



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

Worship Schedule:

- 12/05 - Worship @ 6:30
- 12/11 - 9:00 - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 - Worship (*Advent 3*)

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 \$200.23. 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: On Wednesday 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 complete! Kids will be allowed to play on it beginning this week! We are still waiting on a piece of equipment for the big play structure but we have blocked that area of the structure off so kids can play on the rest of the equipment. Thank you to all the volunteers and various organizations and businesses that helped complete this project. I pray that this playground is a blessing to many kids for years to come!

Hearing Screening: 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.

MLS Tournament: Our girls' basketball team will be participating in the MLS girls' basketball tournament. Their first game is at 8:30 and because of the early game there will be no school for the upper grade room. A note was sent out to the upper grade families last week. I encourage our students to go support and cheer on our basketball team at MLS throughout the weekend. Go, Bobcats!

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.

Popcorn Friday: Our next Popcorn Friday will be December 16th. Popcorn will be available for \$0.50 if your child would like to participate.

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!

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: Good Shepherd has put out a call to a pastor and they 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:

12/04 - Owen Raushi - Grade 1

Student Spotlight:

Easton Jacobs - grade 6; Elli Kain - grade 4; Lillian Olvera - PreK-4

Coming Up:

- 12/08 - Board of Education Meeting
- **12/11 - Congregational Christmas Caroling**
- 12/18 - Congregational Budget Meeting after Church
- 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)



Upcoming Worship Singing Schedule Dates:

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



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:

- 12/14 - Pizza Hot Lunch – Wilson/Zube
- 01/18 - Collicker/Doran
- 02/01 - Faulk/Figley
- 02/15 - Fuhrman/Greenwood
- 03/01 - Hartley/Houghton

Bookmobile Schedule:

- 12/06, 12/27

Girls' Basketball Game Schedule

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

Girls A Team Practice Schedule:

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| - 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)

**Boys A Team Practice Schedule**

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| - Tuesday, December 6th | 5:00-6:30 |
| - Wednesday, December 7th | 5:00-6:30 |
| - Tuesday, December 13th | 5:00-6:30 |
| - Thursday, December 15th | 5:00-6:30 |
| - Tuesday, December 20th | 5:00-6:30 |

Boys B Team Practice Schedule

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| - Tuesday, December 13th | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Thursday, December 15th | 5:00-6:30 |
| - Tuesday, December 20 | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Thursday, December 22nd | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Monday, January 9th | 3:00-4:30 |
| - Thursday, January 12th | 3:00-4:30 |

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 Cardinals to campus and we hope that YOU are a part of it!

JR. CARDINAL CAROLING: Merry Christmas! MLS is inviting all our Jr. Cardinals to campus on December 6 for some Christmas caroling! The night will start at 6:30 pm and be followed up by hot cocoa in the Commons. Parents are more than welcome to attend as well. Please send an idea of how many from your family/church/school plan on attending to 3gabrwen@mlsem.org so that we may properly plan out supplies for copies of sheet music and hot cocoa. Can't wait to have you all on campus!

MLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Michigan Lutheran Seminary will present its annual Christmas concert, "Thy Light Has Come," on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 pm in the school gymnasium. Join us as the band and choirs proclaim the Savior's birth with both new and familiar carols. There is no charge for admission, but a freewill offering will be gathered.

LIGHT UP A STUDENT'S LIFE: Each year in November & December, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Foundation sponsors a special giving program to benefit MLS and its students. Contributions support the MLS Student Need Fund, which provides ongoing financial assistance to the students who attend MLS now and in the future. The MLS Foundation has committed to providing MLS with \$100,000 annually in student financial assistance, and your gifts to Light Up a Student's Life will help us accomplish this goal. For each gift of \$10 or more, a white light ornament will be placed on a Christmas tree in the commons with the name of the individual being remembered or honored. A special Christmas card will be sent to the family or honoree recognizing your caring gift to MLS and its students. Please visit <https://mls-foundation.org/luas/> for details.

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.

- 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

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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