



*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice and sing praise!"*  
*Psalm 96:4*

### **Worship Schedule:**

- Wednesday, February 18th @ 6:30 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)
- Sunday, February 22nd @ 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Encouragement:** This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which begins the season called Lent. Lent is a time we have the opportunity to reflect and focus on the work of our Savior. Through mid week worship services we will focus on Jesus' journey to the cross to pay for our sins. The season is a time to reflect on the depths of our sinfulness and how great our God's love for us is. I encourage all our families to be present in our Lenten worship services and take the opportunity to gather around God's Word a family of believers.



**Ash Wednesday:** This Wednesday (Feb. 18th) is Ash Wednesday. Worship will be at 6:30 pm, and there will be a meal before, sponsored by the Bethel Boosters in the gym. Scan the QR code for a list of items needed for the meal, and please sign up if you can help!



**MLS Tournament:** Last weekend the boys A basketball team participated in the MLS tournament. The boys lost in the championship game, finishing in second place. Join me in congratulating the team on their accomplishment. Go Bobcats!

**MALL Tournament:** Our boys basketball A team has its second and final tournament this Saturday (Feb. 21st) at Trinity. This is a one-day tournament. A schedule for the tournament is attached to this newsletter.

**CEA Trivia Night:** We are less than two weeks away from Trivia Night and the team slots for Trivia night are full! A waitlist has been formed in case a team has to drop at the last minute. We also still need your help to make the night a success. The following items are needed:

-  Auction item donations
-  Bake sale goodies

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up and contributed — we can't do this without our amazing parent support! Questions? Reach out at [jennithunberg@gmail.com](mailto:jennithunberg@gmail.com).

**Noon Dismissal:** This Friday (Feb. 20th) school is dismissed at noon. Please make proper arrangements for pick-up. Your Bethel staff will have faculty meetings in the afternoon.

**Hot Lunch:** Hot Lunch this Wednesday (February 18th) is tacos from Taste of Bay City. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

**26-27 Preschool Enrollment:** Preschool applications for the next school year are now available. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Get your application and get the word out to your family and friends. At this time, we have the following number of openings: 11 in Pre-K4 and 12 in Pre-K3.

**Mission Program:** Our 3rd quarter chapel offering is going to support the Bethel Equip for Quality Fund (EQF). This is a special fund used to continue to make improvements to our school. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church. The offering collected last week was \$29.39. The total for the quarter is \$165.24.

**Girls' Club:** The Girls' Club will meet in the gym after school on Tuesday from 3-4. ***If you have unpaid Girls' Club dues please pay them prior to the event.*** If you have questions, contact Sara Heinz.

**Pine Car Derby:** Our annual Pine Card Derby is on March 14th. If your child is participating, they should have received the materials for their car. We will need volunteers to help with this event. If you are able to help or want more information about helping, please contact Mr. Thooft or Sarah Powers.

**Basketball Uniforms:** Boys' basketball B team members are reminded to clean and repair their uniforms and return them to school ASAP. Members of the A team may return their uniforms next week after the MALL tournament.

**Munger Potato Festival:** Our church and school have been selected once again to run the food tents/concessions at the Munger Potato Festival **on July 30-August 2, 2026**. We did this back in the summer of 2024, and it is our turn to have some fun and raise some money for Bethel! The main thing we need is volunteers for this event, as on the evenings of the Figure 8 event, we will need up to 25-30 at one time in order for things to run smoothly. There will be more information in the coming months, **but please SAVE THE DATES of July 30-August 2, 2026**, to help us at some point that weekend by working a shift. If everyone pitches in for a shift (and students can help as well), it will be a fun time, and no volunteers will feel overworked. If you have specific questions, please contact Jenni Thunberg at [jennithunberg@gmail.com](mailto:jennithunberg@gmail.com), but we will have an information meeting and sign-ups available in the coming months.

**Student Spotlight:**

- 1 Scarlet Brown - Grade 2
- 2 Liam Faulk - Grade 4
- 3 Sully Westerby - Grade 1
- 4 Mia Wilson - Pre-K3

**Birthdays:**

None

**Boys Basketball Game Schedule:**

*(On nights in which both A and B teams have games, B team games will start at 5:30 with A team playing afterward)*

- 02/17 - vs Owosso @ Owosso (A only) - 5:30 p.m.
- 02/20-02/21 - MALL Tournament @ Trinity (A only)

**Boys Basketball A Team Practice:**

- Monday, February 16th @ 6:00-8:00

**Volleyball Practices:**

- Tuesday, February 24th @ 4:30-6:00
- Friday, February 27 @ 3:30 - 5:00
- Tuesday, March 3 @ 4:30 - 6:00
- Thursday, March 5 @ 5:00 - 6:30

### Coming Up:

- **02/18 - Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30**
  - **Soup Supper Sponsored by Bethel Boosters @ 5:00**
- **02/20 - Noon dismissal - Faculty In-Service in the afternoon**
- 02/28 - Bethel Booster Trivia Night
- 03/01 - Bethel Booster Coffee Hour after Church
  - Board of Education
- 03/06 - Principals' Conference
  - Sports Pictures
- 03/07 - MLS Fine Arts Fair
- 03/13 - MALL League Meeting
- 03/14 - Pine Car Derby
- 03/16 - Drummunity Presentation
- 03/20 - End of 3rd Qtr. - Noon dismissal - Faculty In-Service
- 03/25 - Report Cards Sent Home
- 03/29 - Palm Sunday
- 04/02 - Maundy Thursday
- 04/03 - Good Friday (½ day of school)
- 04/05 - Easter Sunday
- 04/06-04/10 - Spring Break (No School)
- 04/13 Classes Resume
- 04/20-04/24 - Play Week
- 04/24 & 04/25 - Play Performances
- 05/01 - Faculty In-Service (Noon Dismissal)
- 05/03 - Confirmation Sunday

### Bethel Booster Activities:

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| - <b>02/18 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper</b> | <b>VanDenBoom</b> |
| - 02/28 - Trivia Night                     | Thunberg/Wilson   |
| - 04/17 - Mother/Son Activity              | Thunberg/Wilson   |
| - 03/14 - Pine Car Derby                   | Powers            |
| - 05/01 - Daddy/Daughter Dance             | Thunberg/Wilson   |

### Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

- **02/18 - Cantate Choir**
- 02/25 - Cherub Choir
- 03/11 - Cantate Choir
- 03/18 - Cherub Choir
- 03/22 - Preschool & Kindergarten
- 03/25 - Tone Chimes
- 03/29 - Grades 1-8 (Palm Sunday)

**Check these out!** Did you know our Synod had a variety of family resources? Our Synod's monthly magazine, *Forward in Christ*, is a great resource. Every month, there is a section of the magazine with articles for Christian parents and families called *Parent Conversations*. **Scan the QR code (right) to get access to this great parent resource.** This resource includes Christian parenting articles, podcasts, and more. **Scan the QR code (left) for family devotions that can be used at home.** I pray these resources are helpful to you and your family.



**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 News**

#### **MLS SUMMER CAMPS — REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

Registration for MLS Summer Camps will open on February 15, 2026. These camps offer a fun, faith-filled environment where young athletes and artists can develop their skills, build teamwork, and grow in confidence. With outstanding facilities and a dedicated staff, each camp provides a high-quality and rewarding experience for every participant. Camp offerings include Fine Arts, Basketball, Football (including a Father/Son clinic), and Volleyball, with options available for a variety of age groups. Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged once registration opens. The registration deadline is May 31, 2026. Visit [www.mlsem.org](http://www.mlsem.org) to register beginning February 15 and secure your child's spot.

#### **Camp Dates:**

June 11–12: Grades 3–6 Fine Arts Camp

June 15–17: Grades 5–9 Boys' Basketball Camp

June 17–19: Grades 6–9 Football Camp

June 19 (5:30–8:30 pm): Grades 2–5 Father/Son Football Clinic

June 22–24: Grades 5–9 Girls' Basketball Camp

June 24–25: Grades 5–9 Volleyball Camp

#### **MLS CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRODUCTION: THE ENCHANTED BOOKSHOP**

Michigan Lutheran Seminary is pleased to present its 2026 children's theatre production, The Enchanted Bookshop by Todd Wallinger. Performances will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, and at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. This production is free and open to the public.

By day, A Likely Story looks like an ordinary used bookstore. By night, it becomes a place of magic, where the characters inside the books come to life. Dorothy Gale, Robin Hood, Pollyanna, Sherlock Holmes, Heidi, and Tom Sawyer work together to help the scatterbrained owner, Margie, save her struggling shop. When smugglers arrive searching for a stolen necklace hidden inside one of the books, the characters must decide whether to risk being seen by humans or find a clever way to stop the crooks without revealing themselves.