

Throft

School News

Bobcat Bulletin

September 21st, 2026



*"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul."
- Hebrews 6:19*

Worship Schedule:

- Thursday, September 24th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, September 27th @ 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: When I was in high school I ran my car into the back of another person's car. It was not a serious accident as no one was injured, but the hood of my car was in pretty rough shape. I can remember the anxiety I felt before I had to explain to my dad what happened. How was he going to react to the giant, tent-like fold in the hood of my car? As I thought about his reaction, I was counting my punishment not in days but in decades. When I told him about the car, I was relieved with his reaction. "Accidents happen," he said, "I am glad everyone is alright." I appreciated the grace my dad showed me that day. Isn't that how our gracious God deals with us? When we come to him in true repentance, he comes to us with his forgiveness won for us by our Savior Jesus. This Sunday, come to worship to hear that message of repentance and forgiveness as we hear about how our gracious God forgives us and offers us eternal life through faith in Him. See you Sunday!

Our Hope, Our Home: The Lord has blessed us richly! We have collected over \$140,000 for our campaign. We are now in the home stretch. The deadline for gifts to be matched is October 10th. You certainly can contribute after that date, but the match only extends until the 10th. Any gifts given will also help us reduce our current debt. Help us reach our goal of \$225,000!

MLS Cross Country Results: Last week some of our students participated in the MLS Cross Country Meet. In grades 3-4 division Ezekiel Amundson finished in 4th place and Lily Shenberger finished in 5th place. In the grades 5-6 division Donovan Houghton finished in 2nd place and Nora Amundson finished in 8th place. In the grades 7-8 division Rylee Thunberg finished in 1st place. Congratulations to all the athletes.

Family Fun Night: This Wednesday (09/23) from 6:00-7:00, we will be having Family Fun Night. Come get to know families with children from preschool through 2nd grade and enjoy an evening of fun family games. The activities will be held outside, weather permitting. We are looking forward to an evening of fun!

Owosso Cross Country: This Wednesday (09/23) is the Owosso Cross Country Meet. The meet will be held at DeVries Nature Conservancy (address 2635 N M-52).

Noon-Dismissal: This Friday (09/25) school will be dismissed at noon. Your Bethel faculty will be meeting in the afternoon that day.

Picture Day: Next Thursday (10/01) is school picture day. A picture form will be sent home this week. Please make sure that your child brings back their picture form for picture day on Thursday. Once again ordering pictures online again will be available through the PhotoFactory website.

MALL Soccer Tournament: Next Friday (10/02) is the MALL Soccer Tournament in Owosso. Soccer players in grades 5-8 (no class for ALL of grades 7-8) will not have school that day. A schedule with our first game should be coming out early next week.

Calendar Update: There has been a change to the school calendar. School will be dismissed at noon on Tuesday, October 13th. This will allow a travel day for the staff to attend the Michigan District Teachers' Conference (MDTC) being held in Cincinnati, Ohio this year. There will be no school October 14th-October 16th that week as the staff will be attending the MDTC filled with presenters and workshops.

Registration Day Forms & Forms: Although we were able to collect much of the needed information on Registration Day, there are a few forms that were taken home and need to be returned. Specific information about these forms will be sent home this week. If you have forms that need to be returned, please do so as soon as possible.

Registration Day Bills: If you have not paid your book fees in full for the school year or have not made arrangements for a payment plan with Mr. Thoof please contact him right away. Monthly reminders of the status of accounts will be sent out. *If you are interested in the electronic payment option please talk with Mr. Thoof about a time to set up an account through our new online system. To avoid interest fees, please arrange to have your account paid in full by January 1st, 2027.* If there are any special circumstances that might impact your account, please discuss those with Mr. Thoof.

Remind & Facebook Group: If you have not joined our school-wide Remind group, please contact Mr. Thoof to get signed up. Remind is a great way for us to get announcements out to all school families in a timely way. If you are on Facebook and are not already a part of our private school group, please consider joining. Reminders are posted in the group, as well as other school information about upcoming events. Contact Mrs. Friske if you would like to be a part of this group.

Mission Program: Our 1st quarter chapel offering is going to support the Bethel Equip for Quality Fund, with the first half of the quarter offerings going toward the *Our Hope, Our Home* project. The offering collected last week was \$139. This is a great way for our students to be a part of supporting our ministry at Bethel. I pray that families take this opportunity to teach their children the importance of supporting the work of the church.

Birthdays:

James Lack - 8th Grade - 09/21
Peyton Weiler - PreK-4 - 09/22
Milli Long - 5th Grade - 09/23
Ella Albrecht - 3rd Grade - 09/27

Coming Up:

- 09/23 - Family Fun Night
 - Owosso Cross Country Meet
- 09/25 - Faculty In-Service (Noon Dismissal)
- 10/01 - Picture Day
- 10/04 - Board of Education
- 10/05-10/09 - MAP Testing
- 10/13 - Noon Dismissal
- 10/14-10-16 - Michigan District Teachers' Conference
- 10/23 - Grandparents' Day

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates

- 10/04 - Cantate Choir
- 10/11 - Preschool & Kindergarten
- 11/01 - Cherub Choir
- 11/08 - Cantate Choir

Soccer Game Schedule (Games Begin at 4 unless otherwise noted):

- 09/22 - vs GS Midland @ Bethel
- 09/25 - vs SJS/SJH @ Bethel
- 09/29 - vs Trinity @ Bethel
- 10/02 - MALL Soccer Tournament @ Owosso

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

MLS Homecoming Football Game

Please join us for the 2026 MLS Homecoming football game on Friday, September 25, as the Cardinals take on Nouvel Catholic Central! Kickoff is set for 7:00 p.m. Come out and celebrate Homecoming, cheer on the Cardinals, and enjoy an exciting night of football and fellowship with the MLS family!

MLS Salute to Service Football Game

Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites alumni, veterans, and friends to join us for the 2026 Salute to Service Football Game on Friday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m., as the Cardinals take on Laingsburg. This special evening is an opportunity to honor and thank the men and women who have faithfully served our country. As a small token of our appreciation, all veterans will receive free admission and a complimentary combo meal before kickoff. Help us spread the word and join us for an evening of fellowship, gratitude, and Cardinal football as we recognize the service and sacrifice of our nation's heroes. Thank you for your service, and Go Cardinals!

Help Spread the Word: Athletic Trainer Opening

We are seeking a dedicated Athletic Trainer to support our student-athletes at Michigan Lutheran Seminary! Employed through MyMichigan Health, this role provides essential first aid, injury prevention, and sports medicine coverage for MLS athletic events. Know someone who would be a great fit? Please share the job link with them:

<https://careers.mymichigan.org/jobs/48831>

Set Builders Needed

The MLS drama program is looking for a couple adults who could help with building sets on the stage. They would work with the directors to plan a feasible design and then build it and bring it to life to help the students tell the story. They could also help interested students learn some basics about construction along the way as time permits. For more information, contact Prof. Josh Wendt (jjw@mlsem.org).

