



*"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:

- Wednesday, March 12th @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Lenten Meal before worship
- Sunday, March 16th @ 6:30 p.m

Worship Encouragement: We are now in the season of Lent. Each Wednesday for the next few weeks we have the opportunity to gather as a family of believers. Worship services are scheduled for 6:30 with fellowship meals being 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!

Cherub Choir: This Wednesday (03/12) the Cherub Choir (grades 1-4) sings in our Lenten service at 6:30 p.m.. Students are to meet in Mrs. Virant's classroom at 6:15 p.m.

PreK & Kindergarten Play: This Friday (March 14th) our Preschool and Kindergarten will be putting on their play called "The Little Engine That Could Sing." The play will take place in the gym and begin at 6:00 p.m.

Hot Lunch: *Hot Lunch will be tacos this week.* Please have your child turn in their order forms and payment by Tuesday morning.

Pine Car Derby: Our annual Pine Car Derby is fast approaching! We are still in need of a few 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. ***The pre weigh-in for the Pine Car Derby will be Tuesday, March 11th from 6:00 to 7:30 in the gym.***

Craft judging will take place on Friday and cars need to be dropped off by 8:00 a.m. before school or they can also be dropped off at 3:00 p.m. when the kids are picked up from school. If cars are needed back Friday night, please contact Sarah Powers to make arrangements 989-450-9618.

Friske Call: Yesterday it was announced that Mrs. Friske has received a divine call to serve as 2nd grade teacher at CrossLife Christian Academy in Pflugerville, Texas. Please reach out to Mrs. Friske with any input you have related to the call and keep her and her family in your prayers as they deliberate.

Thooft Call: I continue to hold the 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.

Girls' Club: Girls' Club is collecting donations for our local animal shelter! We have two boxes in the front hallway with more information on what is needed. We will be collecting donations until March 13th and will be delivering to the shelter on Monday, March 17th! Girls' Club hopes to be able to deliver many items and would love your support to help us earn a grant for our school!

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.

Vision & Hearing Screening: This Thursday (March 13th) the Bay County Health Department will be conducting annual vision and hearing testing for students in K-8. This testing will be done during the school day.

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 \$63.67. Our total for the quarter is \$415.56.

Lawn Mowing: We are currently searching for someone or a group of people to take care of the lawn and grounds maintenance for the spring through the summer and into the fall.. If you would like more information about the duties/compensation, please contact Mike Crites or Mr. Thooft for a full job description.

Popcorn Fridays: The following dates will be Popcorn Fridays: Mar. 21

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.



Birthdays:

Jace Grady - PreK-3 - 03/09
Sutton Kramer - PreK-4 - 03/10
Elisha Thooft - Kindergarten - 03/15

Student Spotlight:

Reece Clark - Grade 2
Jace Vallender - K
Luke Clark - Grade 7
Kate Shenberger - PreK-4

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 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

Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:

- 03/15 - Pine Car Derby (Powers)
- 04/25 - Mother/Son Activity (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 05/02 - Father/Daughter Dance (Thunberg/Wilson)

Coming Up:

- **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
- 4/17 - Maundy Thursday Worship @ 6:30
- 4/18 - Good Friday Worship 1:00
- 4/20 - Easter Sunday Worship @ 10:00
 - Easter Breakfast @ 8:30
- 4/21 - Easter Monday (No School)
- 04/25 - Bethel Booster Mother/Son Activity
- 05/02 - Faculty In-Service - Noon Dismissal
 - Bethel Booster Father/Daughter Dance
- 5/04 - Confirmation Sunday
- 5/09 - Principal's Conference
- 5/23 - MALL Track Meet
- 5/29 - Records Day - ½ day of school
- 5/30 - Last Day of school - ½ day of school

Volleyball Practices:

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| - 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 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 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 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) or Prof. Dan Westendorf (djw@mlsem.org), or visit 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 an open house on 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

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 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.