



*"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:

- Monday October 28th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 3rd @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: As we have settled into our school year routines, I would like to remind our families of the opportunity we have to gather as a church family. Each Sunday (and Monday night) we gather together around God's word to ask and receive His forgiveness, hear of His great love for us, thank him for the blessings He has provided us in our lives as well as celebrate the fellowship we have as a church family. You are missed when your family is not present in worship. I pray and encourage all our school families to gather around God's word as often as they can, both at church and at home as well as to be present and active in our worship services each week.

Divine Call Update: Yesterday it was announced in church that I have received a call to serve as principal and upper grade teacher at Samuel Lutheran in Marshall, Minnesota. Please keep my family and me in your prayers as I deliberate where the Lord would have me serve. I welcome and encourage any feedback you may have during this deliberation process.

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

End of Quarter: This Friday (11/02) marks the end of the 1st quarter. Report cards for quarter one will be sent home next Wednesday, November 6th.

Costume Day: This Friday is Costume Day for grades K-8. Thank you to our Room Mother volunteers for helping put these parties together. Students may bring their costumes to school to change into for the afternoon. Check with your child's teacher for further details about their classroom's party.

Girls B Team Tournament: This Saturday (11/02) our girl's basketball B team will participate in the B team tournament at Trinity. A bracket for a schedule of the games on Saturday will be passed out today.

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. The next clinic will be on Sunday, November 3rd from 11:30-1:00.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 11th in the afternoon. A link will be sent out soon with available times for conferences. Please sign up for a time when they become available.

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 \$43.55. Our total this quarter is \$293.63. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church.

MLS Presentation: After chapel on Wednesday, November 13th, Mark Burger, the Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) recruiter, will be presenting about MLS. Those interested in learning about MLS, especially grade school students and their families, are welcome to attend. Michigan Lutheran Seminary is a preparatory high school that encourages young men and women to consider entering the ministry. Your weekly missions offerings help support MLS, and three other schools across the WELS.

Advent by Candlelight: We will once again celebrate "Advent by Candlelight." We will celebrate on Saturday, November 23rd. More details will follow soon. Please think about hosting a table. A sign-up sheet is located on the school hallway bulletin board. Contact Alice Danell for further information.

Pie Night: Join the families of Bethel for a pie-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!

MLS Bethel Coordinator: We are in need of a Bethel contact person for MLS concessions. This position would be in charge of picking a date that Bethel would volunteer for concessions as well as be in charge of contacting volunteers. If you are interested in this position, please contact Mr. Thoof

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 scan the QR code and submit the form.

If you have any questions or issues please email Liz Faulk at lizsarkella@gmail.com.



Popcorn Friday: Our next Popcorn Friday will be Friday, November 1st. Other Popcorn Fridays will be: 11/15; 12/13

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



Student Spotlight:

Kaylen Janz - 6th grade
Coda Eifert - 1st Grade
Ashton Irwin - 3rd grade
Colton Couturier - Pre-4

Birthdays:

Chance Herrera - 1st grade - 10/29
Ashton Irwin - 3rd grade - 10/30
Keiran Kent - 5th grade - 11/01
Reese Clark - 2nd grade - 11/02

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 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

Coming Up:

- **10/30 - BALM Reformation Service**
- **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

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)

- **10/29 - 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:

- **Wednesday, 10/30 - 3-5 pm**
- Thursday, 11/7 - 3-5pm
- Wednesday, 11/20 - 3-5pm
- Tuesday, 11/26 - 3-4:30
- Tuesday, 12/3 - 3-4:30
- Thursday, 12/5 - 3-4:30
- Tuesday, 12/10 - 3-4:30
- Thursday, 12/12 - 3-4:30

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 - Lepppek
- 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

NOW HIRING - MLS BUSINESS MANAGER

MLS is seeking to fill our Business Manager position. The MLS Business Manager is responsible for the financial affairs of MLS, serves as the chief Human Resource officer, and is responsible directly to the President of MLS. Visit www.mlsem.org for a position description and how to 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"

Tickets are now on sale for the MLS production of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on November 23-24. Join Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, and the gang as they discover the true meaning of Christmas. 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. To purchase tickets visit www.mlsem.org/fall-play.

MLS OPEN HOUSES

Michigan Lutheran Seminary would like to invite you to one of our Open Houses this school year! We have open houses 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.