

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

Worship Schedule:

- 03/01 - 6:30 pm - Lenten Worship
- 03/05 - 9:00 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 - 10:00 am - Worship

Lent & Easter Worship: The season of Lent began last Wednesday. Please make plans to attend all of the special services leading up to and including Easter. All midweek Lenten services begin at 6:30 PM.

03/01 -Lent II & Soup Supper @ 5:00

03/08 - Lent III

03/15 - Lent IV

03/22 - Lent V

03/29 - Lent VI

04/02 - Palm Sunday

04/06 - Maundy Thursday @ 6:30 PM

04/07 - Good Friday @ 1:00 PM

04/09 - Easter Sunday service @ 10:00 PM & Easter Breakfast @ 8:30 AM

CEA Lent Soup Supper: The CEA sponsored Lenten Soup Supper has been moved to Wednesday, March 15th. If you signed up to help or donated items to this please note this change. Thank you to all who are willing to help and donate! If you have any questions please contact Nicole VanDenBoom or myself.

Mrs. Friske Call: It was announced after church yesterday that Mrs. Friske has returned the call to Divine Grace in Sienna, Texas and will continue her ministry here at Bethel. Please join me in thanking our Lord that Mrs. Friske and her family are remaining a part of our church and school family. Please also keep Divine Grace in your prayers as they seek teachers for their school.

Trivia Night: Our 4th Annual CEA Trivia Night on Saturday! We are still looking for teams to participate in this fun event. 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.

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. Due to the snow day last Wednesday we were not able to have chapel. The total for the quarter remains \$239.74.

Kindergarten Visitation Days: It's time to start looking forward to our 2023-2024 Kindergarten class. Mrs. Killinger will be having Kindergarten Visitation Days on March 6th and March 8th. Please contact Mrs. Killinger or me if you are interested or know someone who is interested in our Kindergarten so that more details can be provided. Thanks!

Sports Pictures: This Friday (03/03) sports pictures will be taken. These include our basketball and cheerleading teams. Picture forms were sent home early this week. Sports pictures can be ordered online or by filling out the paper form. Coaches are invited to come for the pictures as well.

Meetings: On Wednesday (03/01) I will be out of the building attending an Athletic Directors meeting at St. John's. Athletic schedules for next year will be discussed and finalized at this meeting. On Friday (03/03) I will be in the building hosting our monthly principals' meeting.

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. **If your child has signed up for this event please make sure they are prepared for the day of the event. There is a \$3 fee per event. MLS is asking each school to collect the fees for the event. Once I have collected all the fees I will pass them along to MLS.**

Basketball Uniforms: With the conclusion of the MLS tournament all boys basketball players should turn in their basketball uniforms after they have been cleaned.

Boys' & Girls' Club Coffee Hour: The Boys' Girls' Clubs will be hosting Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 12th after church. A sign up had been posted in the Boys' & Girls' Club FB group. Please contact Shannon Fuhrman if you have any questions.

Class Trip to MLS: On Friday, March 10th the Kindergarten - 5th grades will be attending MLS's production of "Camelot and Camelittle". Permission slips will be sent home this week. Please return the signed permission slip and fees by March 1st.

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.**

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!

CEA Meeting: We are in need of people to help volunteer at upcoming CEA 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.

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: The most recent call issued by Good Shepherd was returned. Good Shepherd will have another call meeting 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:

Alivia Phillips - Kindergarten - Feb. 27th
Lucas Killinger - Grade 5 - Feb. 28th
Scarlett Shorkey - Grade 3 - Mar. 1st

Student Spotlight:

Feb 27- Mar 3 - Jacob Krohn - Grade 7; Chloe Szostek - Grade 3; James Hurley - PreK-3

Coming Up:

- 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:

- 03/01 - Tone Chimes & Cantate Choir
- 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



Volleyball Game Schedule:

(Some games are scheduled as "quad" games and therefore the second opponent is to be determined after the results of the first two games)

- 3/17 - vs Hemlock @ Bethel, 4:00
- 3/17 - vs TBD @ Bethel, TBD
- 3/24 - vs Lansing @ Lansing, 4:00
- 3/24 - vs Trinity B @ Lansing, 4:45
- 3/28 - vs SJBC B @ SJBC, 4:00
- 3/28 - vs SJBC A @ SJBC, 6:15
- 3/31 - vs Midland @ Tawas, 4:45
- 3/31 - vs Tawas @ Tawas, 5:30
- 4/01 - MALL Tournament @ BCC
- 4/18 - vs SJBC A @ Bethel, 4:00
- 4/18 - vs TBD @ Bethel, TBD

Volleyball Practice Schedule (Volleyball practices will be right after school unless otherwise noted)

- 03/02
- 03/07
- 03/09
- 03/14
- 03/16

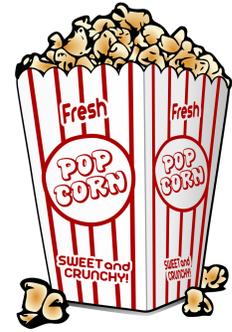
CEA Schedule:

- 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:

- 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:
3/10; 4/07; 4/21; 5/05; 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: <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/family-devotions/>

Forward in Christ Parent Conversations: <https://forwardinchrist.net/parents/>

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!

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.

- 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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