



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

Worship Schedule:

- 03/15 - 6:30 pm - Lenten Worship
- 03/19 - 9:00 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
 - 10:00 am - Worship

Lent & Easter Worship: The season of Lent continues with this week's Wednesday evening service. 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.

03/15 - Lent IV & CEA Soup Supper

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

Mrs. Virant Call: Yesterday Mrs. Virant announced that she has received a call to serve as 4K teacher in the morning and in the afternoon supervising curriculum and instruction in the 3K and 4K classrooms at St. Paul's in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. If you have any feedback related to Mrs. Virant's call I encourage you to reach out to her.

CEA Lenten Soup Supper: The CEA sponsored Lenten Soup Supper has been moved this Wednesday (03/15). 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.

Boys' and Girls' Club: The boys will be participating in a pellet shoot this Tuesday, the 14th at Duncan's from 3:30-5:00 (address is 501 Salzburg Ave). If you did not turn in your permission slip, please bring it along that day.

The girls will have a Spa Day at Day Escape Salon on Thursday, March 30th (address is 1311 S Farragut St). Grades K-2 will go from 4-5:30 followed by grades 3-5 from 5:30-7:00. Allie Greenwood has graciously opened her salon to the girls' club and asks that the girls come with clean, dry hair that day. They will be curling hair and painting nails.

MALL News: MALL athletic directors met to discuss sports schedules for the 23-24 school year. I am happy to report that we were able to approve schedules for all the sports next school year. The Google calendar has been updated with next year's athletic events.

MLS Children's Theater: The MLS Children's Theater performance of "Camelot and Camelittle" has been postponed to this Tuesday (03/14) due to the snow storm last Friday. Kindergarten through fifth grade still intends

to go to the play. **If you have not signed the updated permission slip for your child to go, please contact your child's teacher to do so.**

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. Last week's chapel offering was \$46.00. The total for the quarter remains \$379.74.

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 **9 openings in Pre-K4 and 9 openings in Pre-K3.**

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: Last week Good Shepherd extended a 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.

MAP Testing: The week of March 20-24 we will be conducting our next round of MAP testing. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the math, reading and language tests that week.

Birthdays:

Leah Nitz - March 19th - Grade 5

Student Spotlight:

Mar 13-17- Avery Kukla - Grade 6; James Lack - Grade 4; Teagan Shorkey - K

Coming Up:

- 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:

- 03/22 - 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)

- 03/14
- 03/16

CEA Schedule:

- 04/28 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 05/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson
- TBD Springtime - Pine Car Derby - Powers

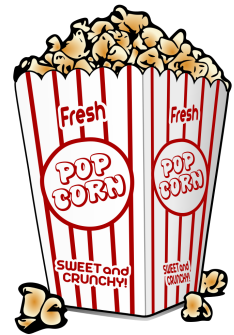
Thank you to all those who have volunteered to organize these activities.

Hot Lunch Schedule:

- 03/15 - 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:
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. We're already excited to welcome a new class of Cardinals 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.

- 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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