



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

*Psalm 96:4*

### **Worship Schedule:**

- Thursday, April 16th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 19th @ 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Encouragement:** How familiar are you with the "refresh button" on your browser? If you are like me, when I get impatient, I start hitting that button, hoping that something will change or the screen will load the way it is supposed to. In some ways, last week's Spring Break was to be a "refresh button" of sorts. Hopefully, you and your family were able to relax and refresh with the time off. After Jesus' death, the disciples were uncertain of what would happen to them. They were so fearful that they locked themselves in a room. What a "refresh" their ministry got when the risen Lord appeared to them not once, but multiple times after His resurrection from the dead. Jesus' resurrection made all the difference for them, and it makes all the difference for us. The spring season can often be refreshing after a long winter. As we continue in the season of Easter, come to worship to refresh your faith with God's word and the message that our Savior lives because he is more powerful than our sins and more powerful than death itself. That is news worth celebrating and hearing about. See you Sunday!

**Classes Resume:** Welcome back from our Spring Break! I hope the week off was refreshing for everyone. Looking forward to a strong finish to the school year!

**Friske Call:** Yesterday, after church, it was announced that Mrs. Friske has returned the divine call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as music director at Redeemer Lutheran School in Tucson, Arizona and will be staying at Bethel. Please keep Redeemer Lutheran in your prayers as they seek a new teacher, and join me in thanksgiving for the Friskes staying and continuing to be a part of our ministry at Bethel.

**Thooft Call:** It was also announced yesterday that I have returned the divine call to serve as principal and upper-grade teacher at Zion Lutheran in Monroe, Michigan, and will be staying at Bethel. Please keep Zion in your prayers as they seek their next school leader, and join me in praying that the Lord would bless our ministry together at Bethel.

**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.*



The play is next week (April 20-25). Students in grades 1-8 will begin the week with auditions and will be assigned their roles on Monday. Practices and rehearsals will take place during the school day throughout the week. The week culminates with two performances. The first performance will be Friday night at 6:30, followed by a Saturday performance at 6:30. The cost will be \$5 per person (kids 4 and under are free).

***We need all families in grades 1-8 to please fill out the short survey related to the play. Scan the QR code to fill out the survey.***

**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 was sent home with the new information before Spring Break. 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!

**Loons Game:** Permission slips were sent home for our trip to Dow Diamond to watch the Great Lakes Loons play on May 12th. Please return your child's permission slip along with \$8 (per person). We will need drivers for this field trip. Please consider driving!

**Hot Lunch:** Hot Lunch this Wednesday (April 15th) is pizza from Hungry Howie's Pizza. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

**Examination Sunday:** Nicklas Barclay, Avaree Fuhrman, Lucas Killinger, Justin Krohn, Leah Nitz, Arya Raushi, Zoe Shenberger, Joy Szostek, Taylor Thunberg, and Landon Zube will present their essays as part of their public confirmation examination on Sunday, April 26th. Please plan to attend this special service and show your support for these young people.

**Confirmation Sunday:** Those same 8th graders who are participating in Examination Sunday will be confirmed into the congregation on Sunday, May 3rd. Please also plan to attend this special service and celebrate our new confirmands as the newest members of our congregation.

**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.

**Bethel Booster Spring Events:** Our Bethel Booster parent group will be sponsoring some great upcoming events. The annual Mother & Son activity will be on April 17th from 4-6 at the Crazy Quarters Arcade in Bay City. Please RSVP at the school office or contact Jennifer Thunberg ([jennithunberg@gmail.com](mailto:jennithunberg@gmail.com)).

The annual Daddy & Daughter Dance will be on May 1st from 6-8 in the gym. Contact Jennifer Thunberg ([jennithunberg@gmail.com](mailto:jennithunberg@gmail.com)) for any questions about the activities.

**Career Day:** On Friday, May 15th, we will have Career Day. Information about Career Day is coming soon. If you are interested in being one of the presenters at Career Day, please look for the information coming out, fill out the form, and bring it back to school.

**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 \$76.33. The total for the quarter is \$122.93.

**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 Adam Weiler Jr. - Grade 2
- 2 Milli Long - Grade 4
- 3 Paisley Westerby - Grade 6

### **Birthdays:**

Avaree Fuhrman - 8th grade - 04/16

### **Coming Up:**

- **04/13 - Classes Resume**
- **04/17 - Bowling @ Monitor Lanes**
- 04/20-04/24 - Play Week
  - 04/24 & 04/25 - Play Performances
- 04/26 - Examination Sunday
- 05/01 - Faculty In-Service (Noon Dismissal)
- 05/03 - Confirmation Sunday
- 05/08 - Principals' Conference
- 05/12 - Grades 3-8 trip to Loons' game
- 05/15 - Career Day
- 05/19 - Last day PreK-3
  - Grades 3-4 field trip
- 05/20 - Last day PreK-4
- 05/18-05/19 - Grades 5-6 Camp Timbers Trip
- 05/20 -Preschool Farewell
  - Grades 7-8 trip to Michigan Adventure
- 05/22 - MALL Track Meet @ Garber
- 05/25 - Memorial Day (No School)
- 05/27 - MLS Track Meet (Grades 5-8) @ Cardinal Field
- 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:**

- **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 IS HIRING**

Part-time Female Janitor: Candidate needed to work 20 hours a week at night, with start time varying by the school sports seasons. During the summer months, the position will switch to days. During the winter sports season, responsibilities will include emptying trash in the gym and cleaning up after sporting events, as well as cleaning up if there are spills in the gym or adjoining areas. Candidate will be responsible for the tidiness of the classrooms and piano labs, including vacuuming, trash, wiping down whiteboards, and dusting. The candidate would be responsible for other duties based on the needs of the school, such as shoveling and salting the sidewalks during inclement weather. May be asked to work occasional weekends if there are events on campus and fill in for the regular female janitor when she is sick or on vacation.

### **MLS SPRING BAND CONCERT - AWAKENINGS**

Join us for an evening of music at the MLS Band Concert, Awakenings, on April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the MLS Chapel. This program explores the idea of awakening in a variety of ways. Each piece represents a different kind of beginning, whether it is the start of movement, a renewed sense of grace, or the feeling of looking ahead to something bright. We hope to see you there!

### **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.

#### **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