



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

****This is the final newsletter of the school year. I want to thank all of our families for their support of our school and Christian education. I look forward to continuing to see you at worship over the summer and I pray God's blessings on your summer plans!***

Worship Schedule:

- Sunday, June 2nd @ 10:00 am (Graduation Sunday - grades K-7 sing)

***As we approach the summer months, please make coming to worship our Savior a priority!
I pray you and your family take advantage of either our Sunday morning or Monday evening services!***

Congregational Divine Call Update: I am happy to announce that our request for a graduate from Martin Luther College has been filled! Kaitlyn Rodmyre has been assigned to our school to teach 1st and 2nd grade beginning next school year. Ms. Rodmyre is from Washington and is very much looking forward to starting her ministry at Bethel. She will be making the move to Michigan over the summer. Please join me in thanking our Lord for providing Ms. Rodmyre to serve with us in our ministry.

Graduation Sunday: Sunday, June 2nd is Bethel Graduation Sunday. During the 10:00 a.m. service, our 8th graders will graduate from BLS. All other graduates of our congregation will also be recognized. Graduating from BLS are:

Ada Figley
Blake Hartley
Ella Killinger
Jacob Krohn
Caleb Powers

CEA Information: The next meeting of the CEA will be Sunday, June 2nd after church. Plans for events for next school year will be discussed at this meeting. Please plan to attend and see how you can be involved!

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. ***Scan the QR code to see opportunities to help with this event and sign up!***



Preschool Enrollment for 2024-2025: 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 **2/16 spots available** in Pre-K4 and **6/14 spots available** in Pre-K3.

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 \$50.13 and we have collected \$322.20 for the quarter.

MLS Track Meet: Students in grades 5-8 also have the opportunity to participate in another track meet being held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Wednesday, May 29th. The MLS meet starts at 11:00 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 10:00 a.m. Please make sure to arrange transportation to MLS for your child that day. **Scan the QR code for the address, schedule and list of events for the day.**



Records Day: Thursday, May 30th will be a half day of school. Your Bethel staff will use the afternoon to finalize report cards and permanent file reports. Classes will dismiss at noon on that day.

End of Quarter/Report Cards: The 4th quarter of the school year will end on Friday, May 31st. Report cards will be handed out before your child is dismissed for the school year. Nothing needs to be returned to school related to report cards.

Last Day of School: Friday, May 31st is the last day of school. Classes will be dismissed for the year after the closing service and awards assembly. Everything related to the last day of school should be finished by 12:00 noon.

Closing Service: Our school year will close with a special chapel service starting at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31st. We hope all of you are able to attend!

Awards Assembly: Right after the closing service, beginning at approximately 11:30 a.m., we will have our annual awards assembly. During the assembly we will recognize all those students who have participated in extracurricular activities as well as academic achievements.

Bethel Business Directory: We are working on updating the Bethel Business Directory. If you own a business and would like to have your information added to the directory please go to the following QR code and submit the form.



If you have any questions or issues please call Liz Faulk at 810-841-5159.

Ladies' Aid at Buds to Blooms: Do you plan to purchase spring flowers or plants from Buds to Blooms? If you purchase between May 1st and 31st, mention Bethel Ladies Aid! 10% of our purchase will be credited to Bethel Ladies Aid. Thank you!

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

- Tuesday, May 28th will be an in-school end-of-the-year concert

St. Paul's Summer Band Program: Our sister school, St. Paul's in Saginaw is offering a summer band program. Lessons take place at St. Paul's school (2745 W. Genesee Ave. in Saginaw). Mrs. Arianna Siegler is the lesson teacher (she is a flute player, and directed the band at MLS for 4 years.) Lessons begin Wednesday, June 5. Scan the QR code for sign-up information.



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 at 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

Birthdays:

May/June:

Pastor Killinger - May 29th - Pastor
Eliza Kent - June 6th - 1st Grade
Joseph Nalewyko - June 8th - PreK-4
Mia Rupp - June 9th - 3rd grade
Harper Doran - June 13th - 2nd grade
Leo Fabera - June 19th - PreK-3
Atlas Kerkau - June 20th - PreK-4
Isaac Powers - June 25th - 5th grade
Dylan Kramer - June 26th - 1st grade
Oakleigh Ball - June 26th - Kindergarten

July:

Rylee Thunberg - July 8th - 5th grade
Paisley Reinig - July 10th - 1st grade
Eva Watkins - July 14th - PreK-3
Collin Nitz - July 16th - 7th grade
Lily Shenberger - July 18th - 1st grade
Arya Raushi - July 21st - 6th grade
Mrs. Friske - July 23rd - Grades 1-2 teacher
Rosalind Greenwood - July 27th - 1st grade
Blake Hartley - July 31st - 8th grade

August/September:

Hunter Bullock - August 5th - PreK-4
Max Kowalski - August 6th - 3rd grade
Ella Szostek - August 9th - 2nd grade
Brayden Jezewski - August 9th - PreK-3
Gavin McGehee - August 11th - 4th grade
Adam Weiler - August 12th - Kindergarten
Eliza Figley - August 14th - 7th grade
James Hurley - August 15th - PreK-4
Ella Killinger - August 17th - 8th grade
Emma Faulk - August 27- PreK-4
Colton Couturier - August 30th - PreK-4
Avery Wilier - September 2nd - PreK-3

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 6/02 - Grades K-7 (Graduation Sunday)

Coming Up:

- 5/27 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 5/28 - In-School Band Concert
- 5/29 - MLS Track Meet
 - Grades 3-5 Field Trip to Henry Ford
- 5/30 - ½ Day of School (Records Day)
- 5/31 - ½ Day of School (Last Day of School & Awards Day)
- 6/02 - Graduation Sunday
- 6/06 - Faculty In-Service
- 7/22 - Faculty In-Service
- 8/07 - Registration Day
- 8/27 - Stop/Drop Night
- 9/03 - First Day of School & Opening Service (½ Day)

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 IS HIRING - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

MLS is hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to work in our Admissions Department - assisting with mailings, database upkeep, coordination of events, and scheduling recruitment trips. Visit www.mlsem.org for a full job description.

MLS SUMMER CAMPS

Time is running out to register for an MLS Summer Camp!

MLS 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. Registration ends on June 1, 2024 at midnight.