



"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, May 4th @ 10:00 a.m. (Confirmation Sunday)
 - Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 5th @ 6:30 p.m.

Worship Encouragement: Our regular schedule of worship services has resumed with Monday evening worship. I pray that all our families make worship a part of their weekly routine as we continue this joyous season of Easter.

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

Peterson Call: Mr. Peterson has returned the divine call to serve as principal and 4th & 5th grade teacher at Peace Lutheran School in Livonia, Michigan. Join me in thanking our God that Mr. Peterson will be continuing his ministry with us here at Bethel. Please keep Peace in Livonia in your prayers as they seek a new principal and teacher.

Confirmation Sunday: Eliza Figley, Easton Jacobs, Grace Janz, Avery Kukla, Ian McGehee, Collin Nitz, and Laney Wilson will be confirmed into the congregation on Sunday, May 4th. Please also plan to attend this special service and celebrate our new confirmands as the newest members of our congregation.

Daddy & Daughter Dance: The annual Daddy & Daughter Dance will be held on May 2nd. We are in need of some volunteer help for the Daddy & Daughter Dance. If you are able to help, contact Jennifer Thunberg (jennithunberg@gmail.com) or scan the QR code to see how you can help. A reminder that this event is a school-sponsored event and students are expected in regular attendance at school the day of the event.



Noon-Dismissal: *This Friday (May 2nd) is a noon dismissal.* The faculty will be meeting in the afternoon. Please make the necessary transportation plans for this day.

Ladies' Aid at Buds to Blooms: Do you plan to purchase spring flowers or plants from Buds to Blooms? If you purchase between May 1st and May 31st, mention Bethel Ladies Aid! 10% of purchases will be credited to Bethel Ladies Aid.

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 9 openings in Pre-K4 and 7 in Pre-K3.

MALL Track Meet: Plans are already underway for our annual MALL track meet at Garber High School. The date is Friday, May 23rd. Students in grades 1-8 will be participating. There is no classroom instruction, but it is considered a day of school, and we look forward to everyone participating. Please make sure your child is working at home to get in condition for the meet. Running regularly is a good start!

MAP Testing: Our last round of MAP testing will take place next week. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the reading, math, and language tests next week.

Popcorn Friday: Popcorn Friday will resume on Friday, May 2nd. Bring \$0.50 to get a bag of popcorn!

MLS Track Meet: Students in grades 5-8 also have the opportunity to participate in another track meet being held by Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Wednesday, May 28th. The MLS meet starts at 11:00 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 10:00 a.m. to go over to the meet. Please make sure to arrange transportation to MLS for your child that day.

Mission Program: Our 4th quarter chapel offering is going to support Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS). The special purpose of Michigan Lutheran Seminary is to prepare high school students for the public ministry of the gospel, encouraging them to enroll in the WELS College of Ministry, Martin Luther College. 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 \$22.24. Our total for the quarter is \$125.65.

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!

Band: Our band students will be playing in an upcoming chapel service. Our students will play in chapel on Wednesday, May 14th. It is great to see our students using their gifts and abilities to glorify their Savior!

Bethel Fireworks Fellowship: There will once again be a fireworks fellowship event this summer. Look for more information in future newsletters!

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.



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.

Birthdays:

Keira Janz - Kindergarten - 05/03

Student Spotlight:

Max Kowalski - Grade 4

Chance Herrera - Grade 1

Justin Krohn - Grade 7

Hudsyn Scharich - Pre-K4

Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:

05/02 - Father/Daughter Dance (Thunberg/Wilson)

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- 5/4 - Cantate Choir - Confirmation Sunday
- 5/18 - Cherub Choir
- 6/1 - Grades K-8 - Graduation Sunday

Coming Up:

- **05/02 - Faculty In-Service - Noon Dismissal**
 - **Bethel Booster Father/Daughter Dance**
- **5/04 - Confirmation Sunday**
 - **Board of Education**
- 5/09 - Principal's Conference
- 5/21 - Last Day PreK-4
- 5/22 - Last Day PreK-3
- 5/22 - Preschool Farewell 6:30 pm
- 5/23 - MALL Track Meet
- 5/26 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 5/29 - Records Day - ½ day of school
- 5/30 - Last Day of School & Closing Service - ½ day of school
 - Awards Ceremony in the evening

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.

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 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.