



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

****Due to Michigan District Teachers' Conference next week, this newsletter will cover information for the next two weeks****

Worship Schedule:

- Thursday, October 8th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 11th @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, October 15th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 18th @ 10:00 a.m.
 - Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m. (No Sunday School)

Worship Encouragement: If you have ever made plans for a wedding you know it can be stressful. It is certainly a joyous occasion and for the most part things work out on the day of the ceremony, but the lead up to the day can be draining. Decisions about food, decisions about decorations and decisions about the guest list can be time-consuming. Who do you invite? Are they going to come? Do we have room for that many people? Those are questions that have weighed heavily on the minds of many couples over the years. But could you imagine if nobody showed up? That would be quite the scene!

In this coming Sunday's gospel lesson Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding banquet. Many are invited to the wedding banquet, but few attend. Isn't that our world? The gospel is for all people and God invites all to be saved. Unfortunately, few listen to that call by our Savior. I invite you to come to worship Sunday to hear about how your God invites you to hear His Word and through it invites you to the heavenly banquet of eternal life through faith in Jesus. You are invited! See you Sunday!

Our Hope, Our Home: The Lord has blessed us richly! We have collected over \$165,000 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!

MALL Soccer Tournament: Last Friday our soccer team competed in the MALL soccer tournament. They won all three games they played and finished in 1st place for the tournament. Congratulations to the team! Thank you to the players and coaches for their hard work this season. Go Bobcats!

Special Voters Meeting: A special voters meeting was held yesterday to discuss the upcoming principal vacancy. I am happy to report that the voters of our congregation have approved that we call a principal and upper grade teacher for next school year. Leadership is working on a date for the call meeting to extend the call to our next school leader. Look for updated information in future newsletters about the call process.

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 was sent home last week. Please return Grandparents' Day forms to your child's teacher by Wednesday, October 14th.

MAP Testing: Our first round of MAP testing is this 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.

Hot Lunch: A schedule for hot lunch was passed out last week. The options will be pizza from Hungry Howie's and tacos from Taste of Bay City. On Fridays, students will receive ordering forms. The forms and money are to be returned to the classroom teacher no later than 8:00 a.m. the next 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 \$80.54. Our total for the quarter is \$299.54. 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:

Nora Amundson - 5th Grade - 10/06

Skylar Heinz - 4th Grade - 10/06

Kingston Riedlinger - Kindergarten - 10/06

Alina Pillot - PreK-4 - 10/06

Opal Welton - 2nd Grade - 10/09

Ms. Rodmyre - Grades 1-2 Teacher - 10/14

Coming Up:

- **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

- **10/11 - 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 |

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

Practice Schedule:

- **A team - Wednesday, October 6th - 3:00-4:30**
- **A team - Wednesday, October 7th - 3:00-4:30**
- **B team - Wednesday, October 7th - 5:30-7:00**
- **A team - Tuesday, October 13th - 3:00-4:30**
- A team - Sunday, October 18th - 5:00-6:30
- A team - Wednesday, October 21st - 3:00-4:30
- A team - Wednesday, October 22nd - 3:00-4:30
- A team - Sunday, October 25th - 12:00-1:30
- A team - Wednesday, October 28th - 3:00-4:30

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).