

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER - APRIL 16, 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

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE - April 22 & 23:

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 April 8 & 9:

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m. ....	239
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m. ....	328
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m. ....	980
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m. ....	457
German Worship .....	11:00 a.m. ....	35
Total		2,039

### Chapel Communion Services

will be held on **Monday, April 17<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, April 17<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.

### Christ Has Risen!



### You are invited!

On **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, the St. Lorenz Foundation invites you to attend worship, hear a message from former vicar - Pastor Joe Polzin and join in a complimentary breakfast served by Zehnder's. The breakfast will be served in a tent right on the church parking lot. Join us for worship, food and fellowship. **Please contact the Church receptionist or email [pab@stlorenz.org](mailto:pab@stlorenz.org) by Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to let us know you will attend!** We will begin serving breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until just after 11:00.

### Franklin Avenue Mission

Prayer Warriors Unite! We have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the FAM neighborhood. On **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 p.m.** we will join together for a prayer walk thru the neighborhood. Groups will consist of 3-4 with each group including at least one resident. Be at St. Lorenz church parking lot at 3 p.m. to carpool, or meet us at the Mission at 3:45 p.m. You will each receive a sheet of scripture passages and sample prayers, or you can come prepared with prayers (continued on page 4)

### Celebrate Mrs. Zeddies Ministry with Us!

Please mark your calendar to celebrate the retirement of our beloved teacher, Mrs. Lynn Zeddies. This celebration will take place on **Sunday, May 7**. In order for as many people as possible to be able to speak personally with Mrs. Zeddies, she has asked that we host an Open House for her in our school Dining Hall on Sunday afternoon instead of a sit-down dinner. This Open House will include light refreshments and a brief program. We anticipate that the Open House will begin around 12:30 (following the Connect service), with the program beginning between 1:00 and 1:30 p.m. The Open House will conclude by 3:00 p.m.

**Girls of Grace Dancers** invite you to celebrate the Easter Season with us as we present:

### "OVERWHELMING LOVE"

Feeling OVERWHELMED at times? Have no fear...Jesus has come to OVERCOME the world! Just GIVE IT OVER to Him, and experience His grace. Come...be refreshed and inspired as His love OVERFLOWS from the stage...

**Saturday/Sunday, April 22/23 at 3 pm at Saginaw's Temple Theatre**

Reserved Tickets: \$10

Temple Box Office: 877-754-SHOW

**Please bring Disposable Diapers** to help families being served by Wellspring! We will collect at intermission!!

### TOWN HALL MEETING REGISTRATION

Please register for one of our Town Hall meetings to consider proposals for the best use of a 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary thank-offering. Your input would be very helpful in determining our next steps with this. Meetings are in the Family Crest Room at Bavarian Inn on **Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**. Sessions are at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. each day. You may register by calling 652-6141 or with the link that is being provided on emails from the church.



The foundation issues an annual report each year, outlining the foundation's financial highlights and the grants given during that year. The current annual report is available as a PDF on the foundation's website. Printed copies typically are available from the church office. [www.stlorenzfoundation.org](http://www.stlorenzfoundation.org)

**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*

### Physics

Many great scientists have challenged the billion-year claims of the evolutionary time scale. One is Lord Kelvin, the scientist whose brilliant thermodynamic analysis gave us the absolute temperature scale that bears his name. Kelvin's numerous papers and scientific research pointed out many errors of the long-age concepts held by uniformitarian geologists of his day. **Kelvin rejected the ancient timetable of Earth history, not because of its contradiction to the Bible, but because of its conflict with physics.**

Kelvin's studies dealt with the both high temperature of the earth's core and the slowing of the earth's rate of rotation as evidence for a young earth. **He calculated that if the earth had been around for over five billion years, its initial rate of rotation would have been at least twice its present rate** (the days being only 12 hours long). This increased rotational speed would have increased the centrifugal force four times, causing the ancient earth to bulge much greater than is presently found at the equator. There is no physical evidence that the earth's rotational speed was ever this fast.

Lord Kelvin strongly opposed the evolutionary presuppositions of an extremely old earth using science to justify his belief in a young earth. No one has ever been able to contradict his physics.

*The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.*

*Proverbs 3:19*

### Puppet Ministry News

If anyone would like to **Sponsor-a-Puppet**, please call 652-6885 and leave "a message". Every sponsorship helps us fund our Outreach Ministry.

### CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Worship Service..... 7:00 a.m.  
..... 9:00 a.m.  
..... 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

### No class this Sunday - Easter - 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.

### A two-session study on Martin Luther's *A Simple Way to Pray*

Come join this study for two Sunday evenings on **April 23 and 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Pastor Bob Smith will be the instructor for these two sessions. They will be held in the St. Lorenz adult education room. In this study, we will get just a taste of Luther's marvelous *A Simple Way to Prayer*.

### Pastor's Bible Class

Class begins at 9:30 a. m.

#### EASTER - No Bible Class

Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** we will begin our study of the Augsburg Confession.

The Augsburg Confession is the most important document of the Lutheran Reformation. We will study Romans 1:16-17.

Come and join with us in the Adult Education Rooms at the North (School) Campus. **Everyone is welcome.**

### War Room: Prayer Is A Powerful Weapon

You may have seen the movie *War Room* and have been impressed with the powerful praying of the lead character in the movie. Perhaps you've wondered how you too can utilize the gift God has given us of praying more effectively in your home with your family and in your personal life. Join Pastor Bob Smith on **Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Adult Education Room at the church office as he gives insight into praying more easily and effectively.

## GIFTS

**In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Urbytes:**

Christian Citizenship - Suzanne Hall

### A Man Named Martin – Part 1: 5 Week Study

If you missed it the first time around, now is your chance. The first of a three-part series, this five-session study, examines Luther's life and times through the lens of history, religion and theology. Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker for The Lutheran Hour, and numerous other scholars add their expertise and perspective to render a portrait of the life of this extraordinary man. This series will run **Sundays, April 23-May 21 at 9:30 a.m.** in the school dining hall and **Tuesdays, May 2-30 at 7:00 p.m.** in Conference Room 202. Scott Mueller is the study leader. (\*Please contact Scott 652-6142 ext. 159 or leave word at the reception desk of your intent to attend.)

## CARING MINISTRIES

### Rescue Mission Bulletin Bits

As we celebrate Easter today, we give thanks for the new life we have in our Savior, Jesus Christ! The Saginaw Rescue Mission shares that good news with the homeless and hurting with the support of those in our community. Thank you for all you do!

### Franklin Avenue Mission -

Items that are always needed are men's belts, tennis shoes, men's jeans waist size 30 - 36 in 32 & 34 lengths, boys pants size 4-5-6-7, and big men's anything including mechanics coveralls size XL, clean, very good condition bedding and towels. Thank you! Drop off in the church basement or school gym/office.

### LLL-LHM Announcement -

The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention will be in Frankenmuth on **SATURDAY, APRIL 29<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at noon. St. Lorenz LLL will be the host organization to sponsor this event. Mark Eischer, son of Roy and 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 or contact Robert Loesel for a paper registration form. The **deadline is April 22<sup>th</sup>**.

Last month to get your picture taken!

### 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 22 & 29 and Sunday, April 23. **The final deadline for pictures is April 30.** Thank you!

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

### Lutheran Woman's QUARTERLY

Spring 2017 issue is available for LWML members and friends on the shelf north of the Church Bookstore. Pick up your copy now! In 2017 LWML is celebrating 75 years of commending Christ from one generation to another.



## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz



### “Empty Tomb Hope!”

The assurance of Christ's resurrection turns wonder into reality and gives us an eternal hope.

(Matthew 28:1-10)

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).

### “LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“The grace of God is more than a message: it's a Person ... His love given in crucified sacrifice changes minds, claims imaginations, heals hearts, and saves souls. His power shown in resurrected presence assigns infinite value to all bodies and ultimate sanctity to every human life. Not only will He treat the culture, He will cure the people, because He has defeated the devil and hell itself.”  
Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life--A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).



### Spring Plant Card Sale

The St. Lorenz Puppet Ministry and the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class are selling Abele Gift Cards for bedding plant and other garden materials. Please contact a puppeteer or 7<sup>th</sup> grader to purchase a \$20 Gift Card. You may also call 652-0773 to purchase from the Puppet Ministry.

### To Africa With Love

Pastor Bob and Alice Smith will travel with a team of Lutheran educators to speak at the International Lutheran Education Conference in South Africa May 14-22, 2017. The purpose of the conference is to link, equip, and affirm Lutheran Educators around the globe. It will conclude with a 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary worship festival featuring the Concordia Chicago Wind Symphony. Following the conference, they will fly to Ghana where they will carry greetings from St. Lorenz Church and School and others to the Lutherans there. *(Article continues on page 4)*

### The Sievert Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction

will be held **May 20<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the school Cafeteria with the auction portion of the event. This auction is open to anyone in the community and is NOT limited to those with dinner tickets. An extremely wide and diverse variety of donations in ALL price ranges continues to flow in. NO credit cards will be accepted, so fill your checkbooks and fatten your wallets!! Christmas shop early! Continue to call Cheri Poulos at 989.482.4294 or Susie Zwerk at 989.652.6512 with your contributions.

The dinner tickets (along with a preliminary listing of auction items) will be available from the school and church office reception areas commencing April 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. the tickets for Norm's Chicken Dinner are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12 and are limited by a seating capacity to 300.

Many thanks to all who are contributing to and praying for the success of this endeavor. Phil. 2:4.

**A Blessed Easter to all!**

### Our St. Lorenz Male Chorus

along with men from five other churches went to Ft. Wayne on the weekend of January 14<sup>th</sup>. Songs were recorded for the “Worship For Shut-Ins” broadcast in the studio of Concordia Theological Seminary. **The recorded songs will be broadcast on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** on Satellite TV and Charter Cable Channel 2 or **April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** on Charter Cable Channel 191.

### Scholarship Applications

are available for the Ruben W. and Regina Kern Christian Scholarship, and the Donna Lynn Schmitzer Memorial Scholarship, from the church office receptionist. All applications must be **returned by April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Application requirements are as follows: candidates must be a member of a Missouri Synod congregation and must be preparing for the Lutheran ministry, a teaching position, or any other parish worker position at a synodical congregation or college. The candidates must demonstrate academic skills and must present a need for financial assistance.

### Student Aid Scholarship

Applications are available from the church office receptionist. All applications must be **returned by April 21<sup>st</sup>**. Application requirements are: must be a member of St. Lorenz, attend a synodical college, and must serve in the teaching or preaching ministry of a synodical congregation upon graduation.

### 50 Years Ago

On April 16, 1967 the enlarged and refurbished St. Lorenz sanctuary was dedicated. Guest preachers were Dr. Edwin C. Weber and Dr. Alfred Trinklein, both sons of our congregation. The new Casavant organ would be dedicated later, on Oct. 29 with its designer, Dr. Paul Bunjes. Services had already been conducted in the expanded sanctuary since Dec. 18, 1966.

## YOUTH

Bible study opportunities:

- **Bible Study lunches this week - Freshmen and Seniors Mondays; Sophomores and Juniors Wednesdays**
- **FCA Friday - 7:30 a.m.** at McDonald's
- **Sunday Bible Study Breakfast 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** at the Rock. Breakfast is served.
- **Wednesday morning *Hot Breakfast and Prayer*, Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.** We meet at the Rock 7:15 a.m. and are done by 7:55 a.m.
- **National Day of Prayer** – Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 4th. Our annual breakfast at the Rock, free t-shirt, sticky buns, and student led prayer for our community, state and nation. More details to follow.

## Summer Fun With FROG'S

**Question:** What does a frog say about St. Lorenz Summer Program?

**Answer:** Its "toadly" awesome!

Don't delay, come and play!

We'll have lots of fun in the sun;  
So many trips that you'll want to do flips;  
Baking, field trips, swimming, VBS and  
more –

You'll have so much fun you'll run  
through the door!

FROG'S is fantastic, super and great;  
**Bring in your forms.....don't be late!**

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## The Wellspring Lutheran Home Auxiliary

is hosting their spring meeting on **April 24<sup>th</sup>** at the Wellspring Lutheran Home in the lower level. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting convening at 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Heidi Brege, the director of nursing at Wellspring. She will share the challenges meeting nursing care to the many different residents of the Lutheran Home. A Bake Sale will be held. Please make luncheon reservations by calling Lois Eischer (652-9649) by April 17. Guests are always welcome to attend.

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## Fun 'n Games @ the Rock!

Widows, join us for cards and games at "The Rock" the first Thursday of the month. We'll be gathering this coming month on **Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30pm to 3:30 pm. We encourage you to bring a new widow friend for added fun. If you have any questions, please call Marie at 652-8407.

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**OWLS** - our next OWLS will be **Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** at the Rock. We will be serving Sloppy Joes and Cheesy Potatoes. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> to jhart@stlorenz.org or 652-0761.

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## Christian Book Club (CBC)

In the South you always say "yes, ma'am" and "no, ma'am." You know everybody's business. Football is a lifestyle and food-especially dessert-is almost a religious experience; you protect your friends as fiercely as you protect your family-even if the threat is something you cannot see. Join the Christian Book Club in reading the remarkable novel, "*The Secret to Hummingbird Cake*", by author Celeste Fletcher McHale. We meet to discuss the book, **Monday, April 24, 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.

## VBS 2017 is a Victory Celebration!

In *Mighty Fortress* VBS, your children learn that in Jesus, the victory is won! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore five Bible accounts about God, our Mighty Fortress, and the victory Jesus has won for us!

**Registration is now open** for students who have completed Pre-K through 5th Grade. **VBS will be from June 26<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m.-Noon.** Cost is \$25 per student or \$45 per family and includes a take home CD/DVD per family. Early registration ends June 1.

Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and more. Plus, you'll learn in Jesus, the victory is won! Can't wait to see you there! Register online at [stlorenz.org/VBS](http://stlorenz.org/VBS). Any questions about VBS? Contact Vicar Garcia: [vicar@stlorenz.org](mailto:vicar@stlorenz.org) or Mandy Liddle: [mliddle@stlorenz.org](mailto:mliddle@stlorenz.org)

**Be part of *Mighty Fortress* VBS!** As a **VBS volunteer** you can live out the theme "In Jesus, the victory is won" as you share the message and the fun with kids! If you can help, we have many ways to be involved. E-mail Stephanie Ittner: [stephanieaittner@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieaittner@gmail.com), for more information. Join us to see how in Jesus, the victory is won!

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### To Africa With Love

As a Lutheran pastor and teacher with a lifetime of shared experience in Christian education, the Smiths hope you can see the value in their presence at this conference and in Ghana. Their desire is that you might choose to partner with them for this trip by becoming a member of their SENDING TEAM. There are two ways you can do this.

First, pray for Pastor Bob and Alice:

- Pray for them daily from now throughout the days of their trip – good health, safety, wisdom, and God's blessing on every aspect of the conference and the trip to Ghana.

Second, you can participate by contributing financially to their support:

- The combined cost for the trip is around \$10,000.00
- Contributions can be made payable to St. Lorenz Church--note on memo line: SMITH MISSION FUND; mail to St. Lorenz Lutheran Church, 140 Churchgrove Road; Frankenmuth, MI 48734
- Questions? Contact them at: 989-652-3096 or [rwsmith316@yahoo.com](mailto:rwsmith316@yahoo.com) Upon their return, Pastor Bob and Alice will select a time and place to share the details of their trip.

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### Reformation 500 A Philanthropic Opportunity April 30<sup>th</sup>

Frankenmuth Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. will be hosting a Reformation 500 Philanthropic Opportunity on April 30, 2017 from 2-5 p.m. at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie, Seminary Professor of History, who will be speaking with regard to the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. There is no cost; however, please RSVP to [larry.wright@ctsfw.edu](mailto:larry.wright@ctsfw.edu) This event is a philanthropic opportunity to support student tuition reduction.

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### Potential CMU Students

"Are you a high school junior or senior interested in attending Central Michigan University? If so, Christ The King Lutheran Chapel would love to invite you for a little visit on **Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.** Meet some real students and the campus pastor. Ask Questions. Learn about our ministry. See the campus on a student-led tour. Have lunch with us for free. Interested? Please call the Chapel: 989-773-5050 or email Pastor Benjamin Ulledalen: [bulledalen@wintel.net](mailto:bulledalen@wintel.net)."

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### Franklin Avenue Mission *(Continued from page 1)*

you have created, or you can simply pray from the heart as the Spirit leads... whatever you are most comfortable with. Uniting in prayer is POWERFUL and EFFECTIVE and is a gift we can give that is PRICELESS. Here are some ideas of what to pray for: the health of the community and each family, especially in light of the lead poisoning crisis, family relationships that include God as the center, good schools and teachers passionate about making a difference, financial and spiritual provision for the FAM and Pastor Yops and his family, the availability of good jobs for each family, healing for any who are struggling with addictions, government leaders who are honest and God-fearing who lead the city with wisdom, any bullying behavior to stop in the schools and families, victims of domestic abuse and hope for the hurting, etc. Questions: call or text Nancy Zuellig 818-497-3843 or call Pastor Bob Smith 989-652-3096.