School News Bobcat Bulletin November 2nd, 2026

BETHEL
Ev. Lutheran Church & School

Anchored in Christ

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

Worship Schedule:

- Thursday, November 5th @ 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, November 8th @ 10:00 a.m.
    - Sunday School & Bible Class @ 9:00 a.m.

Worship Encouragement: Have you ever been unprepared for something? Maybe it was a party or holiday meal that you weren't quite ready for. Maybe it was an assignment in school or a project at work that wasn't finished by the time the deadline came. Maybe it was an important conversation that took a turn that you weren't expecting or prepared for. In general, we don't like the feeling of being unprepared. We plan and go over different scenarios in our heads to make sure we are as prepared as we can be for the different circumstances we face in life. As you consider what you prepare for in your daily life, do you consider your spiritual life and being prepared for Jesus' return? How do we prepare for the second coming of our Savior? This Sunday our worship theme will center around being prepared for the return of Jesus. Come to worship to hear how we can make sure our hearts and minds are ready for the return of our Savior as we eagerly await eternal life with Him. See you Sunday!

Call Update: Mr. Kaleb Buch still holds the divine call to Bethel and continues to deliberate where to use his gifts in service to the ministry. He is currently serving at St Luke's Lutheran School in Oakfield, Wisconsin. Please keep Mr. Buch and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where to serve. If you would like contact information to reach out to Mr. Buch to discuss his call to Bethel with him, please contact Mr. Thooft or Pastor Killinger.

Hot Lunch: The Hot Lunch this Wednesday (11/04) is pizza from Hungry Howie's Pizza.

MLS Play: Students in grades 5-8 should return the permission slips for the MLS play as soon as possible. We will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. to be seated for the 9:30 a.m. show. We will return to school around or shortly before lunch time.

End of 1st Quarter: This Friday (11/06) marks the end of the 1st quarter. Report cards for quarter one will be sent home next Wednesday, November 11th..

Girls B Team Tournament: This Saturday (11/07), our girls' basketball B team will participate in the B team tournament at Emmanuel in Tawas (216 N St W, Tawas City, MI 48763). The schedule is as follows:

GAME #1 - 9:00 a.m.
Bethel vs. Trinity

GAME #2 - 10:00 a.m.
Emanuel vs. St.Bartholomew/Good Shepherd

GAME #3 - 11:30 a.m. (Consolation Game)
GAME #4 - 12:30 a.m. (Championship Game)

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 16th, in the afternoon. Scan the QR code to sign up for a time.

Library Display: Throughout the month of November head down to the Alice Wirt Library to check out some of our students' artwork being displayed there. Artwork from our students will be displayed in the kids section of the library.

Congregational Bingo/Fall Bazaar: Back by popular demand is Bingo day! Bingo will be next Sunday, November 8th after the Ladies Aid Bazaar and fellowship brunch. The Bazaar and brunch are right after church. Bingo will follow. Bingo and the Bazaar are open to all ages at no cost. Come and join us for some fall fellowship!

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.

Living Christmas Card: Friday, December 4th from 5:30-7:30pm & Saturday, December 5th from 5:30-7:30pm at St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church and School, Kawkawlin. Come and see! Invite friends and family, neighbors and co-workers. We can use some volunteers, especially teens and adults to dress up as Bethlehem villagers. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the school entrance.

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 $57.25. Our total for the quarter is $608.04. 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.

Boys Basketball Open Gym: Open gym times will start on Nov. 11th for boys basketball A team players (grades 6-8) from 7:00-8:30 and continue on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00. Contact Coach Powers if you have any questions.

Birthdays:
Keiran Kent - 7th grade - 11/01
Briar Laleman - PreK-4 - 11/03
Abigail Vanness - 3rd grade - 11/04

Coming Up:

- **11/06 - End of 1st Quarter**
    - **MLS Play (Grades 5-8)**
- 11/11 - 1st Qtr. Report Cards Sent Home
    - Veterans Day
- 11/13 - Principals' Conference
- 11/16 - Parent/Teacher Conference
    - Faculty In-Service in a.m.
- 11/24 - Pie Night
- 11/25-11/27 - Thanksgiving Break (No School)
- 12/04-12/05 - Living Christmas Card @ St. Bart's
- 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)

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

Upcoming Singing Schedule Dates

- **11/08 - Cantate Choir**
- 11/25 - Grades 1-8 (Thanksgiving)
- 12/13 - Preschool & Kindergarten Christmas Service
- 12/17 - Grades 1-8 Christmas Service

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*)

- **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 (A only)
- 12/05 - MALL A Team Tournament @ STB
- 12/11-12/12 - MLS Tournament @ MLS

Practice Schedule:

- **A team - Sunday, November 1st - 5:00-6:30**
- **A team - Wednesday, November 4th - 3:00-4:30**
- **B Team - Wednesday, November 4th - 5:30-7:00**
- A team - Wednesday, November 10th - 3:00-4:30
- A team - Wednesday, November 11th - 3:00-4:30
- B Team - Wednesday, November 11th - 5:30-7:00

Church Text Message Updates: If you would like to receive Bethel news and updates through text message, please text any word or phrase to 833-567-3062.

Worship streaming and replay: You can always find our worship content on our YouTube channel. We are live on Sunday morning at 10 am!

Michigan Lutheran Seminary News

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

Catch the Comedy "Check Please" at MLS!
Looking for a night of laughs? The MLS Fine Arts Department presents Check Please, a hilarious comedy following Guy and Girl as they navigate the chaotic world of modern dating. After surviving a series of bizarre blind dates, they realize they might be perfect for each other—until they're thrown back into the dating pool with even stranger matches!

Saturday, November 7 at 6:30 PM
Sunday, November 8 at 3:00 PM
Adults: $10 | Children (Ages 3–12): $5
Tickets go on sale October 12 at 10:00 AM. Reserve your seats online at mlsem.org/programs/fine-arts/.