



*"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:

- Monday, May 5th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 11th @ 10:00 a.m. (Mother's Day)
 - Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: Our regular worship service schedule 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.

Parking Lot Reminder: *For the safety of our students and families, please remember to drive slowly and cautiously in both school parking lots. Please be patient during pick-up and drop-off times as students get in and out of vehicles. Watch for children walking between cars or across parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep everyone safe!*

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

Mother's Day: This coming Sunday, May 11th, is an important day. It is the day our nation celebrates mothers. Christian mothers are an important part of every family, our church, and nation. I hope all of Bethel's moms have a great day with their families. God's blessing on this special day honoring our mothers!

Bethel Boosters Meeting: The next meeting of the Bethel Boosters will be Sunday, June 1st, after church. Plans for events for the next school year, as well as future school projects, will be discussed at this meeting. Please plan to attend and see how you can be involved with our school!

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

Principals Conference: This Friday (05/09) I will be attending and hosting the last principal conference of the school year.

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 8 openings in Pre-K4 and 6 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 to the meet. Please make sure to arrange transportation to MLS for your child that day.

Egg Cartons: If you have egg cartons at home, a congregation member is interested in collecting them. If you are willing to donate egg cartons, both 12 or 24 count, drop them off in the school office or talk with Mr. Thooft.

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!

Ascension Service: This year's Ascension service is at St. John's, Bay City, and will be held on Thursday, May 29th at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to come and worship with fellow area churches as we celebrate our risen and ascended Savior!

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 \$32.00. Our total for the quarter is \$157.65.

Popcorn Friday: The next Popcorn Friday will be on Friday, May 16th. Bring \$0.50 to get a bag of popcorn!

25-26 School Play: We will once again be using Missoula Children's Theatre for our play production next year. April 20th-25th will be the week of the play, with performances on Friday and Saturday night. Please mark your calendars!

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.

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!

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.

Student Spotlight:

- Skylar Heinz - Grade 2
- Oakleigh Ball - Grade 1
- Harper Doran - Grade 3
- Adrianna Sobek - Pre-K3

Birthdays:

Liam Faulk - 3rd Grade - 05/06

Mr. Peterson - Grades 5-6 Teacher - 05/08

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

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

Coming Up:

- **5/09 - Principal's Conference**
- 5/14 - Grades 3-4 Field Trip to Rogue Factory
- 5/15 - Pre-K3 & Kindergarten Field trip Wilderness Trails Zoo
- 5/16 - Pre-K4 Field trip Weiss Centennial Farm
 - Popcorn Friday
- 5/21 - Last Day PreK-4
 - Grades 1-2 Saginaw Zoo Field Trip
- 5/22 - Last Day PreK-3
 - Grades 5-6 Henry Ford Field Trip
 - Grades 7-8 Flag Planting & Class trip to Valley Lanes
 - Preschool Farewell 6:30 pm
- 5/23 - MALL Track Meet
- 5/26 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 5/28 - MLS Track Meet
- 5/29 - Records Day - ½ day of school
 - BALM Ascension Service @ St. John's, Bay City
- 5/30 - Last Day of School & Closing Service - ½ day of school
 - Awards Ceremony in the evening
- 6/01 - Graduation Sunday
 - Bethel Booster Meeting after Church

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**

Less than one month left to register for MLS Summer Camps! Don't miss out on an unforgettable summer experience! There's less than ONE MONTH left to register for MLS Summer Camps—the deadline is June 1, 2025! Whether your child is into Fine Arts, Basketball, Football, or Volleyball, we've got a camp designed to help them grow in skill, teamwork, and faith. Spots are filling up fast, so secure your child's spot today! Don't forget: Use code FAMILY at checkout for a 15% discount when registering multiple campers from the same family. Visit www.mlsem.org to secure your child's spot today.

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.

MLS COMMENCEMENT CONCERT

The Music Department of Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites you to our annual Commencement Concert on Friday, May 23, at 7:00 PM. Join us for an evening filled with beautiful music and celebration! This special event will also include the recognition of scholarships and grants awarded to returning students and Martin Luther College-bound graduates, as well as farewell tributes to departing faculty and staff. Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on the MLS YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@MichiganLutheranSeminary>

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!