



*"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, February 10th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, February 16th @ 10:00 a.m

**Worship Encouragement:** We have opportunities each Sunday and Monday night to gather around God's Word as a family of believers. 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. See you Sunday!

**Cardinal for a Day:** Students in grades 1-8 will be attending Cardinal for a Day at Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) on Friday, February 14th. We will be picked up by an MLS bus shortly after arriving at school and returning before dismissal time at the end of the day. Students will attend some mini classes, attend chapel, have some gym activities, and are provided a pizza lunch. No additional chaperones are required.

**Congregational Bingo Night:** On Saturday, February 15th Bethel will be hosting a Bingo Night. Bingo will start at 6:30 in the gym. All are invited to come out and enjoy a night of fellowship!

**Bethel Booster Trivia Night:** We are about a month away from our 6th Annual Bethel Boosters Trivia Night on Saturday, March 1. This event will be held at the Arbeiter Hall above Governor's Quarters where you will be able to purchase food and adult beverages during the event - no outside food will be permitted but the cost for trivia will remain the same at \$10 per team member (6 max per team) and the event will run from 6-9 pm. Participants must be high school age and older. THERE IS A LIMIT OF 25 TEAMS FOR THIS EVENT. Last year we reached the maximum capacity so please make sure that you sign up in advance. New this year we will have some fun events using the golf simulator at the hall so bring a driver if you want to participate!



Parents, this is replacing a normal fundraiser for the Bethel Boosters that would involve selling pizza kits, cookie dough, candy, etc. It has been a successful annual event and we get enough support that we do not have to have any other fundraisers during the year. If every Bethel family finds at least one team to compete in the Trivia Night it will be a great evening - the more teams, the more successful the event. Teams may register online on the Bethel School Website. If trivia is not your thing, please consider helping in some other way that evening. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the hallway at school. We are also looking for a sponsor for the golf simulator for this event. Any questions regarding this event please contact Jenni Thunberg at [jennithunberg@gmail.com](mailto:jennithunberg@gmail.com).

**Killinger Call:** Both Pastor Killinger and Mrs. Killinger are holding calls to St. John's in Lake City, Minnesota. Please keep them and their family in your prayers as they deliberate where best to serve the Lord. Please reach out to them if you have any questions or feedback related to the call to share with them.

**25-26 Preschool Enrollment:** Bethel Preschool began 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. As of this writing, there are 12 openings in Pre-K4 and 9 in Pre-K3.

**MLS Tournament:** Our boys' basketball team participated in the MLS basketball tournament over the weekend. The boys won two games and lost one, finishing in 3rd place! Congratulations to the boys on their third place finish!

**MALL Basketball Tournament:** The boys will be back in action and conclude their basketball season this weekend with the MALL tournament. Our first game will begin at 4:15 on Friday afternoon. A bracket for the tournament is attached to this week's newsletter. Let's go, Bobcats!

**Girls' Club:** The Girls' Club will meet next on Monday, February 17th from 3:00-4:00 in the gym.

**Pastor/Teacher Conference:** Bethel has the privilege of hosting a conference of pastors and teachers at the end of February. To provide meals for attendees, we need your help! We are in need of desserts, cookies, and fruit. Sign-up is on the bulletin board by the gym.

**Lenten Meals:** If any families or groups are interested in sponsoring a Lenten meal a sign-up is posted on the bulletin board by the gym. The Bethel Boosters will be sponsoring the Ash Wednesday meal once again this year. Information on how to help with that meal will be coming out soon.

**Ash Wednesday Supper:** Wednesday, March 5th begins the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday worship at 6:30. The Bethel Boosters are in charge of the meal before the service. There will be a sign-up to help with this supper both online and on the bulletin board by the gym coming out soon. Please contact Nicole VanDenBoom or Mr. Thooft if you would like to help with the meal.

**Christian Parenting Resources:** Did you know our Synod had a variety of family resources? Our Synod's monthly magazine, *Forward in Christ*, is a great resource and can be found online. Every month there is a section of the magazine with articles for Christian parents and families called *Parent Conversations*. This resource includes Christian parenting articles, podcasts, and more. ***Scan the second QR code for Christian parenting resources.*** I pray these resources are helpful to you and your family.



**MLS Arts and Academic Fair:** The MLS Arts and Academic Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 8th at MLS. Students in grades 3-8 may participate in the various categories. For information about registration, rules, and different competitions, go to the MLS website (<https://www.mlsem.org/future-cardinals/events/arts-and-academic-fair/>) or scan the QR code. MLS is using its website as the center for all information related to the event.



**Swim Meet Results:** Two of our upper-grade students, Laney Wilson and Avaree Fuhrman qualified for the state championship meet! Laney qualified for the 25 m freestyle and Avaree qualified for the 50 m fly and the 100 m freestyle. The girls will be swimming at the state championship meet at SVSU on February 16th. Congratulations girls!

**Congregation Text Message Updates:** The congregation is beginning to use a messaging service that many school families are familiar with called Remind. If you would like to receive Bethel Church news and updates through text message, please visit [remind.com/join/blcmassage](http://remind.com/join/blcmassage) or follow the QR code.



**Mission Program:** Our 3rd quarter chapel offering is going to support the Bethel Equip for Quality Fund (EQF). This is a special fund used to continue to make improvements to our school. 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 \$88.00. Our total for the quarter is \$211.33.

**Popcorn Fridays:** The following dates will be Popcorn Fridays: Feb. 21, Mar. 7, Mar. 21

**Birthdays:**

Jacob Szostek - 4th grade - 02/09

Scarlett Connaghan - PreK-4 - 02/11

**Student Spotlight:**

Olive Welton - Grade 2  
Elisha Thooft - Grade K  
JoyAnna Szostek - Grade 7  
Kingston Reidlinger - PreK-3

**Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:**

- 03/01 - Trivia Night (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 03/02 - Coffee Hour (Leppek)
- 03/05 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (VanDenBoom)
- 03/15 - Pine Car Derby (Powers)
- 04/25 - Mother/Son Activity (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 05/02 - Father/Daughter Dance (Thunberg/Wilson)

**Coming Up:**

- 2/15 - Congregation Bingo Night
- 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

**Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 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:**

- 2/11 - SJBC @ Bethel (AB)
- 2/14-2/15 - MALL Tournament @ SJBC (Two day tournament)

**Boys' Basketball Practices:**

- Monday, February 10th - 5:30-7:00
- Thursday, February 13th - 5:30-7:00

**Cheerleading Practices:**

- **Monday, February 10th - 3:00-4:30**
- **Wednesday, February 12th - 3:00-4:30 (A squad only)**

**Volleyball Practices:**

- Tuesday, February 18 - 4:30 - 6 pm
- Tuesday, February 25 - 4:00 - 5:30 pm
- Thursday, February 27 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 4 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- Thursday, March 6 - 4:00 - 5:30 pm

**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.

**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.

**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).