



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

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**Worship Schedule:**

- Monday, April 8th @ 6:30 pm
- Sunday, April 14th @ 10:00 am
  - Sunday School/Bible Class @ 9:00 am

***I pray you and your family take advantage of either our Sunday morning or Monday evening services as we continue to celebrate and reflect on the resurrection of our Lord! See you there!***

**Congregational Divine Call Update:** Yesterday it was announced that Mrs. Nicole Barabas has returned the divine call to serve as grades 1-2 teacher here at Bethel. Our congregation plans to go to the assignment committee to request a graduate from Martin Luther College. Graduation and Call Day will be held May 18th. Please keep our ministry in your prayers as we seek our additional teacher.

**Mrs. Virant Divine Call:** Yesterday it was also announced that Mrs. Virant has returned her divine call to teach Kindergarten at First German Lutheran School in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. We praise our Lord and are thankful that Mrs. Virant will continue her ministry here at Bethel! Please keep First German in your prayers as they seek a Kindergarten teacher.

**CEA Events:** The Christian Education Association (CEA) is our parent group and has organized a number of events for the spring. We need people to help volunteer at those upcoming events. If you are able or interested in helping with upcoming CEA-sponsored activities, please contact the person in charge of the event or talk with Mr. Thooft about how you can get involved.

**CEA Sponsored Activities:**

- 04/26 - Mother/Son Activity (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 04/28 - Pine Car Derby (Powers)
- 05/03 - Daddy/Daughter Dance (Thunberg/Wilson)

For more information about the Daddy/Daughter Dance or Mother/Son Laser Tag, please contact Jennifer Thunberg ( [jennithunberg@gmail.com](mailto:jennithunberg@gmail.com)) for any questions about the activities. For more information about the Pine Car Derby, please contact Steve or Sarah Powers.

**School Play Survey:** To help plan for our upcoming play in April, we ask families in grades 1-8 to please take some time to fill out a short survey related to the play. The survey will be sent out via Remind or you can scan the QR code to fill out the survey.



Play week is next week. Students will be auditioning on Monday and practicing for their performance on Friday and Saturday nights.

**Enrollment for 2024-2025:** Enrollment for the 2024-2025 Preschool year began on January 15. Applications are available from Mrs. Virant. Applications have come in for both programs. For the most up-to-date openings available for next year, check the board outside the preschool classroom. As of this writing, there are **5/16 spots available** in Pre-K4 and **10/14 spots available** in Pre-K3.

**Career Day:** Information was sent home before Spring Break about Career Day. If you are interested in presenting at Career Day please fill out the form and bring it back to school.

**Honor Roll:** Students in grades 6-8 are eligible for Honor Roll. There are two levels - all A's and A/B Honor Roll. The following students have achieved either all A's or A/B Honor Roll status for the third quarter. Congratulations!

**All A's:**

Ian McGehee	Grade 7
Leah Nitz	Grade 6

**A/B:**

Ada Figley	Grade 8
Ella Killinger	Grade 8
Caleb Powers	Grade 8
Eliza Figley	Grade 7
Easton Jacobs	Grade 7
Grace Janz	Grade 7
Avery Kukla	Grade 7
Collin Nitz	Grade 7
Laney Wilson	Grade 7
Nicklas Barclay	Grade 6
Lucas Killinger	Grade 6
Zoe Shenberger	Grade 6
Taylor Thunberg	Grade 6
Landon Zube	Grade 6

**Mission Program:** Our 4th quarter chapel offering is going to support the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS). WLS trains and equips our pastors for their work in gospel ministry. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church. Our last chapel offering was \$37.50 and we have collected \$37.50 for the quarter.

**Band Updated Schedule:** Please note the following updates and changes to the band schedule:

- Tuesday, April 16th there will be NO lessons
- Thursday, May 23rd will be lessons instead of Tuesday, May 21st
- Tuesday, May 28th will be an in-school end-of-the-year concert

**Munger Potato Festival:** This year our church and school have been selected to run the food tents/concessions at the Munger Potato Festival on July 25-28, 2024. This is an excellent way to get funds for projects for our church and school and, if it goes well this year, we will have the opportunity to do this on an every-other-year rotation. The main thing we need is volunteers for this event as on the evenings of the Figure 8 event, we will need up to 25-30 at one time in order for things to run smoothly.

**An informational meeting will be held soon to discuss how you can get involved with this event. Look for dates and details in future newsletters.**

If everyone pitches in for a shift (and students can help as well!) it will be a fun time and no volunteers will feel overworked. If you have specific questions, please contact Jenni Thunberg at [jennithunberg@gmail.com](mailto:jennithunberg@gmail.com) but we will have an information meeting and sign-ups available in the coming months.

**Camp Lor-Ray Kids Camp 2024:** Hey kids are you ready for some outdoor fun? Well, tell your parents/guardians that Kids Camp 2024 registration is open and is awaiting your spot to be filled! It's a great time surrounded by other believers doing activities such as fishing, swimming, crafts and so many more games and silly songs! The weeks are 1st-3rd grade (June 30th -July 3rd), 4th-6th (July 7th-12th) and 7th-9th (July 14th-19th). Costs are as follows: 1-3 Grade: \$199 (Early Bird: \$175). 4-6 and 7-9 Grade: \$299 (Early Bird: \$275). Apply before April 30th at [camplor-ray.org](http://camplor-ray.org) to secure the early bird discount. ps. parents there is a scholarship application on the registration so we can all be able to enjoy camp! Feel free to email us any and all questions, comments, or concerns at [camplorray@gmail.com](mailto:camplorray@gmail.com).

**Birthdays:**

Grace Janz - March 24th - 7th grade  
Donovan Houghton - April 9th - 3rd grade  
Eli Jablonski - April 12th - PreK-4

**Coming Up:**

- **4/08 - BLS Classes Resume**
- **4/10 - Board of Education**
- 4/15-4/20 - Grades 1-8 Play Week
- 5/03 - ½ Day of School (Faculty In-Service)
- 5/05 - Confirmation Sunday
  - Board of Education
- 5/07 - Grades 1-8 Loons Game
- 5/09 - BALM Ascension Service @ Mount Olive
- 5/10 - BLS Career Day
- 5/19 - Principals' Conference
- 5/20-5/22 - Grades 5-6 Camp Timbers Trip
- 5/22 - Last Day PreK-4
- 5/23 - Last Day PreK-3
- 5/24 - MALL Track Meet @ Garber
- 5/27 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 5/29 - MLS Track Meet
- 5/30 - ½ Day of School (Records Day)
- 5/31 - ½ Day of School (Last Day of School & Awards Day)
- 6/02 - Graduation Sunday

**Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 5/05 - Cantate Choir (Confirmation)
- 5/19 - Cherub Choir (Pentecost)
- 6/02 - Grades K-7 (Graduation Sunday)

**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.



**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 CO-ED ADULT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

The MLS is hosting its annual co-ed volleyball tournament on Saturday, April 13. The main purpose of this tournament is to better acquaint church members with your ministerial education training school and its students, as well as the facilities, while also serving as a fundraiser for Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Money raised will go to the MLS general fund. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 6. For more information and to register visit [www.mlsem.org/mlsadultvolleyball](http://www.mlsem.org/mlsadultvolleyball).

#### **PROF. STEVE THIESFELDT 50TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**

You are invited to a service of thanksgiving to our Lord on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the teaching ministry of Prof. Steven Thiesfeldt. The service will take place on April 28 at 4:00 p.m. in the MLS Chapel. Following the service and short program there will be generous hors d'oeuvres served in the MLS Dining Hall at 5:30 p.m. We do ask that if you plan on going to the meal you RSVP by visiting [www.mlsem.org/thiesfeldt](http://www.mlsem.org/thiesfeldt).

#### **MLS SUMMER CAMPS**

Registration for our 2024 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.

Family Discount: 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, 2024, at midnight.