



*"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 25th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 1st @ 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Encouragement:** Many people will tell you that if you are going to build something, it starts with the foundation. That is true of any building, but it is also true of our lives. What we build our lives around is what we will prioritize. What is your foundation? What is your life built around? As you reflect on those questions this week, I encourage you to come to our Wednesday evening Lenten service and to our Sunday morning worship this week. Come to our Sunday morning Bible Class as we discuss the truths of God's Word with each other. I encourage you to put God's Word as not only the foundation of your week, but as the foundation of your life. See you Sunday!

**MALL Tournament:** Our boys basketball A team had its second and final tournament last Saturday at Trinity. The boys won all three of their games and finished as the tournament champions! Join me in congratulating the team on a well-played tournament and season! Go Bobcats!

**CEA Trivia Night:** This Saturday is Trivia Night beginning at 6:00 p.m. We 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).

**Hot Lunch:** Hot Lunch this Wednesday (February 25th) is pizza from Hungry Howie's Pizza. 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 \$44.25. The total for the quarter is \$209.00.

**Pine Car Derby:** Our annual Pine Car 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 can help or want more information about helping, please contact Mr. Thooft or Sarah Powers.

**Basketball Uniforms:** All boys' basketball team members are reminded to clean and repair their uniforms and return them to school ASAP.

**Sports Pictures:** On Friday, March 6th, sports pictures will be taken for our basketball and cheerleading teams. Picture forms will be sent home next week. Please bring the picture forms and payments on the day of the pictures. Coaches are invited to come for pictures as well.

**Popcorn Fridays:** This Friday will be a Popcorn Friday. Bring \$0.50 if you would like a bag of popcorn!

**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 Chance Herrera - Grade 2
- 2 Owen Raushi - Grade 4
3. Isabella Davies - Pre-K4

**Birthdays:**

- Mrs. Killinger - Kindergarten Teacher - 02/25  
Alivia Phillips - 3rd Grade - 02/27  
Lucas Kilinger - 8th Grade - 02/28

**Volleyball Practices:**

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

**Bethel Booster Activities:**

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

**Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:**

- **02/25 - 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)

**Coming Up:**

- **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
- 05/08 - Principals' Conference
- 05/22 - MALL Track Meet @ Garber
- 05/25 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 05/28 - Records Day (Noon Dismissal)
- 05/29 - Last Day of School (Noon Dismissal)
- 05/31 - Graduation 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**

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.