



*"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*

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**Worship Schedule:**

- Monday October 14th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 20th @ 10:00 a.m.
  - Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

**New Member Potluck:** After church this Sunday (October 20th) there will be a potluck to welcome the new members of our congregation from the last two years. Please bring a dish to pass (meat will be provided). To help in preparation for the meal, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the gym. See you Sunday!

**Grandparents Day:** Friday, October 25th is our annual Grandparents' Day. Grandparents' Day will be a half day of school. Information about Grandparents' Day was sent home before teachers' conference break. ***Please return your Grandparents' Day forms by Wednesday, October 16th.***

**MALL Soccer Tournament:** Our soccer team participated in the MALL soccer tournament on October 4th. The team came away with the consolation championship. Thank you to the players and coaches for their hard work this season. Next up is girls' basketball with games starting later this month.

**Bethel Booster Information:** Our parent group, the Bethel Boosters, met to discuss activities and projects they will sponsor throughout this school year. Approved projects include a new volleyball net system and equipment and painting 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 activity. 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.

**MAP Testing:** Our first round of MAP testing will be this week for students in grades 3-8. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. These tests are designed to give a snapshot of where students are at in their learning. Students will be tested in three areas: reading, math, and language.

**Hot Lunch:** This Wednesday (October 16th) will be the first hot lunch of the school year. Please turn in your pizza order forms and money to your classroom teacher by Tuesday (October 15th) to be part of the order. A schedule of workers was sent home before the teacher conference break. Instructions for workers were listed on that schedule.

**Pie Night:** Join the families of Bethel for a piet tasting evening on November 26th from 6:30-7:30. Bring your favorite pie to share (homemade or store bought) and wear your comfy pajamas as we enjoy pie and a movie!

**BALM Reformation Service:** You are invited to a joint Reformation service at Trinity (1010 33rd Street) on Wednesday, October 30th @ 6:30.

**Popcorn Friday:** This Friday (October 18th) will be our next Popcorn Friday. Popcorn Fridays will be on the following Fridays: 11/01; 11/15; 12/13

**Out of Building:** I will be out of the building on Friday, October 18th, and Monday, October 21st attending a family wedding.

**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.



#### **Birthdays:**

Opal Welton - Kindergarten - 10/09  
Nicklas Barclay - grade 7 - 10/09  
Ms. Rodmyre - Teacher grades 1-2 - 10/14

#### **Coming Up:**

- 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 the afternoon
  - Faculty In-Service in the morning
- 11/23 - Advent by Candlelight
- 11-27-11-29 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- 12/01 - Board of Education
- 12/07-12/08 - Living Christmas Card @ Trinity
- 12/15 - Preschool & Kindergarten Christmas Service
- 12/19 - Grades 1-8 Children's Christmas Service
  - Last Day before Christmas Break
- 12/20 - Beginning of Christmas Break

**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 Children's Christmas Service

**Girls' Basketball Game Schedule:**

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

- 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:**

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

**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.

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## **Michigan Lutheran Seminary**

### **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](mailto: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 on 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](mailto:admissions@mlsem.org) or call (989) 793-1010 ext. 421. To apply, go to [www.mlsem.org/apply](http://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 on 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](mailto: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](http://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.