



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

Worship Schedule:

- 03/08 - 6:30 pm - Lenten Worship
- 03/12 - 9:00 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 - 10:00 am - Worship

Lent & Easter Worship: The season of Lent continues with this week's Wednesday evening service. Please make plans to attend all of the special services leading up to and including Easter. All midweek Lenten services begin at 6:30 PM.

03/08 - Lent III (Cherub Choir Sings)

03/15 - Lent IV

03/22 - Lent V

03/29 - Lent VI

04/02 - Palm Sunday

04/06 - Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

04/07 - Good Friday @ 1:00 PM

04/09 - Easter Sunday service @ 10:00 PM & Easter Breakfast @ 8:30 AM

CEA Trivia Night: Thank you to all who participated in our Trivia Night, whether by playing on a team or donating items to the silent auction or bake sale, over the weekend. It was a great success and we were able to raise \$3,000 for our school. Fundraisers like Trivia Night help make special projects, like the recently installed playground, a reality. Thank you to Jennifer Thunberg and all the volunteers who helped to make the night a great time for all and a tremendous benefit for our school!

Cherub Choir: This Wednesday (03/08) the Cherub Choir sings in our Lenten Service at 6:30. Cherub choir members are to meet in the preschool classroom by 6:15pm.

CEA Lenten Soup Supper: The CEA sponsored Lenten Soup Supper has been moved to Wednesday, March 15th. If you signed up to help or donated items to this please note this change. Thank you to all who are willing to help and donate! If you have any questions please contact Nicole VanDenBoom or myself

MALL News: Last week the MALL athletic directors met to discuss sports schedules for the 23-24 school year. I am happy to report that we were able to approve schedules for all the sports next school year. The Google calendar will be updated with next year's athletic events.

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. Due to the snow day last Wednesday we were not able to have chapel. The total for the quarter remains \$239.74.

Kindergarten Visitation Day: It's time to start looking forward to our 2023-2024 Kindergarten class. Mrs. Killinger will be having Kindergarten Visitation Day on March 6th. Please contact Mrs. Killinger or me if you are interested or know someone who is interested in our Kindergarten so that more details can be provided. Thanks!

Boys' & Girls' Club Coffee Hour: The Boys' Girls' Clubs will be hosting Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 12th after church. A sign up had been posted in the Boys' & Girls' Club FB group. Please contact Shannon Fuhrman if you have any questions.

Class Trip to MLS: On Friday, March 10th the Kindergarten - 5th grades will be attending MLS's production of "Camelot and Camelittle". Please return the signed permission slip and fees by March 1st.

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 9 openings in Pre-K3.**

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: Last week Good Shepherd extended a 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.

Birthdays:

Aubriana Wheeler - PreK 4 - Mar. 10th

Student Spotlight:

Mar 6-10 - Caleb Pratt - Grade 2; Zoe Shenberger - Grade 5; Iris Nordstrom - PreK-3

Coming Up:

- 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:

- **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



Volleyball Game Schedule:

(Some games are scheduled as "quad" games and therefore the second opponent is to be determined after the results of the first two games)

- 3/17 - vs Hemlock @ Bethel, 4:00
- 3/17 - vs TBD @ Bethel, TBD
- 3/24 - vs Lansing @ Lansing, 4:00
- 3/24 - vs Trinity B @ Lansing, 4:45
- 3/28 - vs SJBC B @ SJBC, 4:00
- 3/28 - vs SJBC A @ SJBC, 6:15
- 3/31 - vs Midland @ Tawas, 4:45
- 3/31 - vs Tawas @ Tawas, 5:30
- 4/01 - MALL Tournament @ BCC
- 4/18 - vs SJBC A @ Bethel, 4:00
- 4/18 - vs TBD @ Bethel, TBD

Volleyball Practice Schedule (Volleyball practices will be right after school unless otherwise noted)

- 03/07
- 03/09
- 03/14
- 03/16

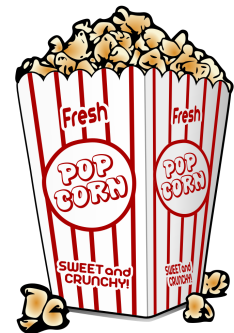
CEA Schedule:

- 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:

- 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: 3/10; 4/07; 4/21; 5/05; 5/19

Check these out!: Did you know our Synod had a variety of family resources? Below are a couple links that include family devotions that can be used at home as well as articles on a variety of parenting and family topics. I pray these resources are helpful to you and your family.

Family Devotions: <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/family-devotions/>

Forward in Christ Parent Conversations: <https://forwardinchrist.net/parents/>

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! Applicant families are able to receive specific information about the upcoming school year. 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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