



*"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, January 6th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 12th @ 10:00 a.m.

**Happy New Year/Welcome Back:** Bethel's staff hopes you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with your family and friends. We also hope our students are rested and ready to get going again. Welcome back!

**Worship Encouragement:** With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season over, I would like to remind our families of the opportunity we have to gather as that 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.

**Basketball Uniforms:** Girls' basketball team members are reminded to clean and repair their uniforms and return them to school ASAP! Thanks!

**Lutheran Schools' Week:** Our annual celebration of Lutheran Schools is coming up the week of January 19th through the 26th. The week will include special events and will culminate on Lutheran Schools Sunday on January 26th. Please look for an information sheet and permission slips being sent home over the next week. Here is a schedule of the activities for the week:

- Sunday, January 19th - Family Movie Night @ Bay City Cinema
- Monday, January 20th - Game Day
- Tuesday, January 21st - Breakfast with a Buddy
- Wednesday, January 22nd - Family Board Game Night
- Thursday, January 23rd - Sledding (weather permitting)
- Friday, January 24th - Bowling @ Monitor Lanes
- Sunday, January 26th - Grades 1-8 sing in worship
  - Chili Cook-Off after worship

**Taco Hot Lunch:** A reminder that this coming Wednesday, January 8th, will be another taco hot lunch. Slips will be sent home today and must be returned tomorrow, January 7th.

**25-26 Preschool Enrollment:** Bethel Preschool will begin accepting next year's Preschool enrollment on Wednesday, January 15th. Applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Get your application in and get the word out to your family and friends.

**End of Quarter:** The 2nd quarter of the school year will end on Friday, January 17th. Please encourage your child to finish strong.

**Faculty In-Service:** Your faculty will have its next monthly meeting on Friday, January 17th, in the afternoon. The school will be dismissed at noon. Please be on time to pick up your child.

**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 \$63.03. Our total for 2nd qtr. is \$300.74.

**Weather Related School Closings** It's that time of year again so this reminder is being provided. If the Bay City Public School system is closed for school due to weather, Bethel will automatically be closed. There will be no separate listing for Bethel on any school closing sites or TV.

**Principals' Conference:** I will be out of the building for most of the day this Friday (01/10) to attend a principals' meeting in Saginaw.

**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.



**Coming Up:**

- 1/06 - Classes Resume
- 1/10 - Principals' Conference
- 1/15 - '25-'26 Preschool Enrollment Opens
- 1/17 - End of 2nd Qtr./Faculty In-Service- Noon Dismissal
- 1/19-1/25 - Lutheran Schools Week
- 1/19 - Family Movie Night
- 1/22 - 2nd Qtr. Report Cards Sent Home
- 1/24 - Bowling @ Monitor Lanes
- 1/26 - Lutheran Schools Sunday - Grades 1-8 sing
  - Chili Cook-Off after worship
- 2/21 - Faculty In-Service - Noon Dismissal
- 2/24 - No School: Pastor/Teacher Conference
- 2/28 - Grades 1-8 Music Concert
- 3/01 - Bethel Booster Trivia Night
- 3/02 - Coffee Hour - Sponsored by Bethel Boosters
- 3/05 - Ash Wednesday
  - Soup Supper Sponsored by Bethel Boosters
- 3/07 - Principals' Conference
- 3/14 - Preschool & Kindergarten Play
  - MALL League Meeting
- 3/21 - End of 3rd Qtr./Faculty In-Service - Noon Dismissal
- 3/29 - MALL Volleyball tournament
- 3/31-4/04 - BLS Spring Break (No School)
- 4/07 - BLS Classes Resume

**Student Spotlight:**

Eliza Kent - Grade 2  
Wesley Beyer - Grade 1  
Lucas Killinger - Grade 7  
Gema Costilla - PreK-3

**Birthdays:**

Kameron VanDenBoom - 4th grade - 01/05  
Taylor Thunberg - 7th grade - 01/05  
Allyson Kramer - PreK-3 - 01/06  
Logan Kramer - PreK-3 - 01/06

**Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 1/26 - Lutheran Schools' Sunday - PreK-8th grade sing
- 2/28 - Music Concert
- 3/05 - Cantate Choir - Ash Wednesday
- 3/12 - Cherub Choir - Wednesday Lenten Service
- 3/23 - Preschool/Kindergarten
- 3/26 - Tone Chimes - Wednesday Lenten Service
- 4/13 - Cherub & Cantate Choir - Palm Sunday
- 4/18 - Cherub & Cantate Choir - Good Friday
- 5/4 - Cantate Choir - Confirmation Sunday
- 5/18 - Cherub Choir
- 6/1 - Grades K-8 - Graduation Sunday

**Boys' Basketball Game Schedule:**

- **1/10 - vs Kaw/Mid @ Bethel (AB)**
- 1/14 - vs Salem @ Owosso (AB)
- 1/17 - vs Trinity @ Bethel (AB)
- 1/21 - vs Hemlock @ Christ Shields (AB)
- 1/24 - vs Tawas @ Tawas (AB)
- 1/25 - B Team Tournament @ Trinity
- 1/28 - vs Trinity @ Trinity (AB)
- 1/31 - vs SJBC @ SJBC (AB)
- 2/4 - vs Hemlock @ Bethel (AB)
- 2/7-2/8 - MLS Tournament @ MLS (Two day tournament)
- 2/11 - SJBC @ Bethel (AB)
- 2/14-2/15 - MALL Tournament @ SJBC (Two day tournament)

**Cheerleading Practices:**

- **Monday, January 6th - 3:00-4:30**
- **Wednesday, January 8th - 3:00-4:30**
- Monday, January 13th - 3:00-4:30
- Wednesday, January 15th - 3:00-4:30
- Monday, January 20th - 3:00-4:30
- Wednesday, January 22nd - 3:00-4:30
- Monday, January 27th - 3:00-4:30
- Wednesday, January 29th - 3:00-4:30

### **Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:**

- 01/19 - Family Movie Night (Faulk)
- 03/01 - Trivia Night (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 03/02 - Coffee Hour (Leppek)
- 03/05 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (VanDenBoom)
- 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 JR. CARDINAL WINTER POMS CLINIC**

Registration is NOW OPEN for the MLS Jr. Cardinal Winter Poms Clinic!

Save the date: February 9, 2025! This exciting clinic is open to girls in K-5th grade from WELS/ELS churches or schools.

Join us from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (registration starts at 1:30 p.m.) for an afternoon of fun, learning, and pom routines! Your \$20 Early Bird fee (before Jan. 21) includes a free T-shirt and a light snack. After Jan. 21, registration is \$25, and the deadline is January 28 at midnight. Participants will perform alongside the MLS poms team at halftime of the varsity boys' basketball game on February 14. Don't miss the chance to shine on the big stage!

Visit [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org) to register and get ready for an unforgettable experience! For any questions, contact Michael Priebe at [mdp@mlsem.org](mailto:mdp@mlsem.org).

#### **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.

#### **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**

We encourage families with children who are interested in joining MLS for the 2025-26 school year to apply online today! This is a wonderful opportunity for young men and women to grow in their faith and consider service in the ministry. For more information or any questions, please reach out to us at [admissions@mlsem.org](mailto:admissions@mlsem.org) or call (989) 793-1010 ext. 421. Apply now at [www.mlsem.org/apply](http://www.mlsem.org/apply).