

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

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**Worship Schedule:**

- Monday, April 17th @ 6:30
- Sunday, April 23rd @ 10:00
  - Sunday School/Bible Class @ 9:00
  - Mrs. Virant's 30th ministry celebration @ 11:00

**Mrs. Virant 30th Celebration:** This 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!

**Mission Program:** Our 4th quarter mission offering will go to the Martin Luther College Student Matching program. Martin Luther College trains and equips students to become pastors and teachers in our synod. The matching program is a form of student financial aid. 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 \$46.12. The total for the quarter remains \$46.12.

**Blood Drive:** On Thursday, April 20th there will be Blood Drive hosted at Bethel. Please see the attached flyer for more information about participation. You may sign up on the sheet in the school hallway or scan the code on the flyer. Please note the times have changed from 11:00 - 4:00 PM.

**Hearing Screening:** On Friday April, 21st the Bay County Health Department will be conducting hearing testing for grades K, 2, 4, 6, and 8.

**Principals' Conference:** This Friday I will be out of the building to attend a principals' meeting in Midland.

**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 **6 openings in Pre-K4 and 8 openings in Pre-K3.**

**CEA Spring Events:** The CEA has a number of sponsored events coming up this spring. Mark your calendars for the Mother/Son Laser Tag (4/28), Pine Car Derby (4/30) and Daddy/Daughter Dance (5/12). More information about these events can be found on the bulletin boards in the front hall way or multipurpose room. If you would like to help with events, please contact any of the people leading these events.

**Pine Car Derby:** The Pine Car Derby will be held on Sunday, April 30th beginning at 1:00. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the event. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Sarah Powers.

**Boys' & Girls' Club:** Boys' & Girls' Club will have a Tie-Dye Party on Thursday, May 25 from 3-5 pm at Bethel. Please let Shannon Fuhrman know your child's t-shirt size if you plan to participate.

**Spring Music Concert:** Our first ever music concert will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 5 pm. The theme of the concert is "Kid Flix" and will feature music from various kid's movies. The concert will feature musical pieces from both the Cantate and Cherub choirs as well as pieces from students participating in band and piano.

**CEA Meeting Spring Meeting:** In order to help with planning next year's schedule of events and activities our parent group the Christian Education Association (CEA) will meet on Sunday, June 4th after church. This group plans projects and activities for our school and is open to both parents and congregation members alike. Please plan to attend the meeting and see how you can help support your school!

**MAP Testing:** Our second round of three rounds of MAP testing concluded last week. If you would like more information about your child's MAP testing results please contact either Mr. Peterson or myself to set up a consultation to review the results.

**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.

**Birthdays:**

Landon Zube - April 21st - Grade 5  
Zoe Shenberger - April 22nd - Grade 5  
Caleb Powers - April 22nd - Grade 7

**Student Spotlight:**

Apr 17-21 - Caleb Powers - Grade 7; Gehrig Wilson - K; Aiden Pillot - PreK-4

**Coming Up:**

- 04/19 - 8th Grade Career Day
- 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 @ 5pm
- 5/26 - MALL Track Meet (grades 1-8)
- 5/29 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 5/31 - MLS Track Meet @ MLS (grades 5-8)
- 6/01 - ½ Day - Records Day
- 6/02 - ½ Day - Last Day of School & Awards Day
- 6/04 - Graduation Sunday
  - CEA Meeting After Church



**Upcoming Worship & Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 04/30 - Cantate 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)

- 4/18 - vs SJBC A @ Bethel, 4:00
- 4/18 - vs TBD @ Bethel, TBD

### **CEA Schedule:**

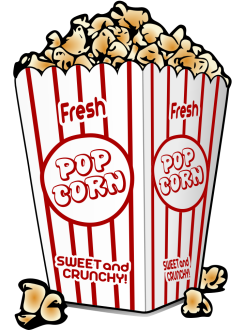
- 04/28 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 04/30 - Pine Car Derby - Powers - 1 PM
- 05/12 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson

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

### **Hot Lunch Schedule:**

- 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:  
4/21; 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: [Family Devotions – WELS](#)

Forward in Christ Parent Conversations: [Parents – FORWARD IN CHRIST](#)

### **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**

#### **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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