



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

Worship Schedule:

- 01/30 - 6:30 pm - Worship
- 02/5 - 9:00 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Worship

Mission Program: 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. Our chapel offering last week was \$55.05. The total for the quarter is \$55.05.

Lutheran Schools Recap: What a fun week last week! I want to thank all who helped out with our Lutheran Schools Week celebration. Our Lutheran Schools are truly a blessing from our Lord!

Penny War Update: During Lutheran Schools Week our school participated in a penny war. The proceeds from this activity will be used to recognize our law enforcement in our community. Look for details of that recognition in future newsletters. Our grand total for the week was **\$585.53!** The room which collected the most was the grades 3-5 with **\$209.05**, followed by grades 1-2 with **\$147.54**, preschool with **\$104.49**, Kindergarten with **\$74.50** and grades 6-8 with **\$49.95**. It was a great effort by all the classrooms!

Honor Roll: Students in grades 6-8 are eligible for Honor Roll. There are two levels - all A's and A's & B's. For the second quarter of the school year the following students have made Honor Roll in grades 6-8:

All A's & B's:

Olivia Rouech	Gr. 8	Eliza Figley	Gr. 6	Grace Janz	Gr. 6
Lilly Szostek	Gr. 8	Avery Kukla	Gr. 6	Ian McGehee	Gr. 6
Jacob Krohn	Gr. 7	Laney Wilson	Gr. 6		

Mrs. Friske Call: Mrs. Friske is currently holding 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.

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.**

Ash Wednesday Supper: Wednesday, February 22nd begins the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30. CEA is in charge of the meal before the service. There will be a sign-up to help with this supper. If you have any questions about helping with the meal, please contact Nicole VanDenBoom.

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 **10 openings in Pre-K4 and 11 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:

- 01/30 - Elli Kain - Grade 4
- 02/04 - Chandler Asel - PreK-3
- 02/04 - Ian McGehee - Grade 6
- 02/05 - Chloe Crites - Grade 8

Student Spotlight:

Jan 30-Feb 3 - Grace Janz - Grade 6; Rylee Thunberg - Grade 4; Aubriana Wheeler - PreK-4

Coming Up:

- 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:

- 02/19 - Cherub Choir
- 02/22 - Cantate Choir (Ash Wednesday)
- 03/01 - Tone Chimes
- 03/08 - Cherub Choir
- 03/22 - Cantate Choir
- 04/02 - Grades 1-8 (Palm Sunday)
- 04/05 - Grades 1-8 (Good Friday)
- 04/30 - 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):

- 1/31 - 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

- Wednesday, February 1st 5:00-6:30 (A team)
- Wednesday, February 8th 4:30-6:00 (A team)
- Thursday, February 9th 4:30-6:00 (A team)

Cheerleading practice schedule

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

- 01/30 & 02/01
- 02/06 & 02/08

CEA Schedule:

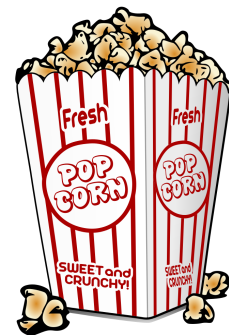
- 02/12 - Coffee Hour after church - Crites
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - VanDenBoom
- 02/25 - Saginaw Spirit Game - Krohn
- 03/04 - Trivia Night - Thunberg/Wilson
- 04/28 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 05/05 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson
- TBD Springtime - Pine Car Derby - 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:
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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