

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 19, 2017



<b>Traditional Worship Service:</b>	Saturday - 6:30 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
<b>Connect Service:</b>	Sunday - 11:00 a.m. (Gym)
<b>German Worship Service:</b>	11:00 a.m. (2nd Sunday of month)

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St. Lorenz Lutheran Church & School

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES - March 22:**  
9:30 a.m., 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE - March 25 & 26:**

Saturday - Church (Communion)	6:30 p.m.
Sunday - Church	8:00 a.m.
Sunday - Church	9:30 a.m.
Connect - Gym (Communion)	11:00 a.m.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE for March 11 & 12:**

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	231
Sunday Worship	8:00 a.m.	143
Sunday Worship	9:30 a.m.	474
Connect Worship	11:00 a.m.	494
German Worship	11:00 a.m.	45
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,387</b>

**Chapel Communion Services** will be held on **Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Hope. If you plan to attend, please call the Church Office at 652-6141 on Monday, **March 20<sup>th</sup>** by 9:00 a.m. *Remember: Valet parking is available for anyone who wishes to make use of it.*

Please keep front parking spaces open Monday for Chapel Communion.



**The Concordia University Seward Nebraska A Cappella Choir** will be performing in concert at St. Lorenz Church, on **Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.** They will also be singing during the 6:30 service. It is part of their 2017 Midwest Spring Concert Tour. Admission is free and a free will offering will be taken to help defray travel costs. Several of our former St. Lorenz students are a part of the 73 member choir: Carlie Mueller, Sarah Mueller and Emily Sievert. Come and enjoy this musical performance!

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**LENTEN WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**  
**March 15:**

9:30 a.m.	35
5:00 p.m.	299
7:00 p.m.	<u>48</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>382</b>

**The Season of Lent** You are invited to spend some extra time with the Lord during these next weeks as we review the events of the last week of His earthly ministry and what that means for us today. The theme for Pastor Brandt's sermon series for the mid-week services is "He Touched Me." Services times on Wednesdays are 9:30 a.m., 5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Our pastoral team will also preach a sermon series at all weekend services that is titled: "God Still Loves the World."

**LLL - LHM Announcement** - The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention **will be in Frankenmuth on Saturday, April 29**, beginning at noon. St. Lorenz LLL will be the host organization to sponsor this event. Mark Eischer, son of Roy & Lois Eischer, and senior producer for the Lutheran Hour will be the afternoon speaker at the St. Lorenz dining hall, and Rev. Dr. Paul Maier will be the evening speaker for the banquet at Splash Village. Registrations can be made at [gilbartz@charter.net](mailto:gilbartz@charter.net) or contact Robert Loesel for a paper registration form.

**Sievert Benefit Dinner/Auction to be held May 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m.** at the St. Lorenz school gym. Sponsored by friends and supporters of the Sievert family.

Is your wardrobe crying out for a new, classy-looking t-shirt with a message of support and encouragement? We have it! Order forms for this one-of-a-kind t-shirt are available now at the school office from Lisa Perry; 989-652-4142 ext. 313 or from Bridget Morris at 989-293-4150. Pre-ordered shirts will be bagged and available for pick-up at the gym on auction day. **Pre-order sales must be in by Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.** We will have some extra shirts available for immediate purchase on the day of the auction. Subsequent orders need to be handled directly through Grasel Graphics. Thank you for supporting this unique opportunity to show love and support!  
1 Peter 5:5

**St. Lorenz Youth Ministry Lenten Suppers 2017**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> McDonald's Pancake and Sausage

Serving Times: 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.  
Location: St. Lorenz Dining Hall

**A Free Will Offering will be accepted. Monies will help to fund our lunch time Bible studies. Join us for some good food and fellowship.**

**No Lenten Suppers on March 29 or April 5**

**Cemetery Maintenance**  
Anyone wishing to keep their grave blankets or wreaths, or any part of them, should have them removed by **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting. **(Due to the high winds on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> many grave blankets and decorations have blown away.)**

**Our Pastors:** Mark D. Brandt • Caleb M. Adams • Shawn D. Fenske • Joel C. Kaiser • Vicar Chris Garcia  
Dale C. Ahlschwede, Emeritus • Gary L. Bender, Emeritus • Michael N. Fitzgerald, Emeritus

## Examine the Evidence...

*The following is used with permission from "A Closer Look at the Evidence" by Richard & Tina Kleiss*

### Astronomy

One of the most straightforward evidences that our solar system is quite young is the presence of comets. With each trip past the sun, a comet loses part of its icy core. A comet's tail is evidence of material being stripped away by the sun's heat. Evolutionary astronomers acknowledge that comets could not be very old, but speculate that they are still around because they are being replenished from a storehouse of comets called the Oort cloud. The Oort cloud is a hypothetical area outside of our solar system where millions of comets supposedly reside. They speculate that some unknown mechanism kicks comets out of this storehouse into orbit within our solar system. **There is absolutely no evidence for the existence of the Oort cloud.**

A recent study published in *Nature* [409(6820): 589-591] shows additional problems for the belief in this imaginary Oort cloud. For such an area in space to statistically have enough comets such that one occasionally enters our solar system, far more would be destroyed by collisions within the Oort cloud itself—not leaving enough to enter our solar system. The Oort cloud does not qualify as a scientific theory, because there is no evidence of its existence. It is just assumed to exist. Yet it is taught as a fact in science textbooks. **The very existence of comets is still excellent evidence that our solar system is only a few thousand years old.**

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Psalm 19:1*

# LENT

### CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Worship Service.....8:00 a.m.

..... 9:30 a.m.

Connect ..... 11:00 a.m.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - German..... 11:00 a.m.*

#### Tuesday

Worship for Shut-ins..... 7:00 p.m.

Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.

#### Thursday

Worship Service.....7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

Worship Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

## BIBLE STUDIES

### The Story of Jesus Bible Study

We will be meeting for our fifth study **Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8:30 p.m.** in the conference room near the church offices. Our lesson is entitled "The Resurrection" based on the chapter *The Story of Jesus* with the same name. Copies of *The Story of Jesus* are available at the Bible study. If you have any questions contact the Vicar at 652-6142 x 130 or by e-mail at vicar@stlorenz.org

### Pastor's Bible Class on 3-26

Class begins at **9:30 a. m.**

The German people were beginning to buy printed books, many authored by Luther. As Luther visited the towns and villages, he realized that the people needed to study God's Word. So he wrote the Large and Small Catechisms as teaching guides to the Bible. Next week we will study **Luther, the Educator and Administrator.**

For next Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, please read Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

Please, if possible, bring your own Bible. We meet in the Adult Education Rooms on the North (School) Campus.

**Everyone is welcome.**

### Adult Bible Study

Sunday mornings at the Rock for breakfast, 9:30 a.m. Class is led by Chuck Anderson. Always in-depth and insightful. Class is open to anyone, and you are encouraged to check it out for yourself. We are looking at the purposes of Jesus' life. From there we will turn to the study of Luther right after Easter.

### Join us for a new Women's Bible study

on Monday's in the Heritage room from 12:30-2:30 p.m. For questions please text or call Amy at 989-928-0620.

## CARING MINISTRIES

### FAM needs:

Soap, razors, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, Men/women/kids socks and underwear, Mens jeans and spring attire...We are **no longer accepting winter clothing.** Drop off in church basement, school office, or bin by gym.

### Bulletin Bits

Last year almost 79,000 meals were served at the **Saginaw Rescue Mission.** Donations of cereal and canned food are always needed and appreciated. You can check out our current needs list on our website at rescuesaginaw.org. For information on ways you can help, call Meredith, the kitchen manager at 752-6051 ext. 119.

The Hope and Care hygiene drive is now underway! If you'd like to donate hygiene products for use by those staying at the **Saginaw Rescue Mission,** please contact Nancy Hillenbrand at 752-6051 ext. 122.

### "Living With Cancer"

support group sponsored by Covenant HealthCare and St. Lorenz Stephen Ministry meets at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the lower level at Covenant HealthCare, 600 N. Main Street, Frankenmuth. The **next meeting will be March 21<sup>st</sup>.** The group welcomes all survivors and caregivers for sharing, caring and support. For more information, contact Maggie Kempf at 652-6923.

### Ushers are Needed

for Funeral Serving Committee. The responsibilities include passing out service programs and helping to take down tables after the luncheon. If you are able to help please contact Leo Daenzer at 652-6571.

## GIFTS

### In Honor of Elberta Poellet's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:

Trip Assistance to Noah's Ark/Creation Museum - Elberta Poellet

Church Decorating - Roland & Delores Weiss

St. Lorenz School Library - Wilbert & Lillian Keinath

### In Honor of Dennis & Terry Martin's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

St. Lorenz School - Dorothy Kuck

### In Memory of Edward Schiefer's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 25<sup>th</sup>:

St. Lorenz Foundation - Beulah Schiefer Family

**A Big THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make our **2017 St. Lorenz School Benefit Auction, "Garden of Eden,"** a success! The support our school receives from our congregation, once again, exceeds all expectations. Thank you to attendees, donors, bidders, businesses, our St. Lorenz School faculty and staff, Hope Strieter, the Auction Ambassadors, 2017 auction sponsors, and all who helped to contribute to this year's auction. Thank you also to our auctioneer, Eric Baarck and spotters Frank Bender, Mel Braeutigam, and Seth Gutkowski.

We are humbled by the support our school and school children receive and would like to express our appreciation. Most of all, we thank our God and Savior who continues to be faithful to us.

**INFORMATION TO SHARE**

Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz



**"A Well That Runs Deep Because You Need It"**

Jesus is determined to meet you today with the water of grace only He can give. (John 4:5-26)

Broadcast Sunday on WSAM 1400 AM 8:30-9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., 660 Sandusky. Xero commy, also [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

**Friday Noon Prayer Time**

The chapel will be open each Friday noon (12:15 - 1:00 p.m.) for a short, informal prayer time. Members may pop in and pop out and join with Pastor Bob Smith with any current/ongoing prayer concerns.

**"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"You might think you've made mistakes that can't be forgiven, you've been broken beyond repair, you've been lost in the eyes of the world. But God has loved you so deeply that He created you, He redeemed you, and He called you to new life through that same Holy One of Israel. Live this new life of faith to the glory of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, today and forever, Amen." Rev. Paul J. Frank, Hosanna Lutheran Church and School, Mesa, Arizona--A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).



**Missionary League/WinGS to feature**  
**BEACON OF HOPE Speaker**

**Monday, April 3 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Lorenz Church Parlor**

Amy Srebinski, Executive Director of the Beacon of Hope Pregnancy Care Center located at 2360 Midland Rd. in Bay City, will be our featured speaker. Beacon of Hope is a Pro-life Christian Ministry that offers confidential help at no charge to women experiencing a crisis or unplanned pregnancy. Services available are: early detection pregnancy test, information on abortion and associated risks, information on pregnancy and fetal development, adoption information and referrals, material assistance and information on services from other community agencies. **An open invitation is extended to all women and friends of St. Lorenz to hear this dynamic speaker.**

Refreshments begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by a short business meeting and the speaker. Our love offering for the month will be a cash collection for Beacon of Hope, as they supply diapers and many necessary newborn items for their clients. There will be an election of LWML officers at this April meeting.

**Church Pictorial Directory**

Don't forget to schedule your appointment for the Church Pictorial Directory! Call Gaylene at the St. Lorenz Church office at 652-0771 or schedule on line at <https://calendly.com/rummelstudios>. Along with weekday times, there are **evening times March 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday & Sunday times March 18, 25 & 26**. The final deadline for pictures is **April 30**. Thank you!

**NOTE:** Only those families having their picture taken will be receiving a pictorial directory.



**What happens when I decide I'd like to have a Stephen Minister?**

If you feel that you'd benefit from having a Stephen Minister, you need to call one of the people listed at the end of this paragraph. They will speak with you and find out what your need is. Then you will be matched with a specific Stephen Minister, who will call you to set up time to begin meeting together. A Stephen Minister will keep your conversations confidential and will never judge you or tell you what to do; and as you meet together and talk, Christ will begin to work in your life and help you with whatever is troubling you!

To request the help of a Stephen Minister or to find out more, call:

Dennis Weirauch 652-6954  
Jeannette Stange 652-0567  
Pastor Fenske 652-6141  
or visit our website: [stephenministry.stlorenz.org](http://stephenministry.stlorenz.org)

**Christian Book Club (CBC)**

When a shipping container washes ashore on an island between our world and the next, John the Collector finds a young woman inside--broken, frozen, and barely alive. With the aid of Healers and Scholars, John oversees her recovery and soon discovers that her genetic code connects her to every human race. No one would guess what her survival will mean ... From Wm. Paul Young, author of the bestseller, "The Shack", comes a captivating new novel, "Eve", destined to be one of the most talked-about books. We will meet for discussion of the novel "Eve", **Monday, March 27, 9-11 a.m.**, in the Adult Ed Room at St. Lorenz School (Genesee Street entrance). Everyone is welcome. For questions and information call Karen Fischer 989-652-8849.

**YOUTH**

**Lenten Suppers – March 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Anyone attending the Michigan District Youth Gathering, INAMIAH – Benton Harbor, or INAMIAH – Cincinnati, are expected to help out. All Youth are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies on the following schedule: **March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Freshmen.** Youth should arrive 5:30 p.m. and should be finished by 7:15 p.m.

**Bible study opportunities:**

- **Bible Study lunches - Monday is Freshman and Seniors; Wednesday is Sophomores and Juniors.**
- **Sunday morning Bible Study Breakfast 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** at the Rock. Breakfast is served. **This is open to 7-12 grades as well as adults.**
- **Wednesday morning Bible study breakfast, Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>.** We meet at the Rock 7:15 a.m. and are done by 7:55 a.m.
- **FCA Friday,** – 7:30 a.m. at McDonalds.



## Fundraiser

**Come out to Project Palooza** and support the St. Lorenz MOPS Ministry (Mothers Of Preschoolers) also! This event is for all crafters!

Project Palooza will be held in the St. Lorenz School Dining Hall on **Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 10:00 p.m.**

Delicious dinner, snacks, raffle drawings included!

Choose to rent table space and work on projects that you need to finish up--some alone work time!! (\$25), OR choose to create one of the pallet painting options offered--Easter options and MI options (\$35), OR Make a pallet painting AND rent a table for workspace for \$45!

Registration is open now until 1 week before the event.

Please contact Heather Robertson for more information and to register: 810-516-6834, heatherrobertson2004@gmail.com \*Vendors who may be interested in attending may rent a table, as space allows, in exchange for a gift basket or door prize valued at \$30 or higher.

### Manage Your Giving Online

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions to St. Lorenz and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at [www.stlorenz.org](http://www.stlorenz.org),
- 2) Click on the Giving tab,
- 3) Click on the Give Online button,
- 4) Click on the Create Profile button (in the right-hand column), then
- 5) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions. If you do not have computer access, please stop by the church office to set up your online giving.

**IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED** it is most important that you or a family member call Gaylene (the pastors' secretary) at 652-0771. This will assure you that a pastor will stop in to visit you while hospitalized. Due to regulations, we are no longer able to rely on information received from the hospitals regarding patient information. Thank you for helping us serve you better.

### 2017 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

has been placed in the church narthex on the east wall of the center entrance. Please feel free to sign up for providing flowers for the altar vases on a given Sunday. This can be done in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special anniversary, birthday, etc.

Donations to the Altar Guild are also accepted to help pay for flowers when no one has signed up. The cost of flowers for both vases is \$100. Contact Lori Warnemuende at 652.2999.

### The Need is Great

#### Lutheran World Relief

#### Collection Items Needed:

- New Light Weight Bath Towels (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27")**
- Bath Bars of Soap**
- Metal Fingernail Clippers w/file**
- Combs with wide teeth**
- Adult size toothbrushes**

Please place items in the plastic bin in the church parlor near the bookstore. Your giving is needed and appreciated!!!

*Thanks for your faithful giving!*



### LENTEN EVENTS



#### **The Tri-City Good Friday Worship Service**

will be held on **April 14, 2017** at the Horizon's Conference Center at 6200 State Street in Saginaw Township at 1 p.m. The Reverend Dr. Richard Wolfram who is in Administration at the Michigan District office in Ann Arbor will be the guest speaker. In order to underwrite the cost of this service, we are seeking support from congregation members as we have done in the past. If you would like to donate, contact our congregation representative, Shirley Kern at 652-2246. Checks should be made out to "Good Friday Service". Thank you for any support you can give, and invite your relatives, friends and unchurched acquaintances to join us.



#### **Living Passion Drama**

St. Michael Lutheran Church in Richville will host a Living Passion Drama on **Wednesday, April 12, Good Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15**. Come to our park next to the school on M-15 in Richville between 6 and 9 p.m. This is a continuous guided walk outdoors as you witness 8 scenes of the Lord's Passion as a docu-drama. The path is paved and easy for wheelchairs to navigate. Fellowship and refreshments follow this free 15 minute walk.

### facebook

Did you know there is a Youth face book page? Check out [StLorenzYouthMinistry](#)

Note it is not linked to the church website. The page is updated regularly by Kate Sanborn. So if you want to know what is happening in the Jr. High or the high school check it out on face book.

#### Bulletin

Did you know that you can receive this bulletin electronically by either email or on the St. Lorenz website? If you would like the bulletin emailed to you please email Deb Hollenback at [dhollenback@stlorenz.org](mailto:dhollenback@stlorenz.org) and let her know. Accessing on the website: [stlorenz.org/latest](http://stlorenz.org/latest) news tab