



"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 21st @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, May 24th @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: This coming Sunday is Pentecost. This festival celebrates when the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and empowered them to be witnesses to the resurrected Lord. The Holy Spirit still comes to us today and empowers us to be witnesses to the world. Come to worship this Sunday and be encouraged about how you can fulfill our Savior's Great Commission to go out and make disciples of all nations! See you Sunday!

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!

Hot Lunch: Hot Lunch this Wednesday (May 20th) is tacos from Taste of Bay City. Please turn in your order forms by Tuesday morning.

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.

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!

Graduation Sunday: Sunday, May 31st, is Bethel's Graduation Sunday. During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, our 8th graders will graduate from BLS. All other graduates of our congregation will also be recognized. If you have a graduate in your family who is a member of Bethel, please fill out a special form used for this purpose and return it to Mr. Thooft right away. Forms were placed in church mailboxes or are available in the school office. Graduating 8th graders from BLS are:

Nicklas Barclay
Luke Clark
Avaaree Fuhrman
Lucas Killinger

Justin Krohn
Leah Nitz
Arya Raushi
Zoe Shenberger

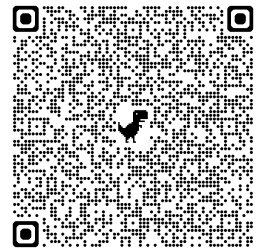
JoyAnna Szostek
Taylor Thunberg
Landon Zube

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 \$37.10. The total for the quarter is \$369.17.

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.



Birthdays:

Charleigh Wilson - 7th Grade - 05/17
Luke Clark - 8th Grade - 05/17
Aurora Longley - 2nd Grade - 05/18
Mia Wilson - PreK-3 - 05/19
Mrs. Jodi Virant - Preschool Teacher - 05/23

Coming Up:

- 05/18-05/19 - Grades 5-6 Camp Timbers
- 05/19 - Last day PreK-3
 - Grades 3-4 field trip to Greenfield Village
- 05/20 - Last day PreK-4
 - 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

- 05/31 - 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