



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

Worship Schedule:

- Monday, May 15th @ 6:30
- Thursday, May 18th @ 6:30
- Sunday, May 21st @ 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 \$33.55. The total for the quarter remains \$320.07.

Ascension Service: This Thursday (5/18) we will be hosting a joint Ascension Service with our neighboring sister congregations. The service begins at 6:30 with treats for fellowship after the service in the gym. If you would like to donate treats for the fellowship afterwards there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the gym.

Spring Music Concert: There is a slight change to the timing of the music concert on May 21st. To help accommodate those involved in spring time activities, the start time has been moved to 5:30. 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 6 openings in Pre-K3.**

Boys' & Girls' Club: Boys' & Girls' Club will have a Tie-Dye Party on Thursday, May 25 from 3-5 pm at Bethel. **Deadline for ordering tie-dye shirts is Friday, May 19. Contact Shannon Fuhrman for more information.**

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. Please plan to arrive after 8:30 am. 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.

Memorial Day: BLS will not have school on Monday, May 29th, as our nation celebrates Memorial Day. It is important to remember the sacrifices so many have made for our freedoms on our behalf

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.

Records Day: There will be a half day of school on Thursday, June 1st. Your staff will use the afternoon to finalize report cards and other permanent file reports. Classes will dismiss at noon.

End of Quarter/Report Cards: The 4th quarter of the school year will end on Friday, June 2nd. Report cards will be handed before your child is dismissed for the year. Nothing needs to be returned to school.

Last Day of School: Friday, June 2nd, is the last day of school. Classes will be dismissed for the year after the closing service and awards assembly. That should be about 12:00 noon.

Closing Service: Our school year will close with a special chapel service starting at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 2nd. We hope all of you can attend!

Awards Assembly: Right after the closing service, starting approximately at 11:30 AM, BLS will have its annual awards assembly. During the assembly BLS will recognize all those students who have participated in extracurricular activities.

Graduation Sunday: Sunday, June 4th is Bethel Graduation Sunday. During the 10:00 AM service, our 8th graders will graduate from BLS. All other graduates of our congregation will also be recognized. If you have a graduate in your family, please fill out the special form used for this purpose and return it to me right away. Forms were placed in your church mailbox or are available in the school office. Graduating from BLS are:

Chloe Crites
Robby Raushi

Olivia Rouech
Lillianna Szostek

Logan Zube

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: The most recent call that Good Shepherd extended to a pastor was returned. Good Shepherd is planning to go to the assignment committee to request a graduate from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary later this month. Please keep Good Shepherd in your prayers as they seek a new shepherd for their congregation and for Pastor Killinger as he continues to serve 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:

Isabelle Urban - Grade 4 - May 17th
Charleigh Wilson - Grade 4 - May 17th
Luke Clark - Grade 5 - May 17th
Aurora Longley - PreK-4 - May 18th

Student Spotlight:

May 15-19 - Collin Nitz - Grade 6; Olive Welton - K; Camila Costilla - PreK-3

Coming Up:

- 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 @ 5:30 pm
- 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)

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 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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