



*"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:**

- Sunday, March 2nd @ 10:00 a.m
- Wednesday, March 5th @ 6:30 (Ash Wednesday)
  - Lenten Meal before worship

**Worship Encouragement:** We are fast approaching the season of Lent. **Next week Lent begins with Ash Wednesday worship. During the season of Lent our church gathers each Wednesday night for worship @ 6:30.** Fellowship meals will be provided before each service. Our children's choirs will sing several times in worship during Lent. There will be no Monday night service during this time. Monday night services will resume after Easter. I pray and encourage all our school families to take advantage of this season of reflection on our Savior's passion. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Bethel Booster Trivia Night:** We are less than a week 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:** Last Sunday it was announced that both Pastor Killinger and Mrs. Killinger have returned their divine calls to St. John's in Lake City, Minnesota. We are thankful that both Pastor Killinger and Mrs. Killinger will continue their ministry with us. Please keep St. John's in Lake City in your prayers as they continue to seek workers for their church and school.

**Thoft Call:** Last Sunday it was announced that I have received a divine call to serve as principal and upper-grade teacher at St. John's Lutheran School in Pardeeville, Wisconsin. I ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance during this deliberation process and welcome your comments and feedback related to the call.

**Hot Lunch:** There is no Hot Lunch scheduled for this week (02/26). Hot Lunch will resume next week, Wednesday, March 5th with pizza.

**Pine Car Derby:** Our annual Pine Car Derby is fast approaching! ***We are still in need of about a dozen volunteers to help with this event.*** If you are able to help or want more information about helping, please contact Mr. Thooft or Steve and Sarah Powers.

**Sports Pictures:** On Friday, March 7th sports pictures will be taken for our basketball and cheerleading teams. Picture forms will be sent home this week. Please bring picture forms and payments on the day of the pictures. Coaches are invited to come for pictures as well.

**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.

**Basketball Uniforms:** Boys' basketball team members are reminded to clean and repair their uniforms and return them to school ASAP. Thank you!

**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. Scan the QR code to sign up to help with this supper or sign up on the bulletin board by the gym. Please contact Nicole VanDenBoom or Mr. Thooft if you have any questions about the meal.



**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. If you have entered into the fair please submit your \$3 per entry fee to Mr. Thooft.

**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.



**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/blcmmessage](http://remind.com/join/blcmmessage) 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 \$49.21. Our total for the quarter is \$314.03.

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

**Birthdays:**

Mrs. Killinger - Kindergarten - 02/25

Alivia Phillips - 2nd grade - 02/27

Lucas Killinger - 7th grade - 02/28

**Student Spotlight:**

Alivia Phillips - Grade 2

Warren Collicker - K

Gavin McGehee - Grade 5

Jace Grady - 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:**

- **2/28 - 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 - Sports pictures
  - 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

**Volleyball Practices:**

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| - <b>Tuesday, February 25</b>  | <b>Practice @ Bethel</b>   | <b>4:00 – 5:30 pm</b> |
| - <b>Thursday, February 27</b> | <b>Practice @ Bethel</b>   | <b>4:30 – 6:00 pm</b> |
| - Tuesday, March 4             | Practice @ Bethel          | 4:30 – 6:00 pm        |
| - Thursday, March 6            | Practice @ Bethel          | 4:00 – 5:30 pm        |
| - Monday, March 10             | Practice @ Bethel          | 4:00 – 5:30 pm        |
| - Tuesday, March 11            | Game @ Bethel              | 4:30 pm               |
| - Thursday, March 13           | Game @ Shields             | 4:30 pm               |
| - Monday, March 17             | Practice @ Bethel          | 4:00 – 5:30 pm        |
| - Tuesday, March 18            | Game @ St. John's Bay City | 3:45 pm               |
| - Monday, March 24             | Practice @ Bethel          | 3:00 – 4:30 pm        |
| - Tuesday, March 25            | Game @ Bethel              | 4:30 pm               |
| - Thursday, March 27           | Game @ Bethel              | 4:30 pm               |
| - Saturday, March 29           | MALL Tournament @ BCC      | TBD                   |

**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**

### **MLS PRESENTS: THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES**

Join us for a magical evening as the classic Hans Christian Andersen fable comes to life on stage! Experience the tale of greed, privilege, and deception in *The Emperor's New Clothes*, where a fashion-obsessed ruler learns a humbling lesson. With humor, heart, and a touch of mischief, this timeless story will entertain audiences of all ages.

March 1

Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Showtime: 6:30 PM

Free to the public (Free-will donations accepted to help offset costs). Don't miss this unforgettable performance—see you there!

### **MLS SUMMER CAMPS - REGISTER NOW**

Registration is now open for MLS Summer Camps! These camps provide a fun, faith-filled environment where young athletes and artists can develop their skills, build teamwork, and grow in confidence. With excellent facilities and a dedicated staff, each camp offers a rewarding experience for every participant. Camp options include Fine Arts, Basketball, Football (including a Father/Son Camp), and Volleyball for various age groups. Spots are limited, so early registration is encouraged! Families registering multiple campers from the same household can receive a 15% discount using the code FAMILY at checkout. The registration deadline is June 1, 2025—don't miss out on this exciting summer opportunity! Visit [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org) to secure your child's spot today.

### **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.

### **GERMANY TRIP 2026**

Ever dreamed of traveling the world? Here's your chance! Michigan Lutheran Seminary is organizing a trip to Germany in June 2026, open to all who are interested. For more details, contact Mrs. Virginia Ash ([vaa@mlsem.org](mailto:vaa@mlsem.org)) or Prof. Dan Westendorf ([djw@mlsem.org](mailto:djw@mlsem.org)), or visit [educationaltravel.com/ASH-1817](http://educationaltravel.com/ASH-1817). We'd love for you to join us!

### **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 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**

Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is underway at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. If your family plans to send a new student in the Fall, now is the time to apply! Visit [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org) for information and the application form. If you would like to know more about the school or the admissions process, please reach out to MLS Admissions Director, Pastor Jared Natsis, at [jared.w.natsis@mlsem.org](mailto:jared.w.natsis@mlsem.org).