



"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 14th @ 6:30 p.m. (Ascension Service @ St. Bartholomew's)
- Sunday, May 17th @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: *What are you looking forward to?* That may be a popular question asked at this time of year, as many people eagerly await summer. When we have something to look forward to it helps us get through the daily grind or past troubles that we may be experiencing. The life of a Christian is one of eager anticipation. Not anticipation of summer or the next vacation, but one of the eternal glory won for us by our Savior on the cross. As you come to worship this week with the burdens and hardships of daily life, reflect on the crown of glory that we will one day receive and the time spent in eternity with our risen Lord. See you Sunday!

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. ***Cash WILL be accepted in the ballpark for concessions.*** 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: This Friday (May 15th), we will have Career Day. I hope the kids enjoy learning about future careers!

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 this 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!

Cherub Choir Sing in Church: The Cherub Choir will sing on Sunday, May 17th, in the 10 a.m. service. Students are to meet in the preschool classroom by 9:45 a.m.

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 12th) is pizza from Hungry Howie's. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

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 Flowers & Plants: From May 1st to May 30th, mention Bethel Ladies Aid when you shop at Buds to Blooms Greenhouse or at Rooted by Keits. A portion of your purchase will be given to Ladies Aid to help support their efforts. Happy planting!

Records Day: Thursday, May 28th, will be a half-day of school. Your Bethel staff will use the afternoon to finalize report cards and permanent file reports. Classes will dismiss at noon on that day.

End of Quarter/Report Cards: The 4th quarter of the school year will end on Friday, May 29th. Report cards will be handed out before your child is dismissed for the school year. Nothing needs to be returned to school related to the report cards.

Last Day of School: Friday, May 29th, is the last day of the school year. Classes will be dismissed for the year after the closing service.

Closing Service: Our school year will close with a special service starting at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, May 29th. All are invited to attend and we hope to see you there!

Bethel Boosters Meeting: The next meeting of the Bethel Boosters will be Sunday, May 31st, after church. Plans for events for the next school year, as well as future school projects, will be discussed at this meeting. Please plan to attend and see how you can be involved with our 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: 9 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 \$44.22. The total for the quarter is \$332.07.

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 Logan Kramer - Pre-K4
- 2 Kate Shanberger - K

Birthdays:

- Mrs. Zube - PreK-Aid - 05/13
- Charleigh Wilson - 7th Grade - 05/17
- Luke Clark - 8th Grade - 05/17

Coming Up:

- 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 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