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.

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.

Boys' and Girls' Club: \$25 annual dues are needed by **Wednesday, October 20th**. Please bring your pumpkin carving tools on Sunday, October 23rd!

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 will be putting out a call this Tuesday at their quarterly voters' meeting. 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.

Birthdays: None

Student Spotlight:

Reid Collicker - grade 1; Lucas Clark - grade 5; Rosalind Greenwood - Kindergarten; Oakleigh Ball - PreK-4

Coming Up:

- 10/18 - Class Pictures in morning
- 10/23 - Boys' & Girls' Club Pumpkin Party
- 10/28 - Costume Day
- 11/02 - Joint Reformation Service at St. John's Bay City
- 11/04 - End of 1st Qtr.
- 11/06 - Board of Education
- 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

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!

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 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

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):

- 10/18 - 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 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
- Thursday November 3 3:00-4:30
- Sunday November 6 5:00-6:30
- Thursday November 10 3:00-4:30
- Sunday November 13 5:00-6:30
- Thursday November 17 3:00-4:30
- Monday November 21 3:00-4:30
- Tuesday November 29 3:00-4:30
- Thursday December 1 3:00-4:30
- Tuesday December 6 3:00-4:30
- Thursday December 8 3:00-4:30

B Team Practice Schedule:

- 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.

- 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 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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