



*"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, November 11th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 17th @ 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:** 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.

**Jr. Bobcat Basketball:** Thank you to all who participated and helped out with the Jr. Bobcat Basketball clinics and games. I hope the kids enjoyed the game last Friday. Look for information coming out later in the school year about the Jr. Bobcat Cheer clinics.

**Mission Program:** Our 2nd quarter chapel offerings have been designated to Thai Village. Thai Village is a nonprofit organization that works locally with Thai artisans to support economic self-sufficiency and provide Christian education. The organization exists to develop long-term relationships with local people and produce handmade crafts that reflect their diverse cultures. They do so by training and employing low-income people. They support Christian outreach and education and create opportunities to share God's love in our community. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church. Last week our chapel offering was \$50.27. Our total for 2nd qtr. is \$50.27.

**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.

**Library Display:** Bethel students' artwork will be displayed at the Alice Wirt Library in November. Stop by the children's section of the library and see what our students have created.

**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!

**Honor Roll:** Students in grades 5-8 are eligible for Honor Roll. There are two levels - all A's and A's & B's. For the first quarter of the school year the following students have made Honor Roll in grades 5-8:

**All A's:**

Eliza Figley - Gr. 8  
Grace Janz - Gr. 8  
Avery Kukla - Gr. 8  
Ian McGehee - Gr. 8  
Leah Nitz - Gr. 7  
Taylor Thunberg - Gr. 7  
James Lack - Gr. 6

**A's & B's:**

Easton Jacobs - Gr. 8  
Collin Nitz - Gr. 8  
Laney Wilson - Gr. 8  
Nicklas Barclay - Gr. 7  
Luke Clark - Gr. 7  
Avaree Fuhrman - Gr. 7  
Lucas Killinger - Gr. 7  
Justin Krohn - Gr. 7  
Joy Szostek - Gr. 7  
Landon Zube - Gr. 7  
Marcus Fuhrman - Gr. 6  
Elli Kain - Gr. 6  
Isaac Powers - Gr. 6  
Charleigh Wilson - Gr. 6  
Gavin McGehee - Gr. 5

**Popcorn Friday:** Our next Popcorn Friday will be Friday, November 15th. Other Popcorn Fridays will be: 12/13

**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.

**MLS Bethel Contact Person for MLS - Job Description:** A Bethel member volunteers to line up a group of other volunteers from Bethel congregation to serve food in the MLS concession stand during the fall football season on Thurs. JV or Fri. V games. Bethel has a group already that are eager and willing to work at MLS. Also, this contact person could be called by MLS during the year if there are any other events that they need volunteers for.

Depending on the football game, 5-9 people are needed with arrival at 5:15 or 6:15. (cashiers, beverage server, food server, etc.) During the summer - June or July, Bethel's contact person receives a call from the Congregation Coordinator, Carla Miller. (coordinator for all the area congregations for the football schedule) The contact person chooses a date then contacts the volunteers to see who can work for that game then lets the Coordinator know. If you are interested in this position, please contact Mr. Thooft.

**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:**

Grace Janz - 8th grade  
Kaylee Lack - 5th Grade  
Dylan Kramer - 2nd grade  
Emery Heinz - Pre-4

### **Birthdays:**

Maryse LaForest - PreK-3 - 11/17

### **Coming Up:**

- **11/11 - No School: Parent/Teacher Consultations in the afternoon**
  - **Faculty In-Service in the morning**
- **11/13 - Girls Club Friendmas Party 3:00-4:00**
- 11/22 - Grades 5-8 MLS Play Field Trip
- 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 @ 6:30
  - Last Day before Christmas Break
- 12/20 - Beginning of Christmas Break
- 01/06 - Classes Resume
- 1/10 - Principals' Conference
- 1/15 - '25-'26 Preschool Enrollment Opens

### **Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 11/27 - Cherub & Cantate (Thanksgiving Eve)
- 12/15 - Kindergarten & Preschool Christmas Service
- 12/19 - Grades 1-8 Children's Christmas Service

### **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

### **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)*

- **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, 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

**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](http://www.mlsem.org) for a position description and how to apply.

#### **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](http://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](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 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).