



"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 25th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 29th @ 10:00 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Worship Encouragement: How would you prepare if someone famous was about to visit? Would you treat them as just another person visiting, or would you do something special for their visit? Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday, we hear about how the people of Jerusalem prepared the way for the Savior with palm branches and praises. Jesus rode into Jerusalem triumphantly as a king. While it was a praiseworthy occasion to have Jesus enter Jerusalem, we know that our Savior made the journey not for the pomp and circumstance but instead to humbly die on a cross to pay for the sins of the world. I encourage you to come to worship this Sunday to prepare your heart and mind for Holy Week. See you Sunday!

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

- Sunday, March 29th @ 10:00 a.m. (Palm Sunday)
- Thursday, April 2nd @ 6:30 p.m. (Maundy Thursday)
- Friday, April 3rd @ 1:00 p.m. (Good Friday)
- Sunday, April 5th @ 10:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)
 - Easter Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

Report Cards: Report cards will be sent home this 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: 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.

MALL Volleyball Tournament: We are once again hosting the MALL tournament this Saturday at Bay City Central. A schedule of the tournament is attached to this newsletter. We are in need of ticket takers for the tournament in the morning. If you can help with tickets, scan the QR code or talk to Mr. Thooft.



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.

Tone Chimes: This Wednesday (03/25), the upper-grade Tone Chimes will play in our Lenten Service at 6:30 p.m. Tone Chimes students are to arrive at church no later than 6:15 p.m. to prepare for the service.

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.

Spring Break: There will be no school April 6th-10th for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, April 13th. Enjoy the time off!

Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch this Wednesday (March 25th) is pizza from Hungry Howies. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

Girls Club: The next Girls' Club activity will be this Friday (March 27th) from 3:00-4:00 in the gym.

Boys Club: The next Boys' Club activity will be Tuesday, March 31st from 3:00-4:00 in the gym.

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.

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 \$54.28. The total for the quarter is \$379.00.

Easter Breakfast: Easter is Sunday, April 5th. As we have done for many years, we will be having breakfast that morning. If you would like to contribute items to help the meal go smoothly, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the gym.

Easter Invitation: Know anyone who would appreciate a good breakfast? Better yet, know anyone who would benefit from hearing the Easter gospel? Think about having a conversation with that friend or family member about joining us for breakfast and worship. It's a great time for someone to get to know Jesus!

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 Addie Peterson - K
- 2 Nash Westerby - Grade 4
- 3 Evelyn Vallender - Pre-K4

Birthdays:

Olive Welton - 3rd grade - 03/24
 Milo Wilson - 1st grade - 03/27
 Iris Nordstrom - 1st grade - 03/28
 Marcus Fuhrman - 7th grade - 03/28

Volleyball Schedule:

- 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:

- **03/25 - 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:

- **03/25 - Tone Chimes**
- 03/29 - Grades 1-8 (Palm Sunday)
- 04/03 - Grades 1-8 (Good Friday)
- 05/03 - Cantate Choir (Confirmation Sunday)
- 05/17 - Cherub Choir
- 05/31 - Grades K-8 (Graduation Sunday)

Bethel Booster Activities:

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| - 04/17 - Mother/Son Activity | Thunberg/Wilson |
| - 05/01 - Daddy/Daughter Dance | Thunberg/Wilson |



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