



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

Worship Schedule This Week:

- 10/31 - 6:30 - Worship
- 11/06 - 9:00 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 - Worship (*Last Judgment Sunday*)

Mission Program: Our first quarter mission offering is going to support Christain Life Resources. They are an organization which provides Biblical-based counsel to individuals and families on life and family issues. Our current mission offering for the quarter is \$416.89. This is a great opportunity for children to contribute to the mission work of our church and synod.

Playground Update: We are still looking to install new playground equipment the weekend of November 12th & 13th. The playground will be shut down after Friday (11/04) for excavation and will not open up again until after the installation of the playground. Although schedules are busy, we are hoping to get a crew of volunteers to help the weekend of the 12th-13th. Mark your calendars and if you are available, we would love your help!

MALL GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: There has been a change in schedule for the MALL girls' basketball tournament. It has been moved to a two day tournament (Friday and Saturday) due to the size of the tournament. Once I have received a bracket with game start times I will pass it along.

Joint Reformation Service: Wednesday, November 2nd there will be a joint Reformation service at 6:30 at St. John's. This service will be a hymn sing service with area pastors and choirs participating in the service. I hope you are able to join us in this special service.

Pastor Killinger Call: Pastor Killinger has received a divine call to serve as associate pastor at Trinity in Watertown, Wisconsin. I encourage you to reach out to Pastor Killinger if you have any questions or comments as it pertains to the call he is deliberating. Along with the Killinger family, I encourage you to keep Bethel and Trinity in your prayers during this deliberation process.

Dismissal Change: Due to the higher volume of traffic in the Pine Rd parking lot at dismissal, it has been decided to change our dismissal procedure. Preschool (4 year old program) and Kindergarten families (this includes PreK 4 year olds/Kindergarten students with older siblings) will be dismissed on the Ridge Road side of the building and will be signed out in the Multi-Purpose Room. Students in grades 1-8 will still be dismissed on the Pine Road side of the building. If you have questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

MAP Testing: This week grades 3-8 will begin their first round of MAP testing. We should be able to finish all the testing during the week. There will be three tests (Math, Reading & Language). Please make sure, as much as possible, that your child(ren) will be in attendance during the MAP testing period.

Boys' and Girls' Club: Cookie Bake is on Thursday, November 17 from 5:30-7:00 at Bethel. Come out to this fun evening of baking cookies!

CEA: The Christian Education Association (CEA) has met and scheduled a number of activities for the school year. For a schedule and list of activities, please check the CEA schedule portion of the newsletter. If you are willing to help with any of the CEA events please contact the people who are in charge of them, listed next to the event. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who are willing to lead these events.

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: Our sister congregation, Good Shepherd in Midland, is currently without a pastor. Pastor Killinger has been called to serve as their vacancy pastor while Good Shepherd seeks to call a new pastor. There will be little disruption to what we are doing at Bethel during this process. Good Shepherd has put out a call to another pastor and are awaiting his decision. 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:

10/30 - Eli Fleischmann - PreK-3
10/30 - Ivy Fleischmann - PreK-3
10/30 - Ashton Irwin - Grade 1
10/31 - Ben Greenwood - Grade 4
11/01 - Keian Kent - Grade 3
11/02 - Reese Clark - Kindergarten
11/04 - Abigail Vanness - PreK-4

Student Spotlight:

Donovan Houghton - Grade 2; Nolan Koscielski - Grade 3; Colton Couturier - PreK-3; Lilah Foster - PreK-4

Coming Up:

- 11/02 - Joint Reformation Service at St. John's Bay City
- 11/04 - End of 1st Qtr.
- 11/06 - Daylight saving time ends – clocks back
- 11/06 - Board of Education
- 11/09 - Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/14 - No School
 - Faculty In-Service in AM
 - Parent Consults PM
- 11/23-11/25 - No School - Thanksgiving Vacation
- 12/21 - Classroom Christmas Parties (Last day of school before Christmas Break)
- 12/21 - Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30
- 01/09 - Classes Resume after Christmas Break



CEA Schedule:

- 12/11 - Coffee Hour after church - Powers/Kukla
- 01/15 - General Business Meeting
- 02/12 - Coffee Hour after church - Crites
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - VanDenBoom
- 02/25 - Saginaw Spirit Game - Krohn
- 03/04 - Trivia Night - Thunberg/Wilson
- 04/28 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 05/05 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson
- TBD Springtime - Pine Car Derby - Powers
- TBD - Board Games Night - Friske

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

Hot Lunch Schedule:

- 11/2 - Taco Hot Lunch – Shorkey/Sobek
- 11/16 - Pizza Hot Lunch – Szostek/Thunberg
- 11/30 - Taco Hot Lunch – Urban/VanDenBoom
- 12/14 - Pizza Hot Lunch – Wilson/Zube

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 11/06 - Cantate Choir
- 11/23 - Grades 1-8 (Thanksgiving Service)
- 12/04 - Cherub Choir
- 12/11 - Cantate Choir
- 12/22 - Children's Christmas Service

**Bookmobile Schedule:**

- 11/15, 12/06, 12/27

Girls' Basketball Game Schedule

(Games begin at 5:30, when A and B team play on the same night, B team plays first followed by A team):

- 11/01 - vs Sag/Hem @ Bethel
- 11/04 - vs St. John's BC @ Bethel
- 11/08 vs Sag/Hem @ Christ Shields
- 11/11 - vs Emanuel (Tawas) @ Bethel
- 11/18-11/19 - MALL A Team Tournament @ Lansing
- 12/09-12/10 - MLS Tournament @ MLS

**A Team Practice Schedule:**

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| - Thursday, November 3 | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Sunday, November 6 | 5:00-6:30 |
| - Thursday, November 10 | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Sunday, November 13 | 5:00-6:30 |
| - Thursday, November 17 | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Monday, November 21 | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Tuesday, November 29 | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Thursday, December 1 | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Tuesday, December 6 | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Thursday, December 8 | 3:00-4:30 |

**B Team Practice Schedule:**

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| - Wednesday, November 2 | 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm |
| - Monday, November 7 | 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm |
| - Thursday, November 10 | 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (joint A & B practice) |

Michigan Lutheran Seminary:

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.

- Nov 20 (4:00-6:00) - Fall Play performance @ 2:30 (Open House after show)
- Feb 10 (1:30-5:30) - Varsity basketball games vs. Nouvel
- 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

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.

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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