



I am the vine; you are the branches." - John 15:5

Worship Schedule:

Monday, October 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 23rd @ 10:00 a.m.

- Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: As we have settled into our school year routines, I would like to remind our families of the opportunity we have each week to gather as a church family. Each Sunday (and Monday night) we gather together around God's word to ask and receive His forgiveness, hear of His great love for us, thank him for the blessings He has provided us in our lives as well as celebrate the fellowship we have as a church family. You are missed when your family is not in worship. I pray and encourage all our school families to gather around God's word as often as they can, both at church and at home as well as to be present and active in our worship services each week.

Pie, Pajamas, Popcorn and Peanuts Movie: Join the families of Bethel for a pie tasting evening on Nov 21st from 6:30-7:30pm. Bring your favorite pie to share (homemade or store bought). Wear your comfy pajamas. We will taste some pie, have popcorn, and watch the Peanuts *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*.

Clothing Order: It's time to get your Bethel apparel! The clothing order will be done online through Sandlot Sports and has a variety of items including youth and adult sizes. The items available will be similar to clothing orders done previous years. The online store will open on Sunday, October 15th and close on Sunday, October 22nd at 11:59 pm. Scan the QR code or go to the link on our Facebook page. Orders and payments are all done online through Sandlot Sports. Clothing items will be sent home with students or can be picked up in the school office when they come in. The estimated pick time will be middle to late November. You will be notified when orders are ready. Please contact Mr. Thooft for any questions.



Mission Program: Our first quarter mission offering is going to support Kingdom Workers Indonesia, who are helping to bring clean water and sanitation solutions to rural Indonesia along with the message of the gospel. Our chapel offering last week was \$76.50 and students have collected \$282.81 this quarter.

Scrip Cards: Scrip Cards will be available for purchase Thursday at noon and Friday at noon this week. Gift cards can be purchased through this program for a variety of locations and Bethel will earn a percentage from the gift card purchase. Funds from this program have been used for unbudgeted items for the church and school. If you are interested in purchasing gift cards through this program, talk to the Gies family or Mr. Thooft.

Boys' Club Leader: Our Boys' Club is still looking for a new leader to run the program. This typically meets monthly providing different activities for students in grades K-5th grade. If you are interested in serving in this role, please talk to Mr. Thoof.

Grandparents' Day: Grandparents' Day is Friday, October 20th. Grandparents are invited to arrive at school around 9:45 am for a program which will begin at 10 am. After the program the students will do a variety of activities with their grandparents. Students are dismissed at noon on this day. We are looking forward to a wonderful day!

Band: Mrs. Perkins is planning to begin lessons this week on Tuesday (10/17). Lessons will be scheduled on Tuesdays during the school year during the school day. If you have any questions about band, please contact Mrs. Perkins.

Scoreboard Advertising: A few years ago our CEA completed our scoreboard project thanks to the help of some advertising sponsors. Those sponsors purchased advertising space on our scoreboard in the gym and that allowed us to purchase our scoreboard. There is still advertising space available. If you are interested in learning more about this available space, please talk with Mr. Thoof.

MAP Testing: Our first round of MAP Testing for grades 3-8 will be October 23rd through October 25th. There will be three tests (Math, Reading & Language). These tests are designed to measure the progress and growth that students have made in the various academic subjects. Please make sure, as much as possible, that your child will be in attendance during this week.

Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy: Our sister congregation, Good Shepherd in Midland, is currently without a pastor. Pastor Killinger has been serving as vacancy pastor for their congregation. Good Shepherd currently has a call out for a pastor. Please keep Good Shepherd's ministry, as well as Pastor Killinger, in your prayers during this time of vacancy.

Birthdays:

None

Coming Up:

- 10/20 - Grandparents' Day (½ day w/faculty in-service in the afternoon)
- 10/23-10/25 - MAP Testing grades 3-8
- 10/27 - Costume Day
- 10/29 - Congregational Voters' Meeting
- 10/30 - PreK-4 Pumpkin Party
- 10/31 - PreK-3 Pumpkin Party
- 11/03 - End of 1st Quarter
 - Principals' Conference
- 11/05 - Board of Education
- 11/08 - Report Cards sent home
- 11/13 - No School
 - Faculty In-Service in the morning & Parent Consultations in the afternoon
- 11/22-11/24 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- 12/2-12/3 - Living Christmas Card @ Mount Olive from 5-7 pm
- 12/03 - Board of Education
- 12/19 - PreK-3 Last Day before Christmas Break
- 12/20 - Children's Christmas Service @ 6:30
 - ½ day of school before Christmas Break
- 12/21-1/02 - No School (Christmas Break)
- 1/03 - Classes Resume

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 10/22 - Cherub Choir
- 10/29 - PreK/Kindergarten
- 11/12 - Cantate Choir
- 11/22 - Grades 1-8 (Thanksgiving Eve)

Girls' Basketball Schedule

(Games begin at 5:30, when A and B team play on the same night, B team plays first followed by A team):

- 10/17 - vs Trinity @ Bethel (AB)
- 10/20 - vs St. Bart's @ SJBC (AB)
- 10/21 - B Team Tournament @ Trinity
- 10/24 - vs Emanuel (Tawas) @ Tawas (B team)
- 10/27 - vs SJBC @ Bethel (B team)
- 10/27 - vs Sag/Hem @ Bethel (A team)
- 11/03 - vs Sag/Hem @ Christ Shields (B team)
- 11/07 - vs SJBC @ SJBC (AB)
- 11/10 - vs Owosso @ Bethel (A team)
- 11/14 - vs SJBC @ Bethel (AB)
- 11/17 - vs Emanuel (Lansing) @ Lansing (A team)
- 11/28 - vs Trinity @ Trinity (AB)
- 12/01-12/02 - MALL Tournament @ SJBC
- 12/08-12/09 - MLS Tournament @ MLS

CEA Sponsored Activities:

- 12/10 - Coffee Hour (Powers)
- 02/14 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (VanDenBoom)
- 03/02 - Trivia Night (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 03/03 - Coffee Hour (Leppek)
- 04/26 - Mother/Son Activity (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 05/03 - Daddy/Daughter Dance (Thunberg/Wilson)
- TBD - Pine Car Derby (Powers)
- TBD - Family Movie Night (Wilson)
- TBD - Board Game Night (Friske)

Popcorn Fridays:

The following are dates that we will have Popcorn Friday:

10/27; 11/10; 12/01; 12/15

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](https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/family-devotions/) (https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/family-devotions/)

Forward in Christ Parent Conversations: [Parents – FORWARD IN CHRIST](https://forwardinchrist.net/parents/) (https://forwardinchrist.net/parents/).

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

MLS Jr. Cardinal Sports Programs

This fall MLS is excited to offer three different opportunities for grade school age children to come experience MLS! Deadlines to register for these programs vary and are coming up soon, so don't wait to sign up. We are offering the following programs:

Jr. Cardinal Flag Football League (September 13 to October 21)

Jr. Volleyball Club (October 15 to November 19)

Jr. Cardinal Pom Clinic (October 15)

MLS Open House

You are cordially invited to the upcoming Open House at Michigan Lutheran Seminary!

Our first Open House is coming soon, October 20, 2023!

All 5th - 8th grade students and their families are welcome to attend this or any of our open houses throughout the school year. These are excellent opportunities to become familiar with campus, learn about the academics and extracurriculars at MLS, sample the dining hall cuisine, and watch an MLS Cardinals' sporting event, play performance, or concert.

Here are some of the things you can plan to see and do at most of our open house events:

- Listen to a brief introduction to our school and enjoy a mini-concert from our show choir, The Shadows.
- Visit classrooms and meet with our students, teachers, and coaches.
- Ask questions of MLS faculty and current MLS parents about the pros and cons of MLS.
- Take a tour of the school and get acquainted with the campus.
- Speak with the dorm staff and see the dormitories.
- Eat dinner in the dining hall and attend a home game or event.

If your family is interested in attending, MLS asks for advance notice to help accommodate visitors. Families can register online or call (989)793-1010.

