



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

Worship Schedule:

- Monday, May 8th @ 6:30
- Sunday, May 14th @ 10:00
 - 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 \$76.65. The total for the quarter remains \$286.52.

Confirmation: Yesterday our 8th graders, Chloe Crites, Robby Raushi, Olivia Rouech, Lilly Szostek and Logan Zube were confirmed as adult members of our congregation. Please join me in congratulating them and praying that they continue to grow in their faith throughout their lives.

Daddy/Daughter Dance: The Daddy/Daughter Dance is scheduled for this Friday 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 out with the dance, contact Jennifer Thunberg, Stephanie Wilson or sign up via the online sign-up posted in the school Facebook group.

Mothers' Day: Next Sunday, May 14th, is an important day. It is the day our nation celebrates mothers. Christian mothers are an important part of every family, our church, and our nation. I hope all of Bethel's moms have a great day with their families. God's blessings on this special day honoring mothers!

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 Ladies' 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!

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:

Mr. Peterson - May 8th

Nolan Koscielski - Grade 3 - May 14th

Student Spotlight:

May 8-12 - Jacob Szostek - Grade 2; Charleigh Wilson - Grade 4; Jace Vallender - PreK-3

Coming Up:

- 5/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 5/16 - Grades 1-8 Loons Game
- 5/18 - PreK-3 Field Trip to Wilderness Trails Zoo
- 5/19 - PreK-4 & Kindergarten Field Trip to Weiss Farm
- 5/21 - Spring Music Concert @ 5pm
- 5/24 - Grades 6-8 Field Trip to Michigan Adventure
- 5/25 - Preschool Farewell 6:30pm
- 5/26 - MALL Track Meet @ Garber (Grades 1-8)
- 5/29 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 5/30 - Grades 3-5 Field Trip to Ford Rouge Factory Tour
- 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:

- 05/17 - Kukla/Lack (Pizza)
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Popcorn Fridays: The following dates we are planning to have Popcorn Fridays:
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](#)

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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.

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