



*"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 19th @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Lenten Meal before worship
- Sunday, March 23rd @ 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!

Noon-Dismissal: ***This Friday (March 21st) is a noon-dismissal.*** The faculty will be meeting in the afternoon after school.

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

Pine Car Derby: Last weekend was our annual Pine Car Derby. Thank you to all who participated and to all those who volunteered to help with this event. I hope that the kids had fun!

Friske Call: 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: Yesterday it was announced that I have returned the Divine Call to serve as principal and upper-grade teacher at St. John's in Pardeeville, WI, and will continue to serve at Bethel. I pray for God's blessings as we continue to work together in the gospel ministry.

End of 3rd Qtr./Report Cards: This Friday (March 21st) marks the end of the 3rd quarter. Report cards will be sent home next Wednesday (March 26th). Please return the signed report card envelope the next day.

CEA Spring Events: Recently information was sent out about two great events that our CEA is sponsoring. The annual Mother & Son Activity will be on April 25th and the annual Daddy & Daughter Dance will be held on May 2nd. Contact Jennifer Thunberg (jennithunberg@gmail.com) for any questions about the activities.

MALL League News: Last Friday MALL athletic directors met to discuss sports schedules for the 25-26 school year. I am happy to report that we were able to approve schedules for most of the sports for next year. To help you plan, the Google calendar will soon be updated with next year's athletic events.

MALL Volleyball Tournament: We are once again hosting the MALL volleyball tournament at Bay City Central. The tournament will be held March 29th. We are in need of ticket takers for the tournament. If you are able to help with tickets please talk to Mr. Thooft.

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.

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 \$29.88. Our total for the quarter is \$445.44.

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:

Leah Nitz - 7th grade - 03/19

Leighton Schultz - 5th grade - 03/21

Student Spotlight:

Donovan Houghton - Grade 4

Adam Weiler, Jr. - Grade 1

Liam Faulk - Grade 3

Baker Asel - PreK-3

Coming Up:

- **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

Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:

- 04/25 - Mother/Son Activity (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 05/02 - Father/Daughter Dance (Thunberg/Wilson)

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 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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| - 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.