



"Let us run with endurance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." - Hebrews 12:1-2

Worship Schedule:

- Sunday, September 15th @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, September 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

Newsletter Information: A newsletter is sent home every Monday or it will be posted on our website (bethellutheranbc.org). It will contain much information about the coming week or weeks. We ask that you read it carefully to be as informed as possible with school-related news.

Mums Delivery: If you ordered mums through the Bethel Boosters they will be delivered to school on Thursday, September 12th. You can pick up your mum order after school that day.

Dismissal Procedure: To more efficiently use our building and parking lot space, we will again this year have two pick-up locations at the end of the day. Children will be dismissed either to the front hallway facing the Pine Road parking lot or the church lounge and exit to the Ridge Road parking lot. Teachers will work with the children the first week of school in directing them to which parking lot they are to be dismissed to.

Athletic Meeting: *On Monday, September 9th an athletic information meeting for parents of students playing soccer, basketball, and volleyball will be held at 6:30 in the gym.* Information about expectations, schedules, and games will be discussed at this meeting. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please talk to Mr. Thooft.

Band Information: Interested in joining band? Want to learn a new instrument? Want to get your hands on an instrument you have never played before? Well, here's your chance! ***On Wednesday, September 11 from 6:00-8:00 PM***, Herter Music Center will be coming to our school for an instrument fitting. This isn't just for the kids that want to join band. All students in grades 5-8 are invited to get their hands on all of the instruments that the band has to offer: clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, flute, and more! Meet our band teacher, Amanda Perkins as she talks to the parents about what they need to know about the band program. Light refreshments will be provided. Check out the posted flier for more info! A sign-up sheet can be found in the school office.

We Need Your Help!: We are beginning soccer season and need help with several jobs related to the soccer season. Scan the QR code to sign up to help with our upcoming season. Check back for more opportunities to help as there will be similar sign-ups for the different athletic seasons.



Family Fun Night: Thursday, September 19th from 6:30-7:30 we will be having Family Fun Night. Come get to know families with children from preschool through 2nd grade and enjoy an evening of fun family games. The activities will be held outside, weather permitting. We are looking forward to an evening of fun!

Former Preschool Teacher: Our former preschool teacher, Karen Miller, passed away over the weekend. Funeral arrangements will be announced when they are finalized. Mrs. Miller served as our first preschool teacher when our preschool first opened over 30 years ago. It is a joy to know that she now enjoys eternal life with our Savior Jesus.

FAN Presentation: Face Addiction Now (FAN) is an organization that aims to educate both adults and children about the dangers of narcotics and substance abuse. St. Bartholomew's is planning to host two presentations by FAN on Thursday, September 26th, and Friday, September 27th. Look for more information about these presentation opportunities in future newsletters.

Bethel Booster Information: The next meeting of the Bethel Boosters will be on Sunday, September 29th after church. The Bethel Boosters is a parent/teacher organization that supports the school in various ways. All parents are invited to the meeting to hear about and discuss projects for the school year. Please plan to attend and see how you can be involved!

Picture Day Update: Please note that a previous calendar had an incorrect date for school pictures. School pictures will be on **Tuesday, October 8th** in the morning. Information about ordering pictures will be sent home the first week of October.

MLS Cross Country: The MLS Cross Country meet is for grades 3-8 and will be held on Wednesday, September 18th @ Wickes Park in Saginaw. Three races will take place on this day. 3rd and 4th graders will run a half-mile course at 4:30. 5th and 6th graders will run a one-mile course starting around 4:40. 7th and 8th graders will run a one-and-a-half mile course around 5:00. If your child is interested in participating please let Mr. Thooft know by Monday, September 9th.

Owosso Cross Country: Students in grades 3-8 are also invited to participate in the Owosso Cross Country Meet put on by Salem Lutheran School. Dates for these meets are September 11th and September 25th at 5:00 p.m. Students are not required to participate in both meets. The meets will be held at DeVries Nature Conservancy (address is 2635 N. M-52). If your child would like to participate, please contact Mr. Thooft by Monday, September 9th.

Registration Day Forms: Although we were able to collect much of the needed information on Registration Day, there are a few forms that were taken home and need to be returned. Specific information about these forms will be provided this week. If you have forms that need to be returned, please do so as soon as possible.

Registration Day Bills: If you have not paid your book fees in full for the school year, you are reminded that monthly payments are expected until your account is paid in full. Monthly reminders of the status of accounts will be sent out. *To avoid interest fees, please arrange to have your account paid in full by January 1st, 2025.* If there are special circumstances that might impact your account, please discuss those with Mr. Thooft.

MALL League Meeting: I will be out of the building on Friday, September 13th to attend the Mid-Michigan Area Lutheran League (MALL) athletic directors meeting.

QuickSchools: An email with login information about QuickSchools will be sent out to families with students in grades 1-8. If you do not receive an email, please reach out to your child's teacher to be sent that information. QuickSchools is the best way to stay up to date on your child's grades.

Remind & Facebook Group: If you have not joined our school-wide Remind group please contact Mr. Thooft or your child's teacher to get signed up. Remind is a great way for us to get announcements out to all school families in a timely way. If you are on Facebook and are not already a part of our private school group, please consider joining. Reminders are posted in the group as well as other school information about upcoming events. Contact Mrs. Friske if you would like to be a part of this group.

Mission Program: Our 1st quarter chapel offering is going to support the Saginaw Pregnancy Care Center. The center is an outreach ministry of Christian Life Resources and helps offer Bible-based guidance regarding pregnancy. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church.

Christmas Service Update: We will be having two different Children's Christmas Services this December. The first will be on December 15th during the Sunday morning service and will include both the Kindergarten and Preschool classes. Our traditional Children's Christmas Service will be on the evening of December 19th and will include grades 1-8. Students will begin working on these services later in the fall.

Check these out!: Did you know our Synod had a variety of family resources? 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.



Scan the second QR code for family devotions that can be used at home. I pray these resources are helpful to you and your family.



Bethel Men's Group: Bethel leadership is putting together a men's group and is seeking your input. This group would meet to talk about the Bible or other Christian topics as well as provide fellowship for the men of our congregation. Scan the QR code to fill out the survey that will help with the planning of this group.



Birthdays:
None

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 09/29 - Cantate Choir
- 10/20 - Cherub Choir
- 10/27 - Kindergarten & Preschool
- 11/10 - Cantate Choir
- 11/27 - Cherub & Cantate (Thanksgiving Eve)
- 12/15 - Kindergarten & Preschool Christmas Service
- 12/19 - Grades 1-8 Christmas Service

Coming Up:

- **09/09 - Athletic Meeting**
- **09/11 - Band Information Meeting**
- **09/13 - MALL League Meeting**
- 09/19 - Family Fun Night
- 09/20 - ½ Day of School (Faculty In-Service)
- 09/29 - Bethel Boosters Meeting (After Church)
- 10/04 - MALL Soccer Tournament
- 10/06 - Board of Education
- 10/08 - Class Pictures in a.m.
- 10/09-10/11 - State Teachers' Conference (No School)
- 10/25 - Grandparents Day' (½ Day of School)
- 11/01 - Costume Day
 - End of 1st Qtr.
- 11/02 - Girls' B Team Basketball Tournament

Soccer Game Schedule (Games begin at 4 unless otherwise noted):

- **09/10 - vs St. B's @ Kawkawlin**
- **09/13 - vs Sag/Hem @ Hemlock**
- *09/17 - vs SJBC @ Bethel*
- *09/20 - vs Trinity @ Bethel*
- **09/24 - vs Burton @ Burton - (4:30 pm)**
- **10/04 - Tournament @ Owosso**

Google Calendar: If you have not, please check out our Google calendar for the latest dates of events. It is important that you have access to our Google calendar because that is the primary way to know when events are happening at Bethel. If you need assistance with setting up access to the Google Calendar, please contact a staff member.

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Michigan Lutheran Seminary

MLS JR. CARDINALS FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

Registration is NOW OPEN for our Fall Jr. Cardinals programs!

Flag Football (Grades 1-5)

Volleyball (Grades 4-8)

Poms Clinic (Grades K-5)

Each program has its own registration deadline, so be sure to secure your spot early! For more details and to register, visit: www.mlsem.org. Don't miss out on the chance for your child to be part of the action this fall!