

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 26, 2017



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

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St. Lorenz Lutheran Church & School

LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES - March 29:

9:30 a.m., 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE - April 1 & 2:

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE for March 18 & 19:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	250
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	268
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	352
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m.	386
Chapel Communion.....	9:30/11:00 a.m.	28
Total		1,284



EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

This year we are adding a 10:00 "Connect" service to our Easter morning schedule. Service times are as follows:

- 7:00 Sunrise Worship
- 9:00 Festival Worship
- 10:00 Connect Worship (in the gym)
- 11:00 Festival Worship

This is a great opportunity to invite someone to attend worship with you!

LENTEN WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 22:

9:30 a.m.	28
5:00 p.m.	329
7:00 p.m.	55
Total:	412

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."

Concordia-Nebraska Offering

We are grateful to the Concordia A Cappella Choir for assisting in our worship at 6:30 p.m., 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. and for their performance at the Saturday evening concert. If you would like to help support them, you may do so by placing cash or a check made out to "Concordia-Nebraska" into the plate as the offering is being received.

Sievert Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction

to be held **May 20th** beginning at 4:30 p.m. in our school cafeteria and gym. This event is sponsored by friends, supporters, and brothers and sisters in Christ of the Sievert family.

Dinner tickets are \$10 each for adults and \$6 each for children under 12. Tickets will go **on sale beginning April 18th** and are available at our church and school offices and are limited to a seating capacity of 300. Please do NOT try to reserve them in advance of this date!

Order forms for T-shirts with a message of support are available now from Lisa Perry at 989.652.6142, ext 313 or from Bridget Morris at 989.293.4150. **Orders must be in by May 5th** and will be bagged and ready for you to pick up on the day of the auction. The silent auction will begin at 4:30 and end at 6:00 p.m. The Auction is open to everyone and NOT limited to those with dinner tickets only!

To donate products or services, please contact Cheri Poulos at 989.482.4294 or Susie Zwerk at 989.652.6512. Stay tuned to your bulletin for weekly updates and reminders! John 13:35.

Monthly Financial Report

Ministry Council would like to provide our members with current financial reports on a regular basis; therefore, a financial summary will be provided in our bulletin on a periodic basis. Any questions on this information can be directed to Jeremy Frank at the church office: jfrank@stlorenz.org or 652-0786.

	Feb 28, 17	Ministry Plan	Feb 29, 16
	Actual YTD	YTD	Actual YTD
Operating Fund Income	\$ 610,870	\$ 623,175	\$ 645,914
Operating Fund Expenses	<u>745,982</u>	<u>775,475</u>	<u>727,560</u>
Income Over (Under) Exp.	<u>\$ (135,112)</u>	<u>\$ (152,300)</u>	<u>\$ (81,646)</u>
			Capital
Fund Balances	Operating	Missions	Improvement
1/1/2017 Balance	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 133,664
Income	610,870	47,793	20,071
Disbursements	<u>(745,982)</u>	<u>(44,620)</u>	<u>(6,075)</u>
2/28/2017 Balance	<u>\$ (135,112)</u>	<u>\$ 3,172</u>	<u>\$ 147,661</u>

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

Biology

Eels are among the most mysterious animals on earth. The prevailing scientific opinion is that all American and European eels lay their eggs under a mass of seaweed 1,500 feet deep in the Sargasso Sea. The pinhead-size eggs hatch to release transparent, ribbonlike creatures with no eyes or mouths. Billions of these tiny, blind creatures are programmed to travel 1,000 to 3,000 miles across the ocean. They get into the Gulf Stream and are carried toward Europe or America. Traveling farther north, they gradually lose their transparency and their eyes and mouths appear. The eels that are not eaten slowly develop hearts and stomachs. Next they swim up rivers and eat everything in sight, dead or alive. They gradually turn yellow and grow up to 3 feet long.

For the first five to eight years, eels are sexless, after which they develop both male and female organs. Once mature, their noses become pointy, they start back downstream, and their skin turns silvery. Apparently they never eat again, because no silver eel has ever been found with food in its stomach. The eels swim thousands of miles to their birthplace in the Sargasso Sea. At this time the eels either become a male or a female as one of their sex organs shrivels up. Once they reproduce, the eels die.

It is beyond comprehension to think all of this could have somehow evolved by random mutational processes. God designed this complex sequence allowing eels to thrive in our fallen world.

*"...stop and consider God's wonders."
Job 37:14*



CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Sunday

Worship Service.....8:00 a.m.
..... 9:30 a.m.
Connect 11:00 a.m.
2nd 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

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

Pastor's Bible Class on 4-02-17

Class begins at 9:30 a. m.

Next week, April 2nd, we will study **Luther, the Writer and Publisher**. Please read Jeremiah 31:31-34.

As Luther visited churches in the towns and villages, he realized that the people needed to study God's Word. The people knew little about the Bible. There were only a few published books to help the people learn God's Word. So he wrote many books including the Large and Small Catechisms as teaching guides to the Bible.

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

Franklin Avenue Mission

"If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him." John 13:14-16

As we contemplate Christ's sacrifice for us during this Lenten season, we have a wonderful opportunity, once again, to show our love for what Christ has done for us by volunteering to serve His people at the FRANKLIN AVE MISSION. St. Lorenz and St. Michael are serving the meal, **April 11 and 13**. Many people are needed to serve in the various areas: Two **Greeters**, one at each door, from 3:45 -6 p.m.; **Volunteers to interact with the children** from 4-5 p.m.; **Servers** to serve food, drinks, and to help with dishes and cleanup; **Table hosts** to develop relationships with the neighbors and get to know their needs, from 4:30-6 p.m.

Please sign up on sign up genius, Franklin Ave Diner for the job you would like to serve in or email Beppie at beppie.schroeder@gmail.com or call 652-4516. Check out the website www.FranklinAveMission.org

GIFTS

A Thankoffering for Loraine F. Weiss's 95th Birthday:

St. Lorenz Foundation - Loraine F. Weiss
St. Lorenz Foundation - Charles, Kelly & Ryan Weiss

In Honor of Irene Bronner's 90th Birthday:

St. Lorenz Altar Guild - Randy & Deneen Bronner
St. Lorenz Church - The Lentner Family

In Memory of Edward Schiefer's 90th Birthday March 25th:

St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Marcella Weber
Franklin Avenue Mission - Dan Haubenstricker
St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Irene & Ralph Haubenstricker

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 Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



"God's Got It In For Me"

God can use our troubles and crosses for a higher purpose that we may not understand until we reach heaven. (John 9:1-41)

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.

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

"The trap of a human philosophy and society shaped by merely utilitarian aims will always (and I mean 'always') lead to horror and hatred. Always. No matter how smart we get, how advanced our technical skills, how 'scientific' we think we are, the human person is more than what we can see. If we weren't more than that, there would be no art, no beauty, no poetry. We are more than what we see!" *Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia--A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life 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>. Weekday times available from 9:00-4:45 along with Saturdays on April 15, 22 & 29. **The final deadline for pictures is April 30.** Thank you!

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



Camp Lu Lay Lea work days have been scheduled for **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 18, 19, 20.** The major work will be to replace windows and doors in some of the cabins. Skilled and semi-skilled carpenters are needed for this project. Other work includes painting, and ground clean-up. You pick which day or days fits your schedule. Transportation and meals provided. Contact Robert Loesel at bob26851@hotmail.com or 652-6570.

Moon Party at St. Lorenz School:

Come on back for part 2 of our astronomy series exploring God's celestial creation! Local backyard astronomer and retired missionary, Dr. Rodney Rynearson will take us on a journey to the moon! We will explore the phases of the moon and use binoculars and telescopes to view beautiful mountains and craters on its surface. Please meet in the Adult Ed room near the church office on **Friday, April 7th, starting at 7:00 p.m.** We will be heading outdoors after an indoor presentation, so dress for the weather. Rain date is Saturday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m., same location.

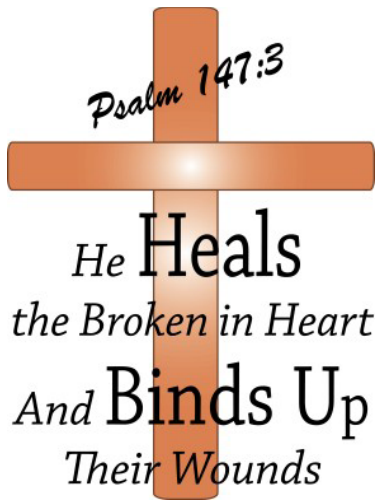
Christian Book Club (CBC)

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

Bible study opportunities:

- **No Bible Study lunches this week - Spring Break. We will resume April 3rd**
- **This class will meet - Sunday morning Bible Study Breakfast 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.** at the Rock. Breakfast is served.
- **No FCA Friday**



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.

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.



Mothers of Preschoolers

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 7th 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 one 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.

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!



Did you know there is a Youth face book page? Check out **StLorenzYouthMinistry**

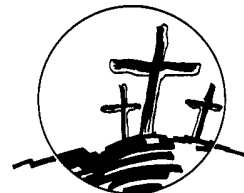
Note it is not linked to the church website. The page is updated regularly by Kate Sanborn. So if you want to know what is happening in the Jr. High or the high school check it out on face book.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church The Search for Jesus Easterwalk

Performance Dates:

- Palm Sunday, April 9th at 4:30 p.m.**
- Good Friday, April 14th at 4:30 & 7 p.m.**

Barrier free, Nursery available
Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance to wander through the marketplace



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.

NEED A PASTOR AFTER HOURS?

If you are in need of pastoral assistance, you may call the church office (652-6141) at any time. After hours you will be asked to leave your name and number. The pastor on call will return your call right away.

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. Access on the website: stlorenz.org/ latest news tab