



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

Worship Schedule:

Monday, November 6th @ 6:30 p.m.

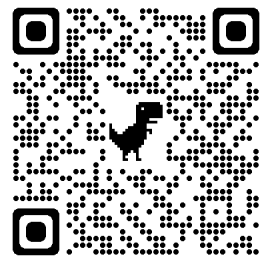
Sunday, November 12th @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Congregational Open Forum: Discussions about the future of our ministry are ongoing. In anticipation of the December budget meeting, our leadership will be holding two open forums for anyone in our church or school to ask questions related to the budget and the future staffing proposal. ***The dates for those forums will be this Sunday, November 12th and Sunday, December 3rd. Please make an effort to attend one of these forums and be informed about what is going on with 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.

Forward in Christ Parent Conversations: Our Synod's monthly magazine, *Forward in Christ*, is a great resource. Every month there is a section of the magazine with articles for Christian parents and families called *Parent Conversations*. Scan the QR code to get access to this great parent resource. This resource includes Christian parenting articles, podcasts and more. Attached to this newsletter is November's *Parent Conversations* article.

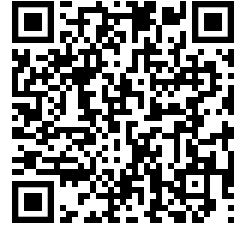


Pie, Pajamas, Popcorn and Peanuts Movie: Join the families of Bethel for a pie tasting evening on Nov 21st from 6:30-7:30pm. Bring your favorite pie to share (homemade or store bought). Wear your comfy pajamas. We will taste some pie, have popcorn, and watch the Peanuts *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*.

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 \$40.50 and students have collected \$406.20 this quarter. Our second quarter chapel offering will be going toward the Christian Life Resources and the Care Center in Saginaw.

First Quarter Report Cards: Report cards for the 1st quarter of the school year will be sent home on Wednesday, November 8th. Please sign the report card envelope and return it to school.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 13th in the afternoon. Scan the QR code to sign up for a conference time. If you are having trouble with the QR code, please talk with your child's teacher about signing up for a time.



Girls' Club: The Girls' Club is planning to meet again on Wednesday, November 29th in the gym from 3:00-4:30. Mark your calendars for this event!

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:

Joy Szostek - November 7th - grade 6

Coming Up:

- **11/08 - Report Cards sent home**
- **11/10 - MLS Play Grades 6-8**
- 11/13 - No School
 - Faculty In-Service in the morning & Parent Consultations in the afternoon
- Grades 6-8 Bay County Animal Services Project
- 11/22-11/24 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- 11/29 - Girls' Club from 3:00-4:30
- 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

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):

- **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

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

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

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:

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/)

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

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/>

