



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

Worship Schedule:

- Thursday, October 1st @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 4th @ 10:00 p.m.
 - Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: Have you ever walked beans before? Maybe you have never heard of it. Walking beans involves walking through the field and physically pulling out the weeds that are in the field. It is hard work in the summer heat but for a farmer that wants to keep the weeds away from his crop without using chemicals, it is hard but necessary work. Like weeds in a field, is there anything choking your spiritual life? The devil works hard to distract us from our Savior. Like a field full of weeds, the worries of this world can cause us to lose sight of the good fruit our Savior has to offer us in His Word. This Sunday, come to worship to hear about how we can evaluate our spiritual lives and live a life for our Savior that bears the fruits of the Spirit through the gospel. See you Sunday!

Our Hope, Our Home: The Lord has blessed us richly! We have collected over \$150,000 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!

Owosso Cross Country Results: Last week some of our students participated in the Owosso Cross Country Meet. In the girls 4th grade division Lily Shenberger finished in 2nd place. In the girls 5th grade division Emma Powers finished in 1st place! In the girls 7th grade division Rylee Thunberg finished in 2nd place. Congratulations to all the athletes! There will be one more Cross Country meet in Owosso scheduled on Wednesday, October 7th. Please let Mr. Thooft know if you are interested in participating.

Picture Day: This Thursday (10/01) is school picture day. A picture form was sent home last 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: This 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 this week.

Special Voters Meeting: A special voters meeting is set for Sunday, October 4th to discuss the upcoming principal vacancy and begin the call process for the next school leader of Bethel. The meeting will begin after worship. See you there!

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.

Grandparents' Day: Friday, October 23rd, is our annual Grandparents' Day. Information about Grandparents' Day is being sent home this week. Please return Grandparents' Day forms to your child's teacher by Wednesday, October 14th.

MAP Testing: Our first round of MAP testing will be next week for students in grades 3-8. MAP stands for Measure of Academic Progress. These tests are done in the classrooms on the Chromebooks and are designed to give a snapshot of where students are in their learning. Students will be tested in three areas: reading, math and language. Testing will be conducted the week of October 5th through October 9th.

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. Thooft 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. Thooft 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. Thooft.

Hot Lunch: Attached to this newsletter is a schedule for Hot Lunch for this school year. Hot Lunch will be available every Wednesday. The options will be pizza from Hungry Howie's and tacos from Taste of Bay City. On Friday, students will receive ordering forms. The forms and money are to be returned to the classroom teacher no later than 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, so the order can be placed. The first Hot Lunch will be on Wednesday, October 21st.

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 \$80.00. Our total for the quarter is \$219.00. 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:

Ella Albrecht - 3rd Grade - 09/27

Kate Shenberger - 1st Grade - 09/28

Coming Up:

- **10/01 - Picture Day**
- **10/04 - Pre-Call Voters Meeting**
- 10/05-10/09 - MAP Testing
- 10/13 - Noon Dimissal
- 10/14-10-16 - Michigan District Teachers' Conference
- 10/21 - Hot Lunch
- 10/23 - Grandparents' Day
 - Noon Dismissal - Faculty In-Service
- 10/29 - MLS Cardinal for a Day (grades 5-8)
- 10/30 - Fall Party Day
- 11/06 - End of 1st Quarter
- 11/11 - 1st Qtr. Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/13 - Principals' Conference
- 11/16 - Parent/Teacher Conference

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates

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

Bethel Booster Activities:

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| - 11/24 - Pie Night | Faulk |
| - 02/10 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper | VanDenBoom |
| - 02/27 - Trivia Night | Thunberg/Wilson |
| - 04/16 - Mother/Son Activity | Thunberg/Wilson |
| - 04/30 - Daddy/Daughter Dance | Thunberg/Wilson |
| - TBD - Pine Car Derby | Powers |

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

- 09/29 - vs Trinity @ Bethel
- 10/02 - MALL Soccer Tournament @ Owosso

Girls Basketball Game Schedule:

(On nights in which both A and B Teams have games, B teams games will start at 5:30 with A team playing afterwards)

- 10/23 - vs Tawas @ Tawas (B only)
- 10/27 - vs STB/SJBC/GS @ Bethel (B only) @ 5:30
- 10/27 - vs SJS/SJH @ Bethel (A only) @ 6:30
- 10/30 - vs Trinity @ Bethel (B only) @ 5:30
- 10/30 - vs Burton @ Gloria Dei (A only) @ 5:30
- 11/03 - vs Trinity @ Trinity (AB)
- 11/06 - vs STB/SJBC/GS @ Bethel (B only) @ 5:30
- 11/06 - vs Lansing @ Bethel (A only) @ 6:30
- 11/07 - B Team Tournament @ Tawas
- 11/10 - vs STB/SJBC/GS @ STB (B only) @ 5:30
- 11/13 - vs Trinity @ Trinity (B only) @ 5:30
- 11/13 - vs SJS/SJH @ Shields (A only) @ 5:30
- 11/17 - vs Tawas @ Bethel (B only) @ 5:30
- 11/17 - vs Burton @ Bethel (A only) @ 6:30
- 11/20 - vs Lansing @ Lansing (A only) @ 5:30
- 12/01 - vs Trinity @ Bethel (AB)
- 12/05 - MALL A Team Tournament @ STB
- 12/11-12/12 - MLS Tournament @ MLS

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

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).