



"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 18th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 22nd @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: We continue our journey to Holy Week during this season of Lent. In our Lenten services, we have focused on the book of Zechariah. How much do you know about this book of the Bible? Did you know that only the book of Isaiah has more prophecies about the Savior? Come to our Lenten worship this week and see how wonderfully these Old Testament prophecies find their fulfillment in Jesus. Most importantly, come hear how deeply Jesus loves us and receive the message of sins forgiven as we continue to hear about Christ's journey to the cross. See you at worship!

Drumunity Presentation: Today is the Drumunity Presentation in the gym. This is a hands-on presentation for the whole family, and everyone gets a chance to participate with drums and rhythm instruments. **Tickets are \$5 and are still available for purchase in the school office or at the door tonight!**

Noon-Dismissal: This Friday (March 20th) is a noon dismissal. The faculty will be meeting in the afternoon after school. Please make sure your child has transportation arrangements that day.

End of 3rd Qtr./Report Cards: This Friday (March 20th) marks the end of the 3rd quarter. Report cards will be sent home next Wednesday (March 25th). Please return the signed report card envelope the next day.

Friske Call: 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.

Thooft Call: Yesterday, it was announced that I have received a divine call to serve as principal and upper-grade teacher at Zion Lutheran in Monroe, Michigan. I ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance during this deliberation process and welcome your comments and feedback related to the call.

Pine Car Derby: Our annual Pine Car Derby was over the weekend. Thank you to all who participated and helped with this event. I hope the kids had fun designing and racing their pine cars!

MALL Volleyball Tournament: We are once again hosting the MALL tournament at Bay City Central. The tournament will be held on Saturday, March 28th. We are in need of ticket takers for the tournament in the morning. If you can help with tickets, please talk to Mr. Thooft.

MALL League News: Last Friday, the MALL athletic directors met to discuss sports schedules for the 26-27 school year. I am happy to report that we were able to approve schedules for most of the sports for next year. To help you plan, the Google Calendar will soon be updated with next year's athletic events.

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 11 in Pre-K3.

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

Bethel Booster Spring Events: Information is included in this newsletter about two great events that our Bethel Booster parent group will be sponsoring. The annual Mother & Son activity will be on April 17th, and the annual Daddy & Daughter Dance will be on May 1st. Contact Jennifer Thunberg (jennithunberg@gmail.com) for any questions about the activities.

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 \$23.87 The total for the quarter is \$325.00.

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 Eva Watkins - K
- 2 Olive Welton - Grade3
- 3 Adrianna Sobek - Pre-K4

Birthdays:

- Elisha Thooft - 1st grade - 03/15
- Leah Nitz - 8th grade - 03/19
- Leighton Schultz - 6th grade - 03/21

Volleyball Schedule:

- 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:

- **03/16 - 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:

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

Bethel Booster Activities:

- 04/17 - Mother/Son Activity Thunberg/Wilson
- 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