School News Bobcat Bulletin October 19th, 2026

BETHEL
Ev. Lutheran Church & School

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

Worship Schedule:
- Thursday, October 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25th @ 10:00 a.m.
    - Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: If you have run a marathon or know someone who has you may be familiar with the term "hitting the wall." This refers to the point in the race when a person's body begins to send signals to their brain to get them to stop running. It takes mental toughness and determination to push through the wall and finish the race. It is as much a test of mental fortitude as much as physical strength. During the early 1500s Martin Luther experienced immense persecution as he tried to bring the truths of God's Word back to the church. In the face of that persecution and difficulty he did not rely on his own strength, but relied on the strength of God. Luther compared God to a mighty fortress. In your walk of faith, do you feel like you have hit a wall? Are you in a time where serving Christ or living out the truths of God's Word have become difficult? This Sunday come to worship to hear how God can strengthen you for the challenges you face in this life and prepare us for the eternal life to come. See you Sunday!

***Our Hope, Our Home*:** Great news! Over the last few days of our campaign, enough gifts came in to take us to our full goal! $225,000 was raised and will be matched, resulting in $450,000 for Bethel and our projects. May the Lord be praised!

Call Meeting: This Sunday (10/25) has been set for the call meeting to extend the call to our next school leader. I encourage you to be in attendance at this special meeting after church.

Grandparents' Day: This Friday (10/23) is our annual Grandparents' Day. Grandparents can arrive at 9:45 and be seated in the church, and the program will begin at 10:00 in the church. Following the program, grandparents will go with their grandchildren to participate in the different class activities. School will be dismissed at noon on this day.

Class Party Day: Next Friday (10/30) is Class Party Day for grades K-8. Thank you to our Room Mother volunteers for helping put these parties together. Students may bring their costumes to school to change into for the afternoon. Please keep costumes fun and keep in mind we have younger students in our building. Check with your child's teacher for further details about their classroom's party.

Hot Lunch: A schedule for hot lunch sent home recently. 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 this Wednesday, October 21st.***

Girls' Club & Boys' Club: Events for these organizations are coming up soon. Check the flyers in the newsletter for information about the upcoming events.

Advent by Candlelight: Heads up! Advent by Candlelight is coming up. We will meet on Sunday, December 6th at 6:30 pm. We welcome all ladies and girls grades 7 and up. Please consider hosting a table. For more information, contact Alice Danell at alicedanell@gmail.com or 757-871-7865.

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.

Cardinal for a Day & MLS Play: Recently permission slips were sent out for students in grades 5-8 for their field trips to Cardinal for a day (10/29) and the MLS play (11/06). Please return those permission slips this week. Please note that we are in need of drivers for the MLS play on Friday, November 6th.

BALM Reformation Service: You are invited to a joint Reformation service at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (602 Sidney St, Bay City) on Wednesday, October 28th @ 6:30 p.m. The joint service will include several sister congregations in our area that are part of our Bay Area Lutheran Ministries (BALM).

Birthdays:
Mrs. Barb Urban - PreK-Aid - 10/23
Ellie Johnson - PreK-3 - 10/24

Coming Up:
- **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
    - MLS Play (Grades 5-8)
- 11/11 - 1st Qtr. Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/13 - Principals' Conference
- 11/16 - Parent/Teacher Conference
- 11/24 - Pie Night
- 11/25-11/27 - Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- 12/06 - Board of Education Meeting
- 12/13 - PreK & Kindergarten Christmas Service
- 12/17 - Grades 1-8 Children's Christmas Service
- 12/18-01/03 - Christmas Break (No School)

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates
- 11/01 - Cherub Choir
- 11/08 - Cantate Choir
- 11/25 - Grades 1-8 (Thanksgiving)
- 12/13 - Preschool & Kindergarten Christmas Service
- 12/17 - Grades 1-8 Christmas Service

Bethel Booster Activities:
- 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/Daugher Dance — Thunberg/Wilson
- TBD - Pine Car Derby — Powers

<u>Girls Basketball Game Schedule</u>:
(*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

<u>Practice Schedule</u>:

- **A team - Sunday, October 18th - 5:00-6:30**
- **B team - Tuesday, October 20th - 5:00-6:30**
- **A team - Wednesday, October 21st - 3:00-4:30**
- **B team - Wednesday, October 21st - 5:00-6:30**
- **A team - Wednesday, October 22nd - 3:00-4:30**
- A team - Sunday, October 25th - 12:00-1:30
- B team - Sunday, October 25th - 12:30-23:00
- A team - Wednesday, October 28th - 3:00-4:30
- B team - Wednesday, October 28th - 5:00-6:30

<u>Michigan Lutheran Seminary News</u>

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).