



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

**Worship Schedule:**

- 03/29 - 6:30 pm - Lenten Worship
- 04/02 - 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.

**03/29 - Lent VI & Lenten Supper**

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:** Recently 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.

**MALL Volleyball Tournament:** The MALL volleyball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 1st. Although the tournament is being held at BCC, we are the host school for the tournament. ***We will need several volunteers to help take tickets in the morning. If you are able to help, please contact me right away.***

**Boys' and Girls' Club:** 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.

**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 \$50.10. The total for the quarter remains \$429.84.

**Easter Breakfast:** Our Easter celebration is fast approaching and with that comes our Easter Breakfast. There is a sign-up posted on the bulletin board by the gym of items needed for our Easter Breakfast. If you would like to donate or help that day, please sign-up on the bulletin board by the gym or talk to Paul Gies.

**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 8 openings in Pre-K3.**

**Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy:** Good Shepherd has extended another 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.

**Mrs. Virant 30th Celebration:** On Sunday, April 23rd, we will be holding a special meal after church to celebrate Mrs. Virant's 30th year in the ministry. Please join us that day to celebrate Mrs. Virant's 30 years of faithful service!

**End of 3rd Quarter & Report Cards:** It is hard to believe but we have now begun the 4th quarter of the school year. Report cards for the 3rd quarter will be sent home this Wednesday (3/29). Please make sure to send back the Report Card envelopes back to school.

**MAP Testing:** This week (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:**

- Iris Nordstrom - March 28th - PreK-3
- Marcus Fuhrman - March 28th - Grade 4
- Kaylee Lack - March 31st - Grade 3
- Camila Costilla - April 2nd - PreK-3

**Student Spotlight:**

Mar 20-24 - Emma Powers - Grade 1; Joy Szostek - Grade 5; Lily Shenberger - Kindergarten

**Coming Up:**

- 03/29 - 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
- 04/23 - Mrs. Virant 30th Celebration
- 4/28 - Mother/Son Activity
- 4/30 - Pine Car Derby
- 05/05 - ½ Day - Faculty In-Service in pm
- 5/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 5/21 - Spring Music Concert @ 5
- 5/26 - MALL Track Meet (grades 1-8)
- 5/29 - Memorial Day (No School)
- ???5/30 - MLS Track Meet (grades 5-8)???
- 6/01 - ½ Day - Records Day
- 6/02 - ½ Day - Last Day of School & Awards Day



**Upcoming Worship & Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 04/02 - Grades 1-8 (Palm Sunday)
- 04/05 - Grades 1-8 (Good Friday)
- 04/30 - Cantate Choir



- 05/21 - Cherub Choir
- 06/04 - K-7 (Graduation Sunday)

**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)*

- 3/28 - 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)

- 3/30 - 3:00-4:30

**CEA Schedule:**

- 04/28 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 04/30 - Pine Car Derby - Powers - 1 PM
- 05/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson

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

**Hot Lunch Schedule:**

- 03/29 - Janz/Kain (Tacos)
- 04/19 - Kent/Killinger (Pizza)
- 05/03 - Koscielski/Krohn (Tacos)
- 05/17 - Kukla/Lack (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/>

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**MLS HOMECOMING CONCERT**

The Concert Choir tour to Texas will culminate in a homecoming concert in the MLS chapel on Sunday, April 2 at 7:00 pm. The program titled “Dearly Loved” features both new and familiar selections that will remind you that you are dearly loved by your Father in heaven. Please plan to join us!

**CARDINAL CLASSIC 2023**

Get ready to hit the greens! The 2023 Cardinal Classic is right around the corner! Join us on Saturday, July 15 at Beech Hollow golf course in Freeland for a fun day of golf. Head over to our website at [mls-foundation.org](http://mls-foundation.org) to find out more information.



### **MLS SUMMER CAMPS**

Registration for our 2023 MLS Summer Camps is now open! Our camps emphasize teaching teamwork, fundamentals and skills in a positive, Christian setting. The camp directors see this as an opportunity to use the beautiful facilities of Michigan Lutheran Seminary to work with our synod's youth. Our staff is dedicated to making our camps a positive experience for each camper.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** If you will be registering for more than one camp within the same household we now offer a 15% family discount. Enter the code FAMILY when ordering to receive the discount. You **MUST** be signed up for multiple camps to use the code. If you use the code and have only signed up for one camp your order will be voided.

To register visit [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org). Registration ends on June 1, 2023 at 8 am.

### **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

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](http://www.mlsem.org) to register

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