



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

Worship Schedule:

Monday, October 24th @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 29th @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Voters' Meeting: This coming Sunday (10/29) after church is our Quarterly Voters' Meeting. Congregational business will be discussed at this meeting, including the future of our ministry and a proposal to expand our school faculty. Please consider being in attendance for this important meeting to hear the discussion of the future of our ministry.

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.

Girls' B Team Tournament: Our girls' basketball B team participated in the B team tournament at Trinity this past Saturday. The girls finished 1-1 in the tournament and took home a 2nd place finish. Congratulations to the team!

Costume Day: This Friday is Costume Day for grades K-8. Thank you to our Room Mother volunteers with your help in putting on these parties. Students may bring their costumes to school to change into for the afternoon. Check with your child's teacher about details for their classroom's Costume Day.

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*.

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 \$31.84 and students have collected \$314.65 this quarter.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 13th in the afternoon. A link will be sent out next week with available times for conferences.

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.

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 begin today through Wednesday. 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:

Laney Wilson - October 25th - grade 6
Chance Herrera - October 29th - Kindergarten

Coming Up:

- **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:

- **10/29 - PreK/Kindergarten**
- 11/12 - Cantate Choir
- 11/22 - Grades 1-8 (Thanksgiving Eve)
- 12/10 - Cherub Choir
- 12/20 - Children's Christmas Service

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):

- 10/24 - 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 Emaunel (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 Band/Shadows Concert

Join the MLS concert band and Shadows for an exciting evening as they present their fall concert! The band will perform songs chosen to create the feeling of watching a movie, with inklings of adventure, romance, action, and more. Shadows will sing and dance to a song from a movie as well! The journey begins at 6:30 pm on October 29 in the chapel. The concert will be livestreamed on the MLS YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/@MichiganLutheranSeminary

MLS Presents: Oklahoma!

Tickets are now on sale for Michigan Lutheran Seminary's production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" Join us on November 11-12 for this classic musical full of cowboys, farmers, romance, and fearless optimism. You'll enjoy familiar songs like "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," "People Will Say We're in Love," and "Oklahoma." Purchase tickets in advance at mlsem.org.

MLS Blood Drive

The MLS Student Council is working with the American Red Cross to host our fall 2023 blood drive on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 10:00 am to 2:45 pm. Interested adult donors can sign up by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and searching MLS SAGINAW.

MLS Foundation Dinner & Auction

Save the date for the annual dinner & auction on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at the Great Hall in Midland! If you would like to donate an item to be auctioned off, visit our donation page at <https://bit.ly/44ZPmxK> to fill out a donation form. Watch for updates and ticket sales to open up in early November at our website: <https://mls-foundation.org/>

