



"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 28th @ 6:30
- Sunday, May 31st @ 10:00 p.m. (Graduation Sunday)

Worship Encouragement: *"I just don't understand it."* Have you heard or said those words before? Sometimes we say those words out of frustration because something is taking longer than it should. Other times we genuinely do not understand what it is we are trying to do. This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. The doctrine of the Trinity is foundational to the Christian church. Father, Son and Holy Spirit - three persons, yet one God. It is hard for our minds to wrap our heads around this concept. How can three things be one thing but also three things? We may think *I just don't understand it...* and that's ok. While we may not fully grasp it, the Holy Spirit has given us faith to believe it. Come to worship this Sunday to learn more about our triune God and what he has done for us. See you Sunday!

Thank you: As the school year comes to an end this week, I want to take an opportunity to say thank you to those who helped this school year. Thank you to the kids for their hard work and effort both in the classroom and in their extra-curriculars throughout the year. Thank you to the parents for making Christian education a priority in your child's life, the sacrifices you have made to make that happen and the volunteering that was done throughout the school year. Thank you to our secretaries for volunteering their time and for their hard work in helping our school. Thank you to the many volunteers who gave their time to help our kids and school. Thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication to the ministry. I pray God's blessings on everyone's summers and look forward to seeing you back in the fall!

Hot Lunch: There is no hot lunch this Wednesday. Hot lunch will resume again in the fall.

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
Avaree Fuhrman
Lucas Killinger

Justin Krohn
Leah Nitz
Arya Raushi
Zoe Shenberger

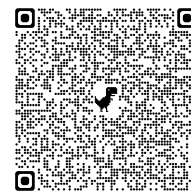
JoyAnna Szostek
Taylor Thunberg
Landon Zube

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 \$26.12. The total for the quarter is \$395.29.

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. 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. 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, otherwise scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer!**



Coming Up:

- 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
- 06/10 - Faculty In-Service
- 07/28 - Faculty In-Service
- 07/30-08/02 - Munger Potato Festival
- 08/05-08/06 - Registration Day
- 08/25 - Stop & Drop Ice Cream Social
- 08/08 - First Day of School
- 08/13 - Education Sunday

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates

- 05/31 - Grades K-8 (Graduation Sunday)

Birthdays:

Emery Heinz - Kindergarten - 05/29

Hadley Heinz - Kindergarten - 05/29

June

Teagan Shorkey - 3rd Grade - 06/02

Isabella Davies - PreK-3 - 06/02

Baker Asel - PreK-4 - 06/09

Eliza Kent - 3rd Grade - 06/16

Harper Doran - 4th Grade - 06/13

Atlas Kerkau - Kindergarten - 06/20

Isaac Powers - 7th Grade - 06/25

Addison Peterson - Kindergarten - 06/25

Carson Hebert - PreK-3 - 06/25

Dylan Kramer - 3rd Grade - 06/26

Ellie Brown - 6th Grade - 06/27

Evelyn Vallender - PreK-4 - 06/28

Sienna Schultz - Kindergarten - 06/30

July

Rylee Thunberg - 7th Grade - 07/08

Paisley Reinig - 2nd Grade - 07/10

Eva Watkins - Kindergarten - 07/14

Lily Shenberger - 3rd Grade - 07/18

Arya Raushi - 7th Grade - 07/21

Mason Palmer - PreK-4 - 07/21

Mrs. Friske - Grades 3-4 Teacher - 07/23

August

Max Kowalski - 5th Grade - 08/06

Ella Szostek - 4th Grade - 08/09

Gavin McGehee - 6th Grade - 08/11

Adam Weiler - 2nd Grade - 08/12

Tate Scharich - PreK-3 - 08/12

Gracious Longley - Kindergarten - 08/18

Emma Faulk - Kindergarten - 08/27

Colton Couturier - Kindergarten - 08/30

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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.