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

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**Worship Schedule:**

- Monday, April 15th @ 6:30 pm
- Sunday, April 21st @ 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:** As part of our plans to expand our teaching staff, our congregation intends to go to the assignment committee to request a graduate from Martin Luther College to teach grades 1-2 next school year. Graduation and Call Day will be held May 18th. Please keep our ministry in your prayers as we seek our additional teacher.

**School Play Week:** This week is play week! Students in grades 1-8 will begin the week with auditions and will be assigned their roles on Monday. Practices and rehearsals will take place during the school day throughout the week. The week culminates with two performances. The first performance will be Friday night at 6:30 followed by a Saturday performance at 6:30. The cost will be \$5 per person (kids 4 and under are free).

**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. Thoof about how you can get involved. Below is a list of remaining events for the school year:

**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.

**Pine Car Derby:** Pre weigh in for the Pine Car Derby will be Tuesday, April 23 from 6:00-7:30. A Thrivent gift card will be used to pay for pizza again this year. Snacks, napkins and plates are needed. Craft judging will be done on

Friday (04/26) after school and into the evening. The cars can be dropped off in the morning before school on April 26th.

**There is still a need for volunteers for the day of the race. If anyone is willing to help out please contact Sarah Powers. Any questions please contact Sarah Powers at 989-450-9618.**

**Principles' Conference:** On Friday, April 19th I will be out of the building for most of the day attending a principals' meeting in Bay City.

**Girls' Club:** This month the girls will be making greenhouses! Each girl will be able to choose what they want to plant in their greenhouse and take it home to watch it grow! The girls will meet on Monday April 22nd from 3:00-4:00 in the gym!

**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 **9/14 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.

**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 \$69.10 and we have collected \$107.60 for the quarter.

**Updated Band 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 on May 19th after church 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.

**Birthdays:**

Easton Jacobs - April 15th - 7th grade

Avaree Fuhrman - April 16th - 6th grade

Landon Zube - April 21st - 6th grade

**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 [camp-lorray.org](http://camp-lorray.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 [camp-lorray@gmail.com](mailto:camp-lorray@gmail.com).

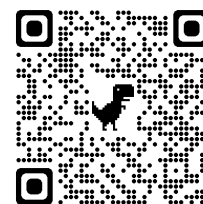
### **Coming Up:**

- **4/15-4/20 - Grades 1-8 Play Week**
  - **4/19 & 4/20 - Play Performances @ 6:30**
- 5/03 - ½ Day of School (Faculty In-Service)
- 5/05 - Confirmation Sunday
- 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)
- 5/28 - In-School Band Concert
- 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:**

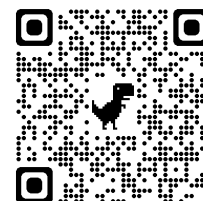
- 5/05 - Cantate Choir (Confirmation)
- 5/19 - Cherub Choir (Pentecost)
- 6/02 - Grades K-7 (Graduation Sunday)

**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**

### **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.

## **MLS Lock-In**

Attention 6th-8th graders and their families! You are invited to the annual MLS Lock-In! Come and enjoy a night of fun and food with friends and future Cardinal classmates. The Lock-In will run from 7:00 pm on Friday, April 26 until 7:00 am on Saturday, April 27. Attending is free! Participants can organize a group at their church or combine with other nearby churches to make a group. Groups should provide one adult chaperone for every six students attending. See below for more information and to register your child online. **Registration closes on April 20 (Scan the QR code to register).** If you have questions, feel free to contact us at (989) 793-1010 ext 252 or [admissions@mlsem.org](mailto:admissions@mlsem.org).

