



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

Worship Schedule:

- 11/28 - Worship @ 6:30
- 12/04 - 9:00 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 - 10:00 - Worship (*Advent 2*)

Mission Program: Our 2nd quarter mission offering will go to the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM). This ministry brings not only the gospel to places in Africa but also much needed medical and physical care also. Our first week's offering totaled \$143.23. This is a great opportunity for children to contribute to the mission work of our church and synod. The Ladies Aid has also offered to match the chapel offerings that are given by the kids. This is a fantastic way for us to work together as a congregation to help spread the gospel around the world!

CAMM Presentation: Next Wednesday, December 7th, Cheryl and Michael Valus from the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM) will be presenting during chapel service. They will be presenting about the work that CAMM is doing and giving an update on the ministry going on in Central Africa. The presentation will begin at 8:15 and all are invited to attend this informative presentation.

Playground Update: The playground is almost complete! Thank you to anyone who came to help out over the weekend. Inspection of the playground is scheduled for Tuesday this week. The results of that inspection will determine our next steps.

There are many people to thank for a project like this, so I hope I am able to thank everyone involved with helping make our new playground possible. Thank you to the people behind the scenes who helped secure funding for the purchase of the playground equipment. Thank you to Jerry Krohn for coordinating the trimming of trees around the play space as we prepared for installation of the structure. Thank you to Wesley Asel at JAWS Excavation for the work he did to prepare our playground space for the installation of equipment. He did a fantastic job! Thank you to the Niles Foundation and Sanilac County Community Foundation for helping fund this project through grants as well as providing workers who helped assemble the play structure. Thank you to Triple K Transport for hauling pea gravel throughout the week. Thank you to Jim Dahn at Dahn Construction for helping dig the footings for the play structure and using his equipment to move pea gravel. Thank you to AAA State of Play who is the company we purchased the equipment from and who answered many of our questions. Thank you to Home Depot in Midland for donating bags of concrete. Thank you to Paul Gies for using his tractor for digging and moving the pea gravel. Thank you to all the volunteers who came out over the weekend to help with the playground. It is a tremendous blessing, when undertaking a project like this, to have people step up to help out.

A big thank you to Stephanie Wilson as well for her work in coordinating this whole project and keeping it on track throughout the process. It is my hope that the classes of kids will be able to enjoy this playground for years to come!

Hearing Screening: Next Tuesday the Bay County Health Department will be conducting their yearly hearing screening. Students in Preschool and grades 1, 3, 5 and 7 will have their hearing screened.

Scrip Cards: Scrip cards will once again be available for purchase on Wednesday, November 30th after school. Cards will be sold in the Pine entrance hallway. Check out what is available and take advantage of this great way to support our congregation!

Mrs. Friske Divine Call: Mrs. Friske received a divine call to serve as grades 1-2 teacher at Word of Life in Thornton, Colorado. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates where best to serve the Lord. Please reach out to her if you have comments you would like to share.

Congregational Christmas Caroling: On Saturday, December 11th we will be getting together to do our congregational Christmas caroling and spread some Christmas cheer! All ages are invited to participate. We will meet at church at 4:45 to divide up and go to the various locations to do our caroling. We will meet back in the gym for hot chocolate and cookies. Please bring some cookies to share!

Living Christmas Card: This year's Living Christmas Card will be hosted at Mt. Olive. The Living Christmas Card is a live nativity event going through the Christmas story. The event will take place on December 3rd & 4th from 5:00-7:00.

Children's Christmas Service: Preparations are being made for our annual Children's Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 21st. Soon, our students will begin practicing for this special service. As parts are assigned please help your child to be prepared for this special service and make sure to mark the date on your calendar!

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's latest call was returned and they will call another pastor soon. 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:

11/29 - Justin Krohn - grade 5
12/2 - Jace Vallender - PreK-3

Student Spotlight:

Max Kowalski - grade 2; Lucas Killinger - grade 5; Izobel Irwin - Kindergarten

Coming Up:

- 12/04 - Board of Education
- 12/11 - Congregational Christmas Caroling
- 12/21 - Classroom Christmas Parties (Last day of school before Christmas Break)
- 12/21 - Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30
- 1/06 - Principals' Conference
- 01/09 - Classes Resume after Christmas Break
- 01/15 - 23-24 Preschool Enrollment Begins
- 01/20 - End of 2nd Qtr.
- 01/23 - Beginning of Lutheran Schools Week
- 01/25 - Report Cards Sent home
- 01/29 - Lutheran Schools Sunday
- 02/13 - Pastor/Teacher Conference (No School)



Hot Lunch Schedule:

- 11/30 - Taco Hot Lunch – Urban/VanDenBoom
- 12/14 - Pizza Hot Lunch – Wilson/Zube

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!

Upcoming Worship Singing Schedule Dates:

- 12/04 - Cherub Choir
- 12/11 - Cantate Choir
- 12/22 - Children’s Christmas Service
- 01/22 - Preschool/Kindergarten Sing
- 01/29 - Cherub & Cantate Combined Choir sing



Bookmobile Schedule:

- 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):

- 12/09-12/10 - MLS Tournament @ MLS

A Team Practice Schedule:

- 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



Boys’ 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):

- 1/10 - vs Trinity @ Trinity
- 1/13 - vs St. John’s BC @ Bethel
- 1/17 - vs Salem Owosso @ Bethel
- 1/20 - vs Good Shepherd Burton @Bethel (A only)
- 1/21 - B Team Tournament @ St. John’s BC (One Day Tournament)
- 1/24 - vs Kaw/Mid/Sag @ Trinity
- 1/27 - vs Zion Chesaning @ Chesaning
- 1/31 - vs Trinity @ Bethel
- 2/11 - MALL Tournament @ St. John’s BC (Two Day Tournament)
- 2/17-2/18 - MLS Tournament (Two Day Tournament)
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Michigan Lutheran Seminary:

MLS Application: Calling all 8th grade families! Now is the time to apply to Michigan Lutheran Seminary for the 2023-24 school year. Fill out the online application in just 10 minutes by visiting mlsem.org/apply! Applicant families are able to receive specific information about the upcoming school year. Apply before January 31st, 2023 and you'll be entered to win a \$500 or \$250 tuition discount. We're already excited to welcome a new class of Cardinal to campus and we hope that YOU are a part of it!

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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