



*"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:

- Holy Week Worship:
 - 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 week is Holy Week. During this week, we have the opportunity to gather as a family of believers to see and hear our Savior's great love for each of us. Throughout the week, we will see our Savior go from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross of Calvary and end with an empty tomb; all to secure our salvation. 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!

Good Friday: This Friday is Good Friday. This is a solemn service and a time to reflect on how much our Savior endured to secure salvation for us. It is asked that you enter the service quietly. Students in grades 1-8 will also be singing in the 1:00 p.m. service. Students will eat lunch at school and then go down to church for the service. After the service, students are dismissed from school. Please make proper transportation arrangements.

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!

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.

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

Virant Call: Mrs. Virant has returned the divine call to serve as Early Childhood Director and teacher at Shepherd of the Valley in Westminster, Colorado. Please join me in thanking our Savior that Mrs. Virant will be continuing her ministry here at Bethel. Please also keep those at Shepherd of the Valley in your prayers as they seek a new teacher and director.

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.

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. Please sign up in the school office if you plan to participate in the Mother & Son Activity. 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 10 openings in Pre-K4 and 7 in Pre-K3.

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 \$44.56. Our total for the quarter is \$73.11.

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:

Easton Jacobs - 8th grade - 04/15
Avaree Fuhrman - 7th grade - 04/16
Landon Zube - 7th grade - 04/21

Student Spotlight:

Janes Lack - Grade 6
Abigail Vanness - Grade 1
Milli Long - Grade 3
Gavin Bacca - PreK -3

Bethel Booster Sponsored Activities:

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

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

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

Coming Up:

- 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

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 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.