



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

Worship Schedule:

- 01/23 - 6:30 pm - Worship
- 01/29 - 9:00 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Worship (Lutheran Schools Sunday)

Mission Program: Last quarter our students gave \$430.89 to the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM). Ladies Aid generously matched that offering, meaning we will be sending \$861.78 to CAMM! What a blessing to support our missions around the world! Our 3rd quarter mission offering will go to the Bethel Equip for Quality Fund (EQF). This is a special fund that is used to continue to make improvements to our school. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church.

Lutheran Schools Week: This week we will celebrate Lutheran Schools' Week! We are planning a fun week of entertainment, activities, and more. Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from the week:

- Monday, January 23rd we will head across town to bowl at Monitor Lanes. We will leave around 12:30 and return to school around 3:00.
- Tuesday, January 24th will be *Breakfast with a Buddy* day. If you would like to donate snack items please check with Mrs. Friske. We will begin shortly after 8. The gym will open at 7:45.
- On Wednesday, January 25th we will have family funnyman Joel Tacey on campus. Tickets are \$3 and are available for purchase in the school office or at the door. The show will begin at 6:30 with doors opening at 6:00.
- On Sunday, January 29th there will be a special worship service in which our students will sing. Our annual Chili Cook-Off will follow the worship service.
- Once again we will have a school wide penny challenge running throughout the week. We will keep penny jars in the classrooms and the coins will only be counted as positive points. It can be any type of coin or bill. The classroom with the most money raised wins a reward determined by the winning classroom teacher. The money raised will go to support the first responders.

Chili Cook-Off: Our traditional chili cook-off will be Sunday, January 29th after church! Sign-up to make your favorite pot of chili to be entered. The sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside of the gym or use the code. Come out and enjoy some great food and fellowship!



Mrs. Friske Call: This past Sunday Mrs. Friske announced she has received a divine call to teach 2nd grade at Divine Savior Academy in Sienna, Texas. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she deliberates where best to serve the Lord. Please reach out to her if you have comments, questions or feedback you would like to share.

End of Quarter & Report Cards: The 2nd quarter of the school year ended on Friday, January 20th. Report cards for the 2nd quarter will be sent home on Wednesday, January 25th. Please review your child's report card carefully and then sign and return only the envelope. There are no formal consultations for the 2nd quarter. However, you may contact your child's teacher and set up an appointment if you need one.

CEA Meeting: The CEA met to finalize events that will be happening this spring such as our annual Trivia Night Fundraiser, the Daddy/Daughter Dance and the Mother/Son activity. **We are in need of people to help volunteer at these various events. If you are able to volunteer with upcoming CEA activities, please talk to me or contact the people in charge of those events directly and let them know you are willing to help.**

Preschool Enrollment for 23-24: Bethel Preschool began accepting enrollments for next year's Preschool on Sunday, January 15th. Applications will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Get your application in and get the word out to your family and friends. At this time there are **11 openings in Pre-K4 and 12 openings in Pre-K3.**

Trivia Night: We are about 7 weeks away from our 4th Annual CEA Trivia Night on Saturday, March 4. Parents, this is replacing our normal fundraiser for CEA that involves selling pizza kits, cookie dough, candy, etc. It has been a successful annual event and we get enough support that we do not have to have any other fundraisers during the year. If every Bethel family finds at least one team to compete in the Trivia Night it will be a great evening - the more teams, the more successful the event. Teams may register online on the Bethel School Website. If trivia is not your thing, please consider helping in some other way that evening. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the hallway at school. Any questions regarding this event please contact Jenni Thunberg at thunbergj@bcschools.net.

MLS Fine Arts Fair: The MLS Fine Arts Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at MLS. Students in grades 3-8 may participate in the various categories. For information about registration, rules and different competitions go to the MLS website (<https://www.mlsem.org/>) and click on the MLS Science & Fine Arts Fair link. MLS is using that link as their center for all information related to the Fine Arts Fair.

Cardinal for a Day: Students in grades 1-8 will be attending Cardinal for A Day at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Friday, February 10th. They will be picked up by a MLS bus shortly after arriving at school and return before the end of day so that you can pick them up at the normal time. They attend some mini classes, attend chapel, have some gym activities and are provided a free pizza lunch. No chaperone help is needed. A permission slip will be sent home in the coming days.

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: Good Shepherd has put out a new call for a pastor. 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.

Girls' Club: There will be Valentine's crafting on Thursday, Feb 9th from 3-4:30 @ Bethel. For further details contact Shannon Fuhrman.

Birthdays:

01/25 - Lilah Foster - PreK 4

01/29 - Kody VanDenBoom - Grade 4

Student Spotlight:

Jan 23-27 - Ashton Irwin - Grade 1; Leah Nitz - Grade 5; Dylan Kramer - Kindergarten

Coming Up:

- **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)
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30
- 02/24 - ½ day Faculty In-Service
- 03/03 - Sports Picture Day & Principals' Conference
- 03/04 - Trivia Night @ 6:00



Upcoming Worship & Singing Schedule Dates:

- **01/29 - Preschool/Kindergarten Sing**
- **01/29 - Cherub & Cantate Combined Choir sing**
- 02/19 - Cherub Choir
- 02/22 - Cantate Choir (Ash Wednesday)
- 03/01 - Tone Chimes
- 03/08 - Cherub Choir
- 03/22 - Cantate Choir



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):

- **1/24 - vs Kaw/Mid/Sag @ Trinity**
- **1/27 - vs Zion Chesaning @ Chesaning(Chesaning Middle School - 431 N 4th St Chesaning, MI 48616)**
- 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)

Boys Practice Schedule

- **Monday, January 23 3:00-4:30**
- **Thursday, January 26 3:00-4:30**
- Monday, January 30 3:00-4:30

Cheerleading practice schedule

Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4:30 unless otherwise noted

- **01/23 & 01/25**
- 01/30 & 02/01
- 02/06 & 02/08

CEA Schedule:

- 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

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

Hot Lunch Schedule:

- 02/01 - Faulk/Figley (Tacos)
- 02/15 - Fuhrman/Greenwood (Pizza)

- 03/01 - Hartley/Houghton (Tacos)
- 03/15 - Irwin/Jacobs (Pizza)
- 03/29 - Janz/Kain (Tacos)
- 04/19 - Kent/Killinger (Pizza)

Popcorn Fridays: The following dates we are planning to have Popcorn Fridays:
1/27; 2/24; 3/10; 4/07; 4/21; 5/05; 5/19

Michigan Lutheran Seminary:

MLS Poms: Members of the MLS Poms team would like to invite all girls from K-5th grade, for a Poms clinic at the MLS gym. The MLS Jr. Cardinal Poms Winter Clinic is scheduled for February 5, 2023! The clinic is for girls from K-5th grade in a WELS/ELS church or school. Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Registration 1:30 p.m.).

MLS FOUNDATION DINNER/AUCTION: Tickets are now available for the MLS Foundation auction on February 19, 2023. Tickets must be reserved in advance to ensure we have room for everyone! Visit <https://bit.ly/3g8x8GP> for ticket and sponsorship information.

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! 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 Cardinals to campus and we hope that YOU are a part of it!

MLS CHILDREN'S THEATER: You are cordially invited to attend the MLS Court Street Players' production of "Camelot and Camelittle." Spunky Ruth wants nothing more than to be a Knight of the Round Table. However, King Arthur of Camelot and his knights say she is too young. So Ruth sets off to form her own kingdom, which will be bigger and better than Camelot! Join Ruth as she sets off on her journey, meeting the enchanting Lady of the Lake, the evil sorceress Morgana le Fay, and the bumbling wizard Merlin along the way. This tale filled with brave knights and magical unicorns will be sure to delight!

Public performances will take place on March 11, 2023 at 2:00 & 7:00 pm. Admission is free to the public.

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.

- 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

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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