



*"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:

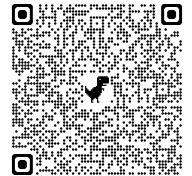
- Sunday, April 27th @ 10:00 a.m. (Examination Sunday)
 - Bible Class/Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, April 28th @ 6:30 p.m.

Worship Encouragement: With Holy Week now over, we will be resuming our regular schedule of worship services by resuming Monday evening worship. It was encouraging to see our church full this past Sunday on Easter as we celebrated our Savior's triumphant resurrection from the dead. 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 is still holding 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: We have several events coming up the next couple weeks. The annual Mother & Son Activity will be held on April 25th. 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.



Collin's Crusade: Psalm 46:1, *"God is our refuge and strength, a helper who can always be found in times of trouble."*

Last week our students and teachers showed support for one of our 8th grade students, Collin Nitz, with special t-shirts. Collin's Crusade is the name of the Facebook group that has documented Collin's journey. The Bible passage on the back of the shirt is Collin's favorite passage. It is a great comfort to know that our God is an ever present refugee for us throughout our lives. We also have the special privilege of supporting each other as a family of believers in every circumstance of life. May God continue to watch over our Bethel family and I encourage all of you to keep Collin and his family in your prayers!

Examination Sunday: Eliza Figley, Easton Jacobs, Grace Janz, Avery Kukla, Ian McGehee, Collin Nitz and Laney Wilson will present their essays as part of their public confirmation examination this Sunday, April 27th. Please plan to attend this special service and show your support for these young people.

Confirmation Sunday: Those same 8th graders that are participating in Examination Sunday 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.

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.

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!

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 \$30.30. Our total for the quarter is \$103.91.

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, 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:

- Landon Zube - 7th grade - 04/21
- Zoe Shenberger - 7th grade - 04/22
- Layla Nordstrom - PreK-3 - 04/26

Student Spotlight:

- Kody VanDenBoom - Grade 6**
- Milo Wilson - K**
- Ella Szostek - Grade 3**
- Hadley Heinz - Pre-K4**

Bethel Booster Sponts ored Activities:

- 04/25 - Mother/Son Activity (Thunberg/Wilson)
- 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:

- 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.