



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

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**Worship Schedule:**

- Monday, May 1st @ 6:30
- Sunday, May 7th @ 10:00 (Confirmation Sunday)
  - Sunday School/Bible Class @ 9:00

**Mission Program:** Our 4th quarter mission offering will go to the Martin Luther College Student Matching program. Martin Luther College trains and equips young people 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 \$47.00. The total for the quarter remains \$209.87.

**Mother & Son Laser Tag:** Last Friday was our CEA Mother & Son Laser Tag event. Thank you to Jen Thunberg for organizing this event. Over fifty people participated and I hope all who went had a good time!

**Pine Car Derby:** The annual Pine Car Derby was held yesterday afternoon. Thank you to Sarah Powers for organizing this event. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with both the lead up to the derby and also helping on the day of the event. There were about 40 cars that participated this year! I hope the kids had fun making and racing their pine cars!

**Confirmation Sunday:** Chloe Crites, Robby Raushi, Olivia Rouech, Lilly Szostek and Logan Zube will be confirmed into the congregation this Sunday, May 7th. Please also plan to attend this special service and support our new confirmands.

**Church Spring Cleaning:** This Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 9:00 am there will be the annual deep clean of the worship area in church. Volunteers are needed to help with this effort. Supplies will be provided.

**Daddy/Daughter Dance:** The Daddy/Daughter Dance is scheduled for May 12th from 6-8 pm. Dress in your best and dance the night away! Cost is \$5 a person (pay at the door) with all extra money going to the CEA Fund. Desserts, beverages, and fun will be provided!

***If you would like to help with any of the CEA events, please contact any of the people leading these events.***

**Volleyball Uniforms:** The volleyball season is now over. Team members are reminded to wash and repair their uniforms and then send them back to school right away. Thanks!

**Spring Music Concert:** Our first ever music concert will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 5 pm. The theme of the concert is “Kid Flix” and will feature music from various kid’s movies. The concert will feature musical pieces from both the Cantate and Cherub choirs as well as pieces from students participating in band and piano.

**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 **5 openings in Pre-K4 and 7 openings in Pre-K3.**

**From Buds to Blooms:** Through the end of May, *From Buds to Blooms* will donate 10% of your purchase to Ladeis Aid. If you are planning to plant, please consider helping the Ladies Aid. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Brooks.

**Boys’ & Girls’ Club:** Boys’ & Girls’ Club will have a Tie-Dye Party on Thursday, May 25 from 3-5 pm at Bethel. Please let Shannon Fuhrman know your child’s t-shirt size if you plan to participate.

**CEA Meeting Spring Meeting:** In order to help with planning next year’s schedule of events and activities our parent group, the Christian Education Association (CEA), will meet on Sunday, June 4th after church. This group plans projects and activities for our school and is open to both parents and congregation members alike. Please plan to attend the meeting and see how you can help support your school!

**Faculty Inservice:** Your faculty will have its last In Service this Friday (May 5th). Classes will be dismissed at 12:00 Noon. Please pick up your child on time. Thanks!

**MALL Track Meet:** Plans are already underway for our annual MALL track meet at Garber High School. The date is Friday, May 26th. Students in grades 1-8 will be participating. There is no classroom instruction but it is considered a day of school and we look forward to everyone participating. Please make sure your child is working on getting into condition at home. Running regularly is a good start!

**MLS Track Meet:** Students in grades 5-8 also have the opportunity to participate in another track meet being held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Wednesday, May 31st. The MLS meet starts at 11:00 AM. Students will be dismissed at 10:00 AM. Please make sure to arrange transportation to MLS for your child that day.

**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.

**Rummage Give-away:** This event is returning to the calendar on Friday, June 9th. If you have items you would like to donate or have any questions, please contact Alice Danell.

**Birthdays:**

Liam Faulk - Grade 1 - May 6th

**Student Spotlight:**

May 1-5 - Ian McGehee - Grade 6; Kameron VanDenBoom - Grade 2; Adam Weiler, Jr. - PreK-4

**Coming Up:**

- 05/05 - ½ Day - Faculty In-Service in pm
- 5/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance

- 5/21 - Spring Music Concert @ 5pm
- 5/25 - Preschool Farewell 6:30pm
- 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
- 6/04 - Graduation Sunday
  - CEA Meeting After Church

**Upcoming Worship & Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 05/21 - Spring Music Concert
- 06/04 - K-7 (Graduation Sunday)



**Hot Lunch Schedule:**

- **05/03 - Koscielski/Krohn (Tacos)**
- 05/17 - Kukla/Lack (Pizza)

**Popcorn Fridays:** The following dates we are planning to have Popcorn Fridays:  
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](http://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](http://www.mlsem.org). Registration ends on June 1, 2023 at 8 am.

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