



"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

Due to Michigan District Teachers' Conference next week, this newsletter will cover information for the next two weeks

Worship Schedule:

- Monday, September 30th & Monday October 7th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 6th & Sunday, October 13th @ 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

MALL Soccer Tournament: The MALL tournament will be held on Friday, October 4th in Owosso. I have been notified that our first game is at 10:30 a.m. ***To give families enough travel time to get to the game, there will be no class for students in grades 7-8. Soccer players in grades 5-6 will also be excused that day.*** A more detailed tournament schedule should be sent home today or tomorrow. The address for the tournament is: **1177 Farr St, Owosso, MI 48867.**

Grandparents Day: Friday, October 25th is our annual Grandparents' Day. Information about Grandparents' Day will be sent home next week. ***Please return your Grandparents' Day forms by Wednesday, October 16th.***

Picture Day: School pictures will be on ***Tuesday, October 8th*** in the morning. Forms will be sent home this week with information about how to order pictures. Please return these forms next week on picture day.

Girls' Club: Please see the attached flier about the next Girls' Club event. If you have not done so already, please check with Sara Heinz about dues for the Girls' Club.

Bethel Booster Information: Yesterday our parent group, the Bethel Boosters, met to discuss activity and projects they will be sponsoring through this school year. Approved projects include a new volleyball net system and equipment and painting of the gym and classrooms next summer. The Bethel Boosters will also sponsor activities throughout the school year such as the Daddy/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Activity, Trivia Night, Pine Car Derby and more. For a list of sponsored events, please see the "Bethel Booster Activities" calendar at the end of the newsletter. All these activities need volunteer help. If you are interested in helping, please contact the person in charge of each of the activities. The name of the person in charge of the activity will be listed next to the activity along with the date.

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. Our chapel offering last week was \$51.08. Our total this quarter is \$166.55. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church.

Junior Bobcat Basketball: There will be two Junior Bobcat Basketball clinics for students in grades K-2. The clinics will introduce kids to the game of basketball and teach them fundamental skills of the game. These clinics will be held on Sunday, October 27 and Sunday, November 3rd from 11:30-1:00. A form will be sent home to register for these clinics. Please return this form to the school office by Monday, October 21st.

Band: This Tuesday Mrs. Perkins will be meeting with students who are interested in band for this school year. Band lessons will begin next Tuesday (October 8th).

Michigan District Teachers' Conference: Your Bethel faculty will be attending the Michigan District Teachers' Conference from Wednesday, October 9th to Friday, October 11th in Saginaw, Michigan. The conference is filled with presenters and workshops that provide continuing education for our staff. School will not be in session these days.

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.



Girls' Basketball Open Gym: The next few weeks Coach Paul Wilson will be having voluntary open gym times for the girls basketball players. **The next open gym will be on 10/03 from 3:15-4:30.**

Birthdays:

Skylar Heinz - 2nd grade - 10/06
Kingston Riedlinger - PreK-3 - 10/06

Coming Up:

- 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)
- 10/14 - Girls' Club Pumpkin Painting
- 10/25 - Grandparents Day' (½ Day of School)
- 11/01 - Costume Day
 - End of 1st Qtr.
- 11/02 - Girls' B Team Basketball Tournament
- 11/03 - Board of Education
- 11/06 - Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/08 - Principals' Conference
- 11/11 - Parent/Teacher Consultations in afternoon
 - Faculty In-Service in morning
- 11/23 - Advent by Candlelight
- 11-27-11-29 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)

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

- 10/04 - Tournament @ Owosso
 - Address: 1177 Farr St, Owosso, MI 48867

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 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

Girls' Basketball Game Schedule:

(On nights in which both A and B team have games, B team games will start at 5:30 with A team playing afterwards)

- 10/22 - vs SB/GS @ Bethel (AB)
- 10/25 - vs Burton @ Bethel (B only)
- 10/29 - vs SJS/Hem @ Christ Shields (AB)
- 11/01 - vs SB/GS @ SJBC (AB)
- 11/02 - B Team Tournament @ SJBC
- 11/05 - vs SJBC @ Bethel (AB)
- 11/08 - vs Tawas @ Bethel (B only)
- 11/12 - vs Owosso @ Owosso (A only)
- 11/15 - vs Lansing @ Bethel (AB)
- 11/19 - vs Trinity @ Bethel (AB)
- 11/22 - vs Trinity @ Trinity (AB)
- 12/6-12/7 - MALL A Team Tournament @ SJBC
- 12/13-12/14 - MLS Tournament @ MLS

Girls' Basketball Practices:

- **Sunday, 10/6 - 5-6:30**
- Tuesday, 10/8 - 3-5pm
- Sunday, 10/13 - 5-6:30
- Tuesday, 10/15 - 3-5pm
- Thursday, 10/17 - 3-5pm
- Monday, 10/21 - 3-5pm
- Sunday, 10/27 - 5-6:30
- Wednesday, 10/30 - 3-5pm

Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:

- 12/15 - Coffee Hour - Powers
- 01/19 - Family Movie Night - Faulk
- 03/01 - Trivia Night - Thunberg/Wilson
- 03/02 - Coffee Hour - Leppek
- 03/05 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
- 04/25 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 05/02 - Father/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson
- TBD - Pine Car Derby - Powers

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.

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BethelBayCity>

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

MLS JR. CARDINALS FALL SPORTS PROGRAMS

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

We're excited to offer:

Volleyball (Grades 4-8) - Registration Deadline: September 29

Poms Clinic (Grades K-5) - Registration Deadline: September 29

Registration deadlines are coming up fast, 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!

MLS OPEN HOUSES - STARTING OCTOBER 18!

Michigan Lutheran Seminary would like to invite you to one of our Open Houses this school year! The first Open House will be October 18th, with more to follow on February 14th, March 8th, and May 2nd! This is a great opportunity for 5th-8th grade students and their families to learn about the campus, academics, and extracurriculars at MLS! You'll have a chance to meet faculty, talk to parents and students, try our dining hall cuisine, and take a tour of the campus! If you're interested or would like more information, contact us at admissions@mlsem.org or call (989) 793-1010 ext. 421.

MLS APPLICATIONS FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

It's already time to think about applying for the 2025-26 school year! If you have an 8th grader who wants to come to MLS next year, applications will be officially open November 1st! Be sure to apply as soon as you can so that you are eligible for the tuition discount drawings. If you apply before November 30th, you'll be entered for a chance to win a \$500 tuition discount; and if you apply before December 31st, you'll be entered for a chance to win a \$250 tuition discount! For any questions, contact us at admissions@mlsem.org or call (989) 793-1010 ext. 421. To apply, go to www.mlsem.org/apply.

MLS BAND & SHADOWS CONCERT

The MLS Band and Shadows will present an evening of music on Sunday, November 3 at 6:30 pm in the MLS chapel. The MLS Band will play a concert of sacred music featuring familiar hymns and historical sacred music. After the MLS Band plays, Shadows will perform a pops number in preparation for the WELS Choral Festival at Illinois Lutheran High School November 8-10.

MLS VOLUNTEER DINNER

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart. Recognizing the tremendous effort of our volunteers and their impact in our ministry, MLS will host its annual Volunteer Dinner on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:30 pm in the MLS Dining Hall. All who have volunteered their time to the ministry of MLS are welcome to attend. A fine catered meal from MLS Executive Chef Rob DeVore will be the fare for the evening. Please RSVP to Cathy Rothfuss (989.739.1010 or car@mlsem.org) by Friday, October 19th so we know how many to plan for the meal. All are welcome to remain for the Band/Shadows concert in the MLS Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY PRESENTS "A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS"

MLS Drama is pleased to present "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on November 23-24. Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, and the gang as they discover the true meaning of Christmas. Tickets are available for purchase at www.mlsem.org beginning October 15. There will also be a COOKIE WALK at both performances. Bring a couple dozen cookies to the Commons before the show, and fill a bucket with cookies to take home after the show. A freewill offering will be accepted for those.