



"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 30th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 3rd @ 10:00 a.m. (Confirmation Sunday)

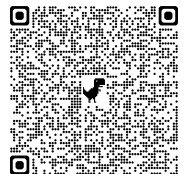
Worship Encouragement: What does the word commitment mean to you? Does it mean showing up when and where you are supposed to? Does it mean doing what you said you were going to do? Commitment is really making a promise that we will do something and following through with that promise. This Sunday is Confirmation Sunday. This is a Sunday in which our young people will make a promise to commit themselves to God. I encourage you to come and support these eighth graders in their commitment and also hear how God is committed to strengthening our faith. See you Sunday!

School Play: Last week, we had our school play week. Thank you to the directors from Missoula Children's Theater who helped the kids put on a great performance. Thank you to all the students for their hard work during the week and efforts on the performance nights. Thank you also to all those who supported our fundraising efforts to provide this opportunity for our students. I hope it was a fun and enjoyable experience for all who participated!

Noon-Dismissal: This Friday (May 1st) is a noon dismissal. The faculty will be meeting in the afternoon. Please make the necessary transportation plans for this day.

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.

Daddy/Daughter Dance: 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. A reminder that this event is a school-sponsored event, and students are expected to be in regular attendance at school the day of the event.



Teacher Appreciation Week: Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide a meal for the teachers and staff for next week during Teacher Appreciation Week. The meals are all accounted for! If you signed up, remember to set up the meal in the school office.

Golf & Fellowship: Bethel Lutheran Church Fellowship Golf Outing is happening on May 17th at the Green Hills Golf Course in Linwood. The deadline to sign up is this week! There are still spots available. Even if you do not have a team of four still sign up if you are interested. Smaller groups can be matched up with smaller groups. Scan the QR code to sign up.



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.

MALL Track Meet: Plans are already underway for our annual MALL track meet at Garber High School. The date is Friday, May 22nd. Students in grades 1-8 will be participating. There is no classroom instruction but it is considered a day of school and we look forward to everyone participating. Please make sure your child is working at home to get in condition for the meet. Running regularly is a good start!

MLS Track Meet: Students in grades 5-8 also have the opportunity to participate in another track meet being held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Wednesday, May 27th. The MLS meet starts at 11:00 a.m. Students will be dismissed at 10:00 a.m. Please make sure to arrange transportation to MLS for your child that day.

Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch this Wednesday (April 29th) is pizza from Hungry Howie's Pizza. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

MAP Testing: Our last round of MAP testing will take place next week (May 4-8). Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the reading, math, and language tests next week.

Awards Presentation: Our Awards Day Presentation will be on the evening of May 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the church. This event is for families in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Students will receive their various awards for their accomplishments throughout the school year. Refreshments will be provided in the gym afterwards. Save the date so you can attend!

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: 10 in Pre-K4 and 9 in Pre-K3.

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 \$37.92. The total for the quarter is \$209.27.

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 Hudson Scharich - K
- 2 Izobel Irwin - Grade 3
- 3 Keiran Kent - Grade 6

Birthdays:

- Layla Nordstrom - PreK-4 - 04/26
- Sienna Kleinert - PreK-3 - 05/01

Coming Up:

- **05/01 - Faculty In-Service (Noon Dismissal)**
 - **Daddy/Daughter Dance @ 6:00**
- **05/03 - Confirmation Sunday**
- 05/08 - Principals' Conference
- 05/11 - Pre-K4 Field Trip
- 05/12 - Grades 3-8 trip to Loons' game
- 05/13 - Grades 1-2 Field Trip
- 05/14 - PreK-3 & K Field Trip
 - Ascension Service @ STB @ 6:30
- 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