

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

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**Worship Schedule:**

- 02/6 - 6:30 pm - Worship
- 02/12 - 9:00 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
- 10:00 am - Worship

**Mission Program:** Our 3rd quarter mission offering will go to the Bethel Equip for Quality Fund (EQF). This is a special fund that is used to continue to make improvements to our school. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church. Our chapel offering last week was \$42.99. The total for the quarter is \$98.04.

**Spirit Week:** This week is Spirit Week! Monday - Pajama Day

Tuesday - Color Day (PreK - red; Kindergarten - orange; Grades 1-2 - yellow; Grades 3-5 - green; Grades 6-8 - black)

Wednesday - Formal Day

Thursday - Hat Day

Friday - Bethel Apparel Day

The week culminates with the MALL tournament on Friday and Saturday. Our Bethel Bobcats play the 3:30 game on Friday. A bracket of the entire tournament is attached to this newsletter. Let's show some school spirit this week and...Go Bobcats!

**Mrs. Friske Call:** Mrs. Friske is currently holding a divine call to teach 2nd grade at Divine Savior Academy in Sienna, Texas. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she deliberates where best to serve the Lord. Please reach out to her if you have comments, questions or feedback you would like to share.

**MLS Fine Arts Fair:** The MLS Fine Arts Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at MLS. Students in grades 3-8 may participate in the various categories. For information about registration, rules and different competitions go to the MLS website (<https://www.mlsem.org/>) and click on the MLS Science & Fine Arts Fair link. MLS is using that link as their center for all information related to the Fine Arts Fair. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, February 10th.**

**Cardinal for a Day:** Students in grades 1-8 will be attending Cardinal for A Day at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Friday, February 10th. We will be picked up by an MLS bus at 8:40 and return at about 1:30. The students attend some mini classes, attend chapel, have some gym activities and are provided a free pizza lunch. No chaperone help is needed. A permission slip was sent home last week and needs to be returned as soon as possible. The upper grade classroom and those 5th grade students who are involved with basketball will be dismissed when they arrive back to school from MLS. This is to allow those involved with the basketball tournament to get over to the game in time.

**Date Changes:** Please note that the Daddy/Daughter Dance has been moved to Friday, May 12th and the Spring Music Concert has been moved to Sunday, May 21st @ 5:00. Please make sure to mark your calendars for these events!

**Pastor/Teacher Conference:** There will be no school on Monday, February 13th. Your entire staff will be attending a conference being hosted by Bethany in Saginaw. Enjoy the day off!

**Ash Wednesday Supper:** Wednesday, February 22nd begins the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30. CEA is in charge of the meal before the service. There is a sign-up on the school hallway bulletin board. If you have any questions about helping with the meal, please contact Nicole VanDenBoom.

**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 **10 openings in Pre-K4 and 10 openings in Pre-K3.**

**Trivia Night:** Our 4th Annual CEA Trivia Night is on Saturday, March 4. Parents, this is replacing our normal fundraiser for CEA that involves selling pizza kits, cookie dough, candy, etc. It has been a successful annual event and we get enough support that we do not have to have any other fundraisers during the year. If every Bethel family finds at least one team to compete in the Trivia Night it will be a great evening - the more teams, the more successful the event. Teams may register online on the Bethel School Website. If trivia is not your thing, please consider helping in some other way that evening. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the hallway at school. Any questions regarding this event please contact Jenni Thunberg at [thunbergj@bcschools.net](mailto:thunbergj@bcschools.net).

**CEA Meeting:** The CEA met to finalize events that will be happening this spring such as our annual Trivia Night Fundraiser, the Daddy/Daughter Dance and the Mother/Son activity. **We are in need of people to help volunteer at these various events. If you are able to volunteer with upcoming CEA activities, please talk to me or contact the people in charge of those events directly and let them know you are willing to help.**

**Basketball Uniforms:** Boys basketball players in 4th grade should turn in their basketball uniforms after they have been cleaned. All other basketball players should return their uniforms as soon as the basketball tournaments are finished.

**Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy:** Good Shepherd has put out a new 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.

**Girls' Club:** There will be Valentine's crafting on Thursday, Feb 9th from 3-4:30 @ Bethel. For further details contact Shannon Fuhrman.

**Boys' Club:** There will be a Boys' Club activity held at Duncan's Outdoor on Thursday, February 23rd beginning at 3:30. For more information contact Mark Fuhrman.

**Birthdays:**

02/05 - Chloe Crites - Grade 8

02/09 - Jacob Szostek - Grade 2

**Student Spotlight:**

Feb. 6-10 - Amelia Olvera - Grade 2; Scarlett Shorkey - Grade 3; Opal Welton - PreK-3

### **Coming Up:**

- **CEA Coffee Hour after church**
- 02/13 - Pastor/Teacher Conference (No School)
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30
- 02/24 - ½ day Faculty In-Service
- 03/01 - M.A.L.L. AD League Meeting
- 03/03 - Sports Picture Day & Principals' Conference
- 03/04 - Trivia Night @ 6:00
- 3/24 - End of 3rd Qtr. & ½ day Faculty In-Service
- 3/29 - Report Cards Sent Home
- 04/06 - Maundy Thursday
- 04/07 - Good Friday
- 04/09 - Easter Sunday
- 04/10-04/14 - BLS Spring Break (No School)
- 04/21 - Principals' Conference



### **Upcoming Worship & Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 02/19 - Cherub Choir
- 02/22 - Cantate Choir (Ash Wednesday)
- 03/01 - Tone Chimes
- 03/08 - Cherub Choir
- 03/22 - Cantate Choir
- 04/02 - Grades 1-8 (Palm Sunday)
- 04/05 - Grades 1-8 (Good Friday)
- 04/30 - Cantate Choir



### **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):**

- 2/11 - MALL Tournament @ St. John's BC (Two Day Tournament)
- 2/17-2/18 - MLS Tournament (Two Day Tournament)

### **Boys Practice Schedule**

- **Wednesday, February 8th 4:30-6:00 (A team)**
- **Thursday, February 9th 4:30-6:00 (A team)**

### **Cheerleading practice schedule**

*Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4:30 unless otherwise noted*

- **02/06 & 02/08**

### **CEA Schedule:**

- **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
- 05/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson
- TBD Springtime - Pine Car Derby - Powers

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

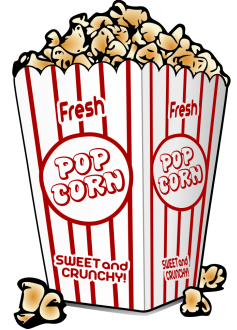
### **Hot Lunch Schedule:**

- 02/15 - Fuhrman/Greenwood (Pizza)
- 03/01 - Hartley/Houghton (Tacos)
- 03/15 - Irwin/Jacobs (Pizza)
- 03/29 - Janz/Kain (Tacos)
- 04/19 - Kent/Killinger (Pizza)

**Popcorn Fridays:** The following dates we are planning to have Popcorn Fridays:  
2/24; 3/10; 4/07; 4/21; 5/05; 5/19

### **Michigan Lutheran Seminary:**

**MLS FOUNDATION DINNER/AUCTION:** Tickets are now available for the MLS Foundation auction on February 19, 2023. Tickets must be reserved in advance to ensure we have room for everyone! Visit <https://bit.ly/3g8x8GP> for ticket and sponsorship information.



**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](https://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!

**MLS CHILDREN'S THEATER:** You are cordially invited to attend the MLS Court Street Players' production of "Camelot and Camelittle." Spunky Ruth wants nothing more than to be a Knight of the Round Table. However, King Arthur of Camelot and his knights say she is too young. So Ruth sets off to form her own kingdom, which will be bigger and better than Camelot! Join Ruth as she sets off on her journey, meeting the enchanting Lady of the Lake, the evil sorceress Morgana le Fay, and the bumbling wizard Merlin along the way. This tale filled with brave knights and magical unicorns will be sure to delight!

Public performances will take place on March 11, 2023 at 2:00 & 7:00 pm. Admission is free to the public.

**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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