



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

Worship Schedule:

Monday, November 20th @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22nd @ 6:30 p.m. (Thanksgiving Eve)

- Grades 1-8 sing

Sunday, November 26th @ 10:00 a.m.

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

Thanksgiving Break: Wednesday begins our Thanksgiving Break. Classes will resume again on Monday, November 27th. There are so many wonderful blessings to be thankful for from our gracious and generous God; most importantly our salvation through our Savior Jesus. I pray that this Thanksgiving you have a chance to reflect on those blessings and have a wonderful holiday! God's blessings on your Thanksgiving celebrations!

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 next forum date will be Sunday, December 3rd. If you did not attend the first forum, please make an effort to attend the forum on December 3rd and hear about what is going on in our school and 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.

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*.

Mrs. Friske Call: Mrs. Friske has received a divine call to St Paul's in Franklin, Wisconsin to teach first grade and assist with school music. Please keep the Friske family in your prayers as they deliberate the call. I encourage everyone to reach out to Mrs. Friske to discuss the call with her.

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!

Honor Roll: Students in grades 6-8 only are eligible for Honor Roll. There are two levels - all A's and A's & B's. For the first quarter of the school year the following students have made Honor Roll in grades 6-8:

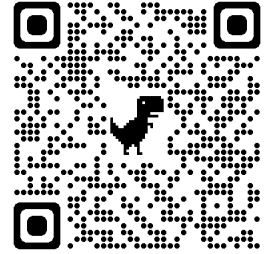
All A's:

Avery Kukla Gr. 7
Ian McGehee Gr. 7

A's & B's

Ada Figley Gr. 8
Jacob Krohn Gr. 8
Caleb Powers Gr. 8
Eliza Figley Gr. 7
Grace Janz Gr. 6
Collin Nitz Gr. 7
Laney Wilson Gr. 6
Avaree Fuhrman Gr. 6
Lucas Killinger Gr. 6
Leah Nitz Gr. 6
Taylor Thunberg Gr. 6
Landon Zube Gr. 6

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.



Christmas Gift Exchange: As part of our Christmas celebration, students in PreK to 8th grade exchange names for the purpose of gifts. Your child's teacher will exchange names before Thanksgiving break. Please help your child purchase a gift for his/her exchange in the range of \$5 to \$7. Please don't send your child's gift to school until the last day before Christmas vacation, Wednesday, December 20th, when room parties will take place.

Thanksgiving Church Service: Bethel will have a special Thanksgiving Eve church service on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30. Both of our school choirs will be singing in that service. I pray that all our school and preschool families join us for this special service of thanks to our gracious God.

Children's Christmas Service: Preparations are being made for our annual Children's Christmas Service on Wednesday, December 20th. Soon, our students will begin practicing for this special service. As parts are assigned please help your child to be prepared for this special service and make sure to mark the date on your calendar!

Girls' Basketball Scheduling Change: On Tuesday, November 28th the game times for the A and B teams will be switched. A team will play at 5:30 and B team will play at 6:30. Please take note of this change and plan accordingly.

Mission Program: Our second quarter mission offering is going to support Christian Life Resources and the Care Center in Saginaw. Our chapel offering last week was \$56.95 and students have collected \$130.95.

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 plans to hold another call meeting this week as they seek their next pastor. Please keep Good Shepherd's ministry, as well as Pastor Killinger, in your prayers during this time of vacancy.

Birthdays:

Chloe Szostek - November 22nd - Grade 4

Warren Collicker - November 22nd - PreK-4

Coming Up:

- **11/22-11/24 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)**
- 11/22 - Thanksgiving Worship @ 6:30
- 11/29 - Girls' Club from 3:00-4:30
- 12/2-12/3 - Living Christmas Card @ Mount Olive from 5-7 pm
- 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
- 1/12 - Principals' Conference
- 1/15 - 24-25 Preschool Enrollment Begins
- 1/19 - End of 2nd Qtr. (½ day Faculty In-Service)
- 1/22-1/26 - Lutheran Schools Week
- 1/24 - Qtr. 2 Report Cards Sent Home
- 1/28 - Lutheran Schools Sunday

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):

- **11/20 - vs St.B's/GS @ Bethel (A only) @ 6:30**
- 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 (Leppeck)
- 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)

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

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

Popcorn Fridays:

The following are dates that we will have Popcorn Friday: 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](#) (QR code)



Michigan Lutheran Seminary

MLS NEW STUDENT APPLICATIONS

Applications for NEW students are now being accepted for the 2024-2025 school year!

It's 100% FREE to apply, and it will take you less than 10 minutes. Filling out an application is the easiest way for you to stay in the loop with everything you need to know about enrolling a student at MLS. We'll also keep you informed about events taking place on our campus throughout the school year.

Families who apply before Nov. 30th will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 tuition credit, and families who apply before Dec. 31st will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 tuition credit.

Visit www.mlsem.org/apply to submit your application today, and encourage others to do the same!

MLS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

"Alleluia!" Come celebrate our Savior's birth with Michigan Lutheran Seminary at the annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 15 at 7:00 pm. The choirs and band of MLS will present both familiar and new carols that will be sure to add to your Christmas celebration. Doors will open at 6:30 pm. No reservations are offered.

MLS CONCERT CHOIR AT THE SAGINAW SPIRIT

The MLS Concert Choir will be performing the the American & Canadian National Anthem before puck drop at the January 28th Saginaw Spirit game against the Windsor Spitfires. Upper Level tickets are \$17. \$5 per ticket sold by using the link will be donated back to the Concert Choir.

Purchase tickets at:

<https://www.saginawspirit.net/groupsales/>

USERNAME: MLSCHOIR128

PASSWORD: SPIRIT

Or call 989-497-6507

MLS FOUNDATION EVENTS

November kicks off our annual Light Up a Student's Life campaign to raise funds for financial assistance at Michigan Lutheran Seminary! More information on how to donate can be found at <https://mls-foundation.org/luas/>.

Discounted tickets available now through 12/31/2023 for our annual dinner & auction, Cardinals in Wonderland! Join us for an evening of fun, food, and entertainment to support Christian education at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Our event will take place on Sunday, February, 18th at the Great Hall in Midland. Ticket and auction information can be found at <https://mls-foundation.org/events/dinner-auction/>.

