



"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, May 7th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 10th @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: *"How did that happen?"* That is a question my family asked recently when we heard a strange noise coming from the fireplace in our living room. As it turns out, a bird had somehow flown into our chimney and made its way down our fireplace, where we could hear it flapping its wings. We don't know how it got there, but it did! Life throws us curveballs sometimes. We may find ourselves asking that question, *"How did that happen?"*

We have a God who knows everything that has happened, is happening, and will happen, and he uses that knowledge to guide our lives, strengthen our faith, and work things for our good. We don't always see that in the situation we find ourselves in, but we can be confident that God is in control of all things. Come to worship this Sunday and be reminded of how our God works all things for our good, both now and in eternity! See you Sunday!

Mother's Day: This coming Sunday, May 10th is an important day. It is the day that our nation celebrates mothers. Christian mothers are an important part of every family, our church, and nation. I hope all of Bethel's moms have a great day with their families. God's blessings on this special day honoring our mothers!

Teacher Appreciation Week: Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide a meal for the teachers and staff this week for Teacher Appreciation Week. If you signed up, remember to set up the meal in the school office. The teachers and staff appreciate your kindness!

Loon's Game: Grades 3-8 will be attending the Loon's game next Tuesday, May 12th. We will leave school at 9:45 a.m. and make it over by 11:00 a.m. start time. Bring your lawn chairs, as we will be sitting in the lawn section of the stadium. Looking forward to a great day of baseball!

Career Day: On Friday, May 15th, we will have Career Day. Information will be sent out to the presenters this week with more details about the day.

Golf Outing: Registration has been extended and will stay open until May 8th! No full team? No problem! Sign up anyway, and we'll help fill the roster. We need 16 teams to make this event as fun as we know it can be, so let's get those sign-ups rolling.

Ascension Services: This year's Ascension service is at St. Bartholomew's in Kawkawlin. The service is on Thursday, May 14th, at 6:30 p.m. You are invited to come and worship with fellow area churches as we celebrate our risen and ascended Lord!

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 (May 6th) is tacos from Taste of Bay City. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

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

Principal's Conference: This Friday (05/08) I will be attending the last principal conference of the school year.

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!

Ladies' Aid at Buds to Blooms: Do you plan to purchase spring flowers or plants from Buds to Blooms? If you purchase between May 1st and May 31st, mention Bethel Ladies Aid! 10% of purchases will be credited to Bethel Ladies Aid.

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 8 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 \$78.58. The total for the quarter is \$287.85.

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 Iris Nordstrom - Grade 1
- 2 Paisley Reinig - Grade 2
- 3 Gavin McGehee - Grade 6

Birthdays:

- Liam Faulk - 4th grade - 05/06
- Mr. Peterson - 5th-6th grade teacher - 05/08
- Jackson Peterson - PreK-3 - 05/09

Coming Up:

- **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:

- 05/17 - Cherub Choir
- 05/31 - Grades K-8 (Graduation Sunday)



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