



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

A special note about this newsletter: Due to Spring Break being next week, this newsletter covers the next two weeks.

Holy Week Worship:

04/06 - Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

04/07 - Good Friday @ 1:00 PM & 6:30 PM

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

Mrs. Virant Call: I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Virant has returned the call to St. Paul's in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin and will continue to serve here at Bethel. Please join me in thanking our Lord that Mrs. Virant will be continuing her ministry with us!

Good Friday Worship: This Friday (04/07) is our Good Friday worship service beginning at 1:00. Students may be picked up at 12:45 from their classrooms to sit with their families during the service. At the appropriate time, students in grades 1-8 will come forward to sing in the service.

MALL Volleyball Tournament: The MALL Volleyball Tournament was held at Bay City Central this past weekend. There were thirteen teams that participated in the tournament. Our Bobcat volleyball team finished first in their pool with 8 wins and 1 loss and qualified to play in the elimination round of the tournament. The team lost both their games in the elimination round and finished in 4th place in the tournament. I hope the kids had fun with a full day of volleyball. The team is in action again as they wrap up their season with a couple games on April 18th. We were the host school for this tournament and I would also like to thank the volunteers who helped with line judging, scoring and taking tickets. I would also like to thank Jennifer Thunberg for helping organize the tournament as well as helping us to be able to use BCC's facilities to put on a tournament like this.

Spring Break: There will be no school from April 10 through April 14th as we will be observing our Spring Break. Classes resume on Monday, April 17th. Enjoy the time off and (hopefully) the warmer weather!

Honor Roll: Students in grades 6-8 are eligible for Honor Roll. There are two levels - all A's and A/B Honor Roll. The following students have achieved A/B Honor Roll status for third quarter:

Eliza Figley - Grade 6
Easton Jacobs - Grade 6
Grace Janz - Grade 6
Avery Kukla - Grade 6

Collin Nitz - Grade 6
Ian McGehee - Grade 6
Laney Wilson - Grade 6
Caleb Powers - Grade 7

Chloe Crites - Grade 8
Olivia Rouech - Grade 8
Lillianna Szostek - Grade 8

Mrs. Virant 30th Celebration: On Sunday, April 23rd, we will be holding a special meal after church to celebrate Mrs. Virant's 30th year in the ministry. Please join us that day to celebrate Mrs. Virant's 30 years of faithful service!

Mission Program: Our 4th quarter mission offering will go to the Martin Luther College Student Matching program. Martin Luther College trains and equips students to become pastors and teachers in our synod. The matching program is a form of student financial aid. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church. Last week's chapel offering was \$46.12. The total for the quarter remains \$46.12.

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 **6 openings in Pre-K4 and 8 openings in Pre-K3.**

Loons Game: Permission slips were sent home last week for our trip to Dow Diamond to watch the Great Lakes Loons play on May 16th. **Please return your child's permission slip along with \$7 (per person) by Friday, April 7th so we can forward the information to the Loons.**

CEA Spring Events: The CEA has a number of sponsored events coming up this spring. Mark your calendars for the Mother/Son Laser Tag (4/28), Pine Car Derby (4/30) and Daddy/Daughter Dance (5/12). More information about these events can be found on the bulletin boards in the front hall way or multipurpose room. If you would like to help with events, please contact any of the people leading these events.

MAP Testing: Our second round of three rounds of MAP testing concluded last week. If you would like more information about your child's MAP testing results please contact either Mr. Peterson or myself to set up a consultation to review the results.

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: Good Shepherd has extended another 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.

Popcorn Friday: **Our next Popcorn Friday is this coming Friday, April 7th.** Please remember to send money if you want your child to have popcorn.

Birthdays:

- Kaylee Lack - March 31st - Grade 3
- Camila Costilla - April 2nd - PreK-3
- Leah Sobek - April 4th - Grade 1
- Lucas Vallender - April 5th - Kindergarten
- Lilly Szostek - April 6th - Grade 8
- Donovan Houghton - April 9th - Grade 2
- Easton Jacobs - April 15th - Grade 6
- Avaree Fuhrman - April 16th - Grade 5

Student Spotlight:

Mar 27-31 - Taylor Thunberg - Grade 5; Mia Rupp - Grade 2; Bowen Rouse - PreK-3

Coming Up:

- 04/06 - Maundy Thursday
- 04/07 - Good Friday
- 04/09 - Easter Sunday
- 04/10-04/14 - BLS Spring Break (No School)



- 04/19 - 8th Grade Career Day
- 04/21 - Principals' Conference
- 04/23 - Mrs. Virant 30th Celebration
- 4/28 - Mother/Son Activity
- 4/30 - Pine Car Derby
- 05/05 - ½ Day - Faculty In-Service in pm
- 5/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 5/21 - Spring Music Concert @ 5pm
- 5/26 - MALL Track Meet (grades 1-8)
- 5/29 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 5/31 - MLS Track Meet @ MLS (grades 5-8)
- 6/01 - ½ Day - Records Day
- 6/02 - ½ Day - Last Day of School & Awards Day

Upcoming Worship & Singing Schedule Dates:

- **04/05 - Grades 1-8 (Good Friday)**
- 04/30 - Cantate Choir
- 05/21 - Cherub Choir
- 06/04 - K-7 (Graduation Sunday)
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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)

- 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)

- **4/06 - 3:00-4:30**

CEA Schedule:

- 04/28 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 04/30 - Pine Car Derby - Powers - 1 PM
- 05/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson

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

Hot Lunch Schedule:

- 04/19 - Kent/Killinger (Pizza)
- 05/03 - Koscielski/Krohn (Tacos)
- 05/17 - Kukla/Lack (Pizza)

Popcorn Fridays: The following dates we are planning to have Popcorn Fridays:

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: [Family Devotions – WELS](#)

Forward in Christ Parent Conversations: [Parents – FORWARD IN CHRIST](#)

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

CARDINAL CLASSIC 2023

Get ready to hit the greens! The 2023 Cardinal Classic is right around the corner! Join us on Saturday, July 15 at Beech Hollow golf course in Freeland for a fun day of golf. Head over to our website at mls-foundation.org to find out more information.

MLS SUMMER CAMPS

Registration for our 2023 MLS Summer Camps is now open! Our camps emphasize teaching teamwork, fundamentals and skills in a positive, Christian setting. The camp directors see this as an opportunity to use the beautiful facilities of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to work with our synod's youth. Our staff is dedicated to making our camps a positive experience for each camper.

NEW THIS YEAR: If you will be registering for more than one camp within the same household we now offer a 15% family discount. Enter the code FAMILY when ordering to receive the discount. You **MUST** be signed up for multiple camps to use the code. If you use the code and have only signed up for one camp your order will be voided.

To register visit www.mlsem.org. Registration ends on June 1, 2023 at 8 am.

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.

- 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 to register

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