



"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, March 11th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 15th @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: *"Who are you?"* When someone asks you that question, what do you respond with? Do you give your name? Job description? Where you are from? The context of that question will probably determine how you answer it, but how often do we think about our relationship with God when asked that question. Who are we? We are blood bought souls of the Creator Himself. We are children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. During the season of Lent we reflect on the price God paid to make us his dearly loved children. God sacrificed His own Son, Jesus, on Calvary's cross so that we could be part of His family. Come to worship this Wednesday and Sunday and hear the message of God's love for you demonstrated through our Savior Jesus. See you Sunday!

Pine Car Derby: Our annual Pine Car Derby is on March 14th. Craft judging will take place on Friday before the race. It is not mandatory, but if you would like your car to be part of the craft judging, please bring your car on Friday morning to school. If cars are needed back later on Friday night, please contact Sarah Powers to make arrangements. 989-450-9618. ***We are still in need of volunteers to help on the day of the race. If you can help, please talk to Mr. Thooft or Sarah Powers.***

Pine Car Derby Early Weigh-in: If you would like to get your child's Pine Car weighed early before the day of the race, there will be an early weigh-in tonight from 6-7:30 in the gym.

Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch this Wednesday (March 11th) is pizza from Hungry Howies. 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.

Drumcommunity Presentation: Next Monday is the Drumcommunity Presentation in the gym. This is a hands-on presentation for the whole family and everyone gets a change to participate with drums and rhythm instruments. Tickets are \$5 and still available for purchase in the school office.

Friske Call: Yesterday it was announced that Mrs. Friske has received a divine call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as music director at Redeemer Lutheran School in Tucson, Arizona. Please reach out to Mrs. Friske with any input you have related to the call and keep her and her family in your prayers as they deliberate.

School Play: We are looking for a family who would be willing to host the directors during the week of the school play. If you are interested in helping in this way, please contact Mr. Thooft or Mrs. Killinger.

To help plan for the upcoming school play in April, we ask families in grades 1-8 to please take some time to fill out a short survey related to the play. Scan the QR code to fill out the survey.



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 \$58. The total for the quarter is \$301.00.

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, but we will have an information meeting and sign-ups available in the coming months.

Student Spotlight:

- 1 Sutton Kramer - K
- 2 Dylan Kramer - Grade 3
- 3 Alina Pillot - Pre-K3

Birthdays:

- Jace Grady - PreK-4 - 03/09
- Sutton Kramer - Kindergarten - 03/10
- Paisley Westerby - 6th grade - 03/11
- Elisha Thooft - 1st grade - 03/15

Volleyball Schedule:

- Monday, March 9th	Practice	3:30-5:00
- Tuesday, March 10th	Game vs SJS @ Christ Shields	4:30 (Blue)
- Tuesday, March 10th	Game vs SJS @ Christ Shields	5:15 (White)
- Tuesday, March 10th	Game vs SJH @ Christ Shields	6:00 (Blue)
- Tuesday, March 10th	Game vs SJH @ Christ Shields	6:45 (White)
- Thursday, March 12th	Practice	4:00-5:30
- Friday, March 13th	Game vs Zion @ Christ Shields	4:30 (White)
- Friday, March 13th	Game vs SJS @ Christ Shields	5:15 (Blue)
- Friday, March 13th	Game vs Zion @ Christ Shields	6:00 (Blue)
- Friday, March 13th	Game vs SJS @ SJS Christ Shields	6:45 (White)
- Monday, March 16th	Game vs Midland @ SJBC	5:15 (Blue)
- Monday, March 16th	Game vs SJBC @ SJBC	6:00 (Blue)
- Tuesday, March 17th	Game vs SJBC @ Bethel	4:30 (White)
- Tuesday, March 17th	Game vs Trinity @ Bethel	6:00 (White)
- Monday, March 23rd	Practice	3:30-5:00
- Tuesday, March 24th	Game vs Zion @ Bethel	4:30 (White)
- Tuesday, March 24th	Game vs Zion @ Bethel	5:15 (Blue)
- Tuesday, March 24th	Game vs Midland @ Bethel	6:00 (White)
- Tuesday, March 24th	Game vs Midland @ Bethel	6:45 (Blue)
- Thursday, March 26th	Practice	4:30-5:30
- Saturday, March 28th	MALL Tournament @ BCC	TBD

Coming Up:

- **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
- 03/31 - Grades 1-4 trip to Delta Planetarium
- 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
- 05/12 - Grades 3-8 trip to Loons' game
- 05/20 - Grades 7-8 trip to Michigan Adventure
- 05/22 - MALL Track Meet @ Garber
- 05/25 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 05/28 - Records Day (Noon Dismissal)
 - Awards Presentation in the evening
- 05/29 - Last Day of School (Noon Dismissal)
- 05/31 - Graduation Sunday

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates:

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

Bethel Booster Activities:

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| - 04/17 - Mother/Son Activity | Thunberg/Wilson |
| - 03/14 - Pine Car Derby | Powers |
| - 05/01 - Daddy/Daughter Dance | Thunberg/Wilson |
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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 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.