



"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 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26th @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: This week is play week. It takes many people in a variety of roles to put on a production such as a play. From the lead actor to the backstage crew, every role contributes something to the overall show. In our lives, we have many roles. Parent, spouse, child, uncle/aunt, co-worker, student, coach, and the list goes on. The amount of roles we have can feel exhausting at times, but each of the roles God has given us is important as we use our God-given talents and abilities to give Him glory. Each of us also has roles within the church, and all have something to contribute to the mission of our congregation. This Sunday, after worship, you will hear about a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved and help support our ministry. See you Sunday!

School Play: This week, students in grades 1-8 will begin the week with auditions and will be assigned their roles today. 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).**

Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch this Wednesday (April 22nd) is tacos from Taste of Bay City. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

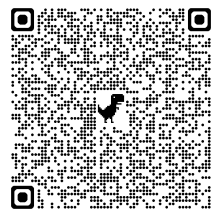
Examination Sunday: Nicklas Barclay, Avaree Fuhrman, Lucas Killinger, Justin Krohn, Leah Nitz, Arya Raushi, Zoe Shenberger, Joy Szostek, Taylor Thunberg, and Landon Zube will present their essays as part of their public confirmation examination this Sunday (April 26th). Please plan to attend this special 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.

Bethel Booster Spring Events: The annual Daddy & Daughter Dance will be on May 1st from 6-8 in the gym. Contact Jennifer Thunberg (jennithunberg@gmail.com) for any questions about the dance or scan the QR code to sign up to help.

Career Day: On Friday, May 15th, we will have Career Day. Information about Career Day was sent home last week. If you are interested in being one of the presenters at Career Day, please fill out the form and bring it back to school.

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.



Teacher Appreciation Week: Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up from May 4th to 8th. The Bethel Boosters are organizing meals for the teachers and staff for that week. If an individual or a group would like to provide a meal, either homemade or from a restaurant, you can sign up on the SignUpGenius (scan the QR code). There will be breakfast or lunch opportunities depending on the day. Volunteers are responsible for providing food and setting it up in the office. If you have questions, please contact Kathryn Thooft.



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 \$48.42 The total for the quarter is \$171.35.

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 Kate Brown - K
- 2 Gehrig Wilson - Grade 3
- 3 Tate Scharich - Pre-K3

Birthdays:

- Landon Zube - 8th grade - 04/21
Zoe Shenberger - 8th grade - 04/22
Layla Nordstrom - PreK-4 - 04/26

Coming Up:

- **04/20-04/24 - Play Week**
 - **04/24 & 04/25 - Play Performances**
- **04/26 - Examination Sunday**
- 05/01 - Faculty In-Service (Noon Dismissal)
 - Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 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
- 05/17 - Cherub Choir
- 05/31 - Grades K-8 (Graduation Sunday)

Bethel Booster Activities:

- 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. The 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 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