



*"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, April 9th @ 6:30 p.m.
 - Lenten Meal before worship
- Holy Week Worship:
 - Sunday, April 13th @ 10:00 a.m. (Palm Sunday)
 - Thursday, April 17th @ 6:30 p.m. (Maundy Thursday)
 - Friday, April 18th @ 1:00 p.m and 6:30 pm (Good Friday)
 - Sunday, April 20th @ 10:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)
 - Easter Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: This coming Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday. We have the opportunity to gather as a family of believers to see and hear our Savior's great love for each of us. The service schedule for Holy Week is listed above. Please plan to take advantage of this special week of reflection on our Savior's passion. Looking forward to seeing you throughout the week!

Classes Resume: Welcome back from our Spring Break! I hope the week off was refreshing for everyone. Looking forward to a strong finish to the school year!

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

Friske Call: Mrs. Friske has returned the divine call to serve as a 2nd-grade teacher at CrossLife Christian Academy in Pflugerville, Texas. Please join me in thanking our Savior that Mrs. Friske will be continuing her ministry here at Bethel. Please also keep those at CrossLife Christian Academy in your prayers as they seek a new teacher.

Virant Call: Recently it was announced that Mrs. Virant has received a divine call to serve as Early Childhood Director and teacher at Shepherd of the Valley in Westminster, Colorado. Please reach out to Mrs. Virant with any input you have related to the call and keep her and her family in your prayers as they deliberate.

Peterson Call: Recently it was also announced that Mr. Peterson has received a divine call to serve as principal and 4th & 5th grade teacher at Peace Lutheran School in Livonia, Michigan. Please reach out to Mr. Peterson with any input you have related to the call and keep her and her family in your prayers as they deliberate.

MALL Volleyball Tournament: Thank you to those who volunteered to help with the MALL volleyball tournament. Although our teams did not go as far as they wanted, they played hard, and it was a great day of volleyball. A special thank you to Jennifer Thunberg for her help in organizing the tournament as well as coaching the volleyball teams this season. Go Bobcats!

CEA Spring Events: 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.

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 7 in Pre-K3.

Honor Roll: Students in grades 5-8 are eligible for Honor Roll. There are two levels - all A's and A/B Honor Roll. The following students have achieved either all A's or A/B Honor Roll status for the third quarter. Congratulations!

All A's:

Eliza Figley	Grade 8
Grace Janz	Grade 8
Avery Kukla	Grade 8
Ian McGehee	Grade 8

A/B:

Easton Jacobs	Grade 8
Laney Wilson	Grade 8
Nicklas Barclay	Grade 7
Lucas Killinger	Grade 7
Leah Nitz	Grade 7
Joy Szostek	Grade 7
Taylor Thunberg	Grade 7
Landon Zube	Grade 7
Ellie Kain	Grade 6
James Lack	Grade 6
Isaac Powers	Grade 6
Charleigh Wilson	Grade 6
Gavin McGehee	Grade 5

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 \$28.55. Our total for the quarter is \$28.55.

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!

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 two chapel services coming up. Our students will play in chapel on Wednesday, April 16th and Wednesday, May 14th. It is great to see our students using their gifts and abilities to glorify their Savior!

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:

Leah Sobek - 3rd grade - 04/04
Lucas Vallender - 2nd grade - 04/05
Donovan Houghton - 4th grade - 04/09

Student Spotlight:

Gehrig Wilson - Grade 2
Easton Jacobs - Grade 8
Landon Zube - Grade 7
Gracious Longley - Pre-K4

Coming Up:

- **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
 - 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 evening

Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:

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

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- **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

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 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.