



*"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*

This newsletter will cover two weeks due to Spring Break scheduled next week

Worship Schedule:

- Wednesday, March 26th @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Lenten Meal before worship
- Sunday, March 30th @ 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 2nd @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Lenten Meal before worship
- Sunday, April 6th @ 10:00 a.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!

Spring Break: Our school will have its annual spring break from Monday, March 31st through Friday, April 4th. Enjoy the time off!

Classes Resume: Classes resume after spring break on Monday, 7th. That day will be a full day of school.

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

Friske Call: Mrs. Friske has received a divine call to serve as a 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.

Tone Chimes: This Wednesday (03/26) the upper-grade Tone Chimes will play in our Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. Tone Chimes students are to arrive at church no later than 6:15 p.m. to prepare for the service.

End of 3rd Qtr./Report Cards: Report cards for the third quarter of the school year will be sent home Wednesday (March 26th). Please return the signed report card envelope the next day.

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.***



CEA Spring Events: Recently information was sent out about two great events that our CEA is sponsoring. The annual Mother & Son Activity will be held 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.

Baptism: Last Friday Keiran Kent (5th grade) was baptized. Please join me in thanking our Lord and Savior for the blessing of Kerian's baptism. May God continue to keep Kerian in His baptismal grace!

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 11 openings in Pre-K4 and 8 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 \$30.01. Our total for the quarter is \$475.45.

Easter Flowers: Time to order Easter flowers for our altar area! If you would like to participate, there is a listing/sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church lounge. Deadline for ordering is April 4th.

Easter Breakfast: Easter is Sunday, April 20th. As we have done for many years, we will be having breakfast that morning. If you would like to contribute items to help the meal go smoothly, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the gym.

Easter Invitation: Know anyone who would appreciate a good breakfast? Better yet, know anyone who would benefit from hearing the Easter gospel? Think about having a conversation with that friend or family member about joining us for breakfast and worship. It's a great time for someone to get to know Jesus!

Spring Outdoor Cleanup: On Saturday, April 5th, starting at 9 am, we will be working on cleaning up the grounds around our facility for spring. If you are able, we would be happy for your help, whether it's just for a few minutes or a bit more. See you then!

Save the Date: We are making a change to an event on our school calendar. Our Awards Day Ceremony on the last day of school will be moved from the morning to the evening. This will allow more families to attend this event highlighting the accomplishments of our students throughout the year. Save the date so you can attend!

Kindness Giving Collection Box: This opportunity for showing Christian love to those in need is still available. Items being collected for donation include paper plates, paper cups, plastic silverware, napkins, shampoo, conditioner, hair spray, shaving cream, razors, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body wash, canned foods, and dry foods.

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:

- Olive Welton - 2nd grade - 03/24
- Grace Janz - 8th grade - 03/24
- Milo Wilson - Kindergarten - 03/27
- Iris Nordstrom - Kindergarten - 03/28
- Marcus Fuhrman - 6th grade - 03/28
- Kaylee Lack - 5th grade - 03/31
- Keira Janz - Kindergarten - 04/03
- Liam Faulk - 3rd grade - 04/06

Student Spotlight:

Lily Shenberger - Grade 2

Chandler Asel - K

Arya Raushi - Grade 7

Emma Faulk - Pre-K4

Coming Up:

- 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
 - Awards Ceremony in evening

Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:

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

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 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 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 ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Join us on Saturday, April 12 for the Michigan Lutheran Seminary Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament! Start time will be between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., depending on the number of teams. This fun event helps congregations connect with MLS students and facilities while raising funds for the MLS athletic fund. WELS and ELS congregations may enter multiple teams, with players of confirmation age or older. The \$100 team entry fee is due at registration, with a deadline of Sunday, April 6. For details and registration, visit www.mlsem.org. Questions? Contact Tournament Director Eric Scheuerlein at (262) 339-4996 or eam@mlsem.org.

MLS SPRING BAND CONCERT

Please join the MLS Band on Sunday, April 6 for their spring concert. This year's concert is a potpourri of styles that includes rock songs and folk music from around the world. The Wildcat Band from St. Paul's Lutheran School in Saginaw will join the MLS Band for one song. The concert begins at 6:30 pm in the MLS gym. Doors open at 6:15 pm.

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.

MLS IS HIRING

MLS is seeking qualified candidates for the following open positions:

Food Service Manager - MLS is currently seeking a Food Service Manager to serve in the MLS Dining Hall. This full-time position is responsible for managing all MLS food service operations, including dining hall, vending, and special events, ensuring that our program follows policies and procedures, and meets governmental guidelines and requirements.

Business Manager - MLS is currently seeking a Business Manager. The Business Manager administers the business affairs of MLS, ensuring compliance with federal and state regulations, and providing support for financial planning and analysis. He/She serves as a key member of the MLS administration, reports to the MLS President, and is a key member of the Synod's advisory team for financial planning and analysis.

Interested individuals can see a full position description and fill out an application by visiting our website, www.mlsem.org.

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 LOCK-IN

All 6th-8th graders at your church are invited to the annual MLS Lock-In! Come and enjoy plenty of fun and food with your friends and future Cardinal classmates. The Lock-In will run from 7:00 pm on Friday, April 25 until 7:00 am on Saturday, April 26. Attending is free! Organize a group at your church or combine with churches in your area to make a group. Groups should provide one adult chaperone for every six students attending. For more information and to register your child online, visit mlsem.org. Registration closes on April 18. If you have questions, feel free to contact us at (989) 793-1010 ext 294 or admissions@mlsem.org.

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.