



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

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

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

Worship Encouragement: What was the most impactful or important event in your life? Was it your wedding day? Birth of your children? Graduation or sporting event? Something else? There are a handful of moments in our lives that are impactful and unforgettable. Imagine being the women at the tomb or the disciples on the first Easter. How unforgettable to see their Savior risen from the dead after what they had experienced that week!

The beautiful thing about Holy Week is that the events of that week are not just impactful for the people who experienced them, but they are impactful for us, too. Jesus' death on the cross paid for our sins, and his resurrection from the dead is the final proof of his victory over sin, death, and the devil. Through faith, that has an eternal impact for us! Come to worship this week to hear about the most important few days in human history and how they impact your life now and eternally! See you this week!

Good Friday: This Friday is Good Friday. This is a solemn service and a time to reflect on how much our Savior endured to secure salvation for us. Students in grades 1-8 will also be singing in the 1:00 p.m. service. Students will eat lunch at school and then go down to church for the service. It is asked that you enter the service quietly. After the service, students are dismissed from school. Please make proper transportation arrangements.

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!

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

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.

Bowling Update: We have been able to reschedule our bowling trip from Lutheran Schools Week to Friday, April 17th, in the afternoon. A permission slip will be sent home with the new information. Since money was collected in January, there is no need to send in payment. We will need drivers for this field trip. Please consider driving!

Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch this Wednesday (April 1st) is tacos from Taste of Bay City. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

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.



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.

Boys Club: The next Boys' Club activity will be on 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.

MALL Volleyball Tournament: Thank you to those who volunteered to help with the MALL volleyball tournament. Our two teams played hard in pool play. Team White finished second in their pool but lost their first game in the elimination bracket. A special thank you to Jennifer Thunberg for her help in organizing the tournament as well as coaching the volleyball teams this season. Go Bobcats!

Honor Roll: Students in grades 5-8 are eligible for Honor Roll. There are two levels: all A's and A/B Honor Roll. The following students have achieved either all A's or A/B Honor Roll for the third quarter. Congratulations!

All A's:

Nicklas Barclay - 8th grade
Lucas Killinger - 8th grade
Leah Nitz - 8th grade
Taylor Thunberg - 8th grade

A/B:

Luke Clark - 8th grade
Avaree Fuhrman - 8th grade
Justin Krohn - 8th grade
Arya Raushi - 8th grade
Joy Szostek - 8th grade
Landon Zube - 8th grade
Elliana Kain - 7th grade
James Lack - 7th grade
Isaac Powers - 7th grade
Charleigh Wilson - 7th grade
Gavin McGehee - 6th grade
Jacob Szostek - 5th grade

Mission Program: Our 4th quarter chapel offering is going to support Martin Luther College (MLC). MLC trains pastors, teachers, and staff ministers for ministry. 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 \$47.60. The total for the quarter is \$47.60.

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 Kam VanDenBoom - Grade 5
- 2 Alivia Phillips - Grade 3
- 3 Sienna Kleinert - Pre-K3

Birthdays:

- Kaylee Lack - 6th grade - 03/31
- Leah Sobek - 4th grade - 04/04
- Lucas Vallender - 3rd grade - 04/05
- Donovan Houghton - 5th grade - 04/09

Coming Up:

- **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:

- **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:

- 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.

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