



*"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 18th @ 6:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, May 25th @ 10:00 a.m.
- Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

**Worship Encouragement:** Our school year is quickly coming to a close. Although we will be taking a break from school for the summer months, our worship schedule continues on. Summer can be a busy time and there are opportunities for our families to still meet for worship on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings.. I pray that all our families make worship a part of their weekly routine throughout the summer. .

**Hot Lunch:** *Hot Lunch will be tacos this week.* Please have your child turn in their order forms and payment by Tuesday morning. This will be our last hot lunch for the school year.

**Field Day 2025:** On May 28, Grades K through 4 will participate in our third annual Field Day. We will serve a picnic lunch of hot dogs around 11:30. After lunch, students will rotate through a variety of fun outdoor activities. We are looking for volunteers to help run each of the activities. If you are unable to help in this way, we are also taking donations of hot dogs and buns, juice boxes, water bottles, chips, popsicles, and cookies. Please use the Sign-Up Genius link or QR code to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4EACA92BA6F85-56771103-field>



**Records Day:** Thursday, May 29th will be a half day of school. Your Bethel staff will use the afternoon to finalize report cards and permanent file reports. Classes will dismiss at noon on that day.

**End of Qtr./Report Cards:** The 4th quarter of the school year will end on Friday, May 30th. Report cards will be handed out before your child is dismissed for the school year. Nothing needs to be returned to school related to report cards.

**Last Day of School & Closing Service:** Friday, May 30th is the last day of school. Classes will be dismissed for the year after the closing service. The closing service will begin around 11:30 a.m. and finish around noon. We hope that all are able to attend!

**Awards Presentation:** Next Friday evening is our Awards Day Ceremony for grades 1-8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the church for the presentation of awards. Students may sit with their families and will be called up by grades to receive their awards and parents will be given a chance to get a class picture before the students will return to their seats. Refreshments will be provided in the gym after the presentation.

**Graduation Sunday:** Sunday, June 1st is Bethel Graduation Sunday. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, our 8th graders will graduate from BLS. All other graduates of our congregation will also be recognised. If you have a graduate in your family who is a member of Bethel, please fill out a special form used for this purpose and return it to Mr. Thooft right away. Forms were placed in church mailboxes or are available in the school office. Graduating 8th graders from BLS are:

Eliza Figley  
Easton Jacobs  
Grace Janz

Avery Kukla  
Ian McGehee

Collin Nitz  
Laney Wilson

**MALL Track Meet:** This Friday (05/23) is our annual MALL track meet at Garber High School. 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. See you there!

**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.

**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!

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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 \$31.12. Our total for the quarter is \$188.77.

**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.

**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.

**Birthdays:**

Mrs. Virant - Preschool Teacher - 05/23

**Student Spotlight:**

Charleigh Wilson - Grade 6

Connor Roth - K

Flor Costilla - Pre-K3

**Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 6/1 - Grades K-8 - Graduation Sunday

**Coming Up:**

- 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 @ 6:30
- 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:vaa@mlsem.org)) or Prof. Dan Westendorf ([djw@mlsem.org](mailto:djw@mlsem.org)), or visit [educationaltravel.com/ASH-1817](http://educationaltravel.com/ASH-1817). We'd love for you to join us!