



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

Worship Schedule:

- 02/13 - 6:30 pm - Worship
- 02/19 - 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 \$42.99. The total for the quarter is \$98.04.

Spirit Week: The winner of the Spirit Stick is Kindergarten! Thank you to all that participated in the fun of Spirit Week. Everyone did a great job showing their school spirit!

MALL Tournament: Over the weekend our boys basketball team participated in the MALL tournament. The boys took consolation by winning one game and losing one game. The boys season comes to a conclusion with one more tournament next weekend at MLS.

MLS Basketball Tournament: Our boys' basketball team will be participating in the MLS basketball tournament this Friday & Saturday. The boys first game on Friday is at 12:15 and upper grade students will be dismissed at 10:30 to be able to make it to the game at MLS. A paper bracket with the rest of the tournament schedule is attached to this newsletter. [An electronic version can be found here.](#)

Pine Car Derby: Forms were sent home last week for the Pine Car Derby. If your child is planning to participate, **please fill out the forms and money to the school office or to Sarah Powers by Friday, February 17th.** The Pine Car Derby will take place on Sunday, April 30th at 1:00 in the school gym. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Sarah Powers.

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.

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. **If your child has signed up for this event please make sure they are prepared for the day of the event.**

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 is a sign-up on the school hallway bulletin board. If you have any questions about helping with the meal, please contact Nicole VanDenBoom.

Date Changes: Please note that the Daddy/Daughter Dance has been moved to Friday, May 12th and the Spring Music Concert has been moved to Sunday, May 21st @ 5:00. Please make sure to mark your calendars for these events!

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 10 openings in Pre-K3.**

Trivia Night: Our 4th Annual CEA Trivia Night is 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.

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.**

Basketball Uniforms: Boys basketball players in 4th grade should turn in their basketball uniforms after they have been cleaned. All other basketball players should return their uniforms as soon as the basketball tournaments are finished.

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: On Sunday, Pastor Killinger announced that Good Shepherd's most recent call for a pastor was returned. 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.

Boys' Club: There will be a Boys' Club activity held at Duncan's Outdoor on Thursday, February 23rd beginning at 3:30. For more information contact Mark Fuhrman.

Birthdays:
None

Student Spotlight:
Feb 14-17 - Lilly Szostek - Grade 8; Arya Raushi - Grade 5; Alivia Phillips - Kindergarten

Coming Up:

- **02/13 - Pastor/Teacher Conference (No School)**
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30
- 02/24 - ½ day Faculty In-Service
- 03/01 - M.A.L.L. AD League Meeting
- 03/03 - Sports Picture Day & Principals' Conference
- 03/04 - Trivia Night @ 6:00



- 3/24 - End of 3rd Qtr. & ½ day Faculty In-Service
- 3/29 - Report Cards Sent Home
- 04/06 - Maundy Thursday
- 04/07 - Good Friday
- 04/09 - Easter Sunday
- 04/10-04/14 - BLS Spring Break (No School)
- 04/21 - Principals' Conference

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):

- 2/17-2/18 - MLS Tournament (Two Day Tournament)

Boys Practice Schedule

- Wednesday, February 15th 4:30-6:00
- Thursday, February 16th 4:30-6:00

Cheerleading practice schedule

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

- 02/15

CEA Schedule:

- 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
- 05/12 - 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:

- 02/15 - 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 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.

- 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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