



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

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**Worship Schedule:**

- 11/20 - 9:00 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
  - 10:00 - Worship (*Christ the King*)
- 11/23 - Thanksgiving Eve Worship @ 6:30 (grades 1-8 sing)

***A special note about this newsletter: due to the short week next week this newsletter covers the next two weeks. The next newsletter will be sent home on Monday, November 28th.***

**Mission Program:** Our 2nd quarter mission offering will go to the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM). This ministry brings not only the gospel to places in Africa but also much needed medical and physical care also. Members of CAMM will be coming to give a school presentation about the CAMM on Wednesday, December 7th during chapel. Parents and congregation members are invited to join us for that presentation. Our first week's offering totaled \$60.85. This is a great opportunity for children to contribute to the mission work of our church and synod. The Ladies Aid has also offered to match the chapel offerings that are given by the kids. This is a fantastic way for us to work together as a congregation to help spread the gospel around the world!

**Playground Update:** Wow! There is A LOT that has taken place with our playground in the last week! The playground is almost complete. Over the weekend we were able to put together and install almost all of the playground structure. There are still a few things that need to be done to finish off the playground before the kids will be allowed to use it. After we have totally finished the installation the next step will be to have the playground inspector inspect the playground for approval.

There are many people to thank for a project like this, so I hope I am able to thank everyone involved with helping make our new playground possible. Thank you to the people behind the scenes who helped secure funding for the purchase of the playground equipment. A big thank you to Wesley Asel at JAWS Excavation for the work he did to prepare our playground space for the installation of equipment. He did a fantastic job! Thank you to the Niles Foundation and Sanilac County Community Foundation for helping fund this project through grants as well as providing workers who helped assemble the play structure. Thank you to Triple K Transport for hauling pea gravel throughout the week. Thank you to Jim Dahn at Dahn Construction for helping dig the footings for the play structure and using his equipment to move pea gravel. Thank you to AAA State of Play who is the company we purchased the equipment from and who answered many of our questions. Thank you to Home Depot in Midland for donating bags of concrete. Thank you to Paul Gies for using his tractor for digging and moving the pea gravel. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out over the weekend to help with the playground. It is a tremendous blessing, when undertaking a project like this, to have people step up to help out.

A big thank you to Stephanie Wilson as well for her work in coordinating this whole project and keeping it on track throughout the process. It is my hope that the classes of kids will be able to enjoy this playground for years to come!

**Pastor Killinger Call:** Yesterday Pastor Killinger announced that he has returned his divine call to serve as associate pastor at Trinity in Watertown, Wisconsin. I encourage you to keep Trinity in your prayers as they continue the process of calling a pastor for their congregation.

**Mrs. Friske Divine Call:** Last week Mrs. Friske received a divine call to serve as grades 1-2 teacher at Word of Life in Thornton, Colorado. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates where best to serve the Lord. Please reach out to her if you have comments you would like to share.

**Christmas Gift Exchange:** As part of our Christmas celebration, students in grades Pre to 8 exchange names for the purpose of gifts. Your child's teacher will exchange names before Thanksgiving break. Please help your child purchase a gift for his/her exchange name in the range of \$5.00 to \$7.00. Please don't send your child's gift to school until the last day before Christmas vacation, Wednesday, December, 21st, when room parties will take place.

**MALL Girls' BBall Tournament:** There has been a change in schedule for the MALL girls' basketball tournament. It has been moved to a two day tournament (Friday and Saturday) due to the size of the tournament. A tournament bracket was sent home last week. If you haven't seen it please check with your child.

**MLS Play:** A permission slip was sent home in grades 3-8 for the MLS play *12 Incompetent Jurors* on November 18th. We will need drivers for this field trip. If you are willing to drive, please indicate so on the permission slip. **Please return your child's signed permission slip and the \$2 donation as soon as possible.**

**Thanksgiving Church Service:** Bethel will have a special Thanksgiving Eve church service on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 6:30. Both of our school choirs will be singing in that service. I pray that all our school and preschool families join us for this special service of thanks to our gracious God.

**Children's Christmas Service:** Preparations are being made for our annual Children's Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 21st. Soon, our students will begin practicing for this special service. As parts are assigned please help your child to be prepared for this special service and make sure to mark the date on your calendar!

**Boys' and Girls' Club:** Cookie Bake is on Thursday, November 17 from 5:30-7:00 at Bethel. Come out to this fun evening of baking cookies!

**Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy:** Our sister congregation, Good Shepherd in Midland, is currently without a pastor. 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's latest call was returned and they will call another pastor soon. 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:**

- 11/22 - Chloe Szostek - grade 3
- 11/22 - Waren Collicker - PreK -3
- 11/29 - Justin Krohn - grade 5

**Student Spotlight:**

- Nov. 15-18:** Harper Doran - grade 1; Kaylen Janz - grade 4; SkyLynn Grumbley - PreK-4; Aurora Longley - PreK-4
- Nov. 21-22:** Blake Hartley - grade 7; Kaylee Lack - grade 3; Ivy Fleischmann - PreK-3; Avery Grady - PreK-3

**Coming Up:**

- 11/23-11/25 - No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
- 12/21 - Classroom Christmas Parties (Last day of school before Christmas Break)
- 12/21 - Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30
- 1/06 - Principals' Conference



- 01/09 - Classes Resume after Christmas Break
- 01/15 - 23-24 Preschool Enrollment Begins
- 01/20 - End of 2nd Qtr.
- 01/23 - Beginning of Lutheran Schools Week
- 01/25 - Report Cards Sent home
- 01/29 - Lutheran Schools Sunday
- 02/13 - Pastor/Teacher Conference (No School)

**Hot Lunch Schedule:**

- **11/16 - Pizza Hot Lunch – Szostek/Thunberg**
- 11/30 - Taco Hot Lunch – Urban/VanDenBoom
- 12/14 - Pizza Hot Lunch – Wilson/Zube

**CEA Schedule:**

- 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 Worship Singing Schedule Dates:**

- **11/23 - Grades 1-8 (Thanksgiving Service)**
- 12/04 - Cherub Choir
- 12/11 - Cantate Choir
- 12/22 - Children’s Christmas Service
- 01/22 - Preschool/Kindergarten Sing
- 01/29 - Cherub & Cantate Combined Choir sing



**Bookmobile Schedule:**

- 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):**

- **11/18-11/19 - MALL A Team Tournament @ Lansing**
- 12/09-12/10 - MLS Tournament @ MLS

**A Team Practice Schedule:**

- **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



**Boys’ 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):**

- 1/10 - vs Trinity @ Trinity
- 1/13 - vs St. John's BC @ Bethel
- 1/17 - vs Salem Owosso @ Bethel
- 1/20 - vs Good Shepherd Burton @Bethel (A only)
- 1/21 - B Team Tournament @ St. John's BC (One Day Tournament)
- 1/24 - vs Kaw/Mid/Sag @ Trinity
- 1/27 - vs Zion Chesaning @ Chesaning
- 1/31 - vs Trinity @ Bethel
- 2/11 - MALL Tournament @ St. John's BC (Two Day Tournament)
- 2/17-2/18 - MLS Tournament (Two Day Tournament)
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### **Michigan Lutheran Seminary:**

**MLS Application:** Calling all 8th grade families! Now is the time to apply to Michigan Lutheran Seminary for the 2023-24 school year. Fill out the online application in just 10 minutes by visiting [mlsem.org/apply](https://mlsem.org/apply)! Applicant families are able to receive specific information about the upcoming school year. Apply before January 31st, 2023 and you'll be entered to win a \$500 or \$250 tuition discount. We're already excited to welcome a new class of Cardinal to campus and we hope that YOU are a part of it!

### **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](https://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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