

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 2, 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 - April 5:
9:30 a.m., 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.



PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE - April 8 & 9:
Saturday - Church 6:30 p.m.
Sunday - Church (Communion)..... 8:00 a.m.
Sunday - Confirmation - Church 10:00 a.m.
Connect - Gym11:00 a.m.
German Worship - Chapel (Communion)11:00 a.m.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE for March 25 & 26:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	385
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	153
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	389
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m.	287
Total		1,214

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Maunder Thursday - April 13

9:30 a.m. - Communion
5:00 p.m. - Communion
7:00 p.m. - Communion

Good Friday - April 14

9:30 a.m. - Worship
12:00-3:00 p.m. - Tre Ore Service
7:00 p.m. - Worship Service

Easter Sunday - April 16

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Worship Service
9:00 a.m. - Easter Festival Service (Communion)
10:00 a.m. - Connect Easter Service - Gym (Communion)
11:00 a.m. - Easter Festival Service (Communion)

LENTEN WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

March 29:

9:30 a.m.	41
5:00 p.m.	124
7:00 p.m.	<u>63</u>
Total:	228

Reminder!

LWML/WinGS event Monday night, **April 3rd, at 7 p.m.** in the church parlor. Amy Srebinski will share the amazing story of BEACON of HOPE, a Pregnancy Care Center located in Bay City with a ministry of hope and Christian care for women of all ages. The event will include a cash collection and an in-gathering of new baby clothes 12m-24m, diaper bags, crib sheets, baby wash/wipes, and size 2 diapers. Invite a friend, and see you there!
(Additional information on the event is on page 4).

Senior's Bible Study Join us **Monday, April 10th** as we explore "Martin Luther and the Wartburg." What is the "Wartburg"? Why was he there? What did he do there? We will explore these and other questions beginning @ 9:30 a.m. in the Adult Ed rooms!

Independence Village Bible Study

Independence Village Residents and Friends come join us this coming **Tuesday, April 4 at 1 p.m. in Independence Village's** Small Dining Room. Pastor Brandt will lead the study.

Palm Sunday - German Worship

On **Palm Sunday, April 9th**, St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. **in the Chapel at St. Lorenz Lutheran School** (entrance on W. Genesee St. – across from Frankenmuth Insurance). This service will focus on the Lord's Prayer and is part of our year-long "Reformation Celebration" series. The service will use our traditional German Service liturgy and includes a German sermon by Pastor James Weber. The congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including "Liebster Jesu Wir Sind Hier", "Vater Unser Im Himmelreich", and "Harre, Meine Seele". Our regular monthly German service will again be held in the Church beginning May 14th. Prior German worship services can be viewed on the St. Lorenz website at: <http://stlorenz.org/german/>

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...

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Biblical Uniqueness

The Bible was written on material that deteriorates, so it had to be copied and recopied by hand for hundreds of years before the invention of the printing press. **This copying did not diminish the accuracy of the original Hebrew Bible, because of the unique nature of the copying process.**

The Jews preserved Scripture as no other manuscript has ever been preserved. **They meticulously kept track of every letter, syllable, word, sentence, and paragraph** by counting each separate division on every page and comparing all of the tallies with the original before allowing the page to be put into use. Scribes, lawyers, and massorettes were special classes of men within Jewish culture whose sole duty was to preserve and transmit these documents with perfect fidelity. **If you compare the Bible with all other ancient writings, you will find it has more copies of the original manuscript, with less variation between manuscripts, than any other 10 pieces of classical literature combined.**

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless.... Psalm 18:30

Puppet Ministry News

Thank you for your attendance at our recent Theater presentation of Noah. We had a really good time performing the skit and songs. If anyone would still like to Sponsor-a-Puppet, please call 652-6885 and leave "a message". Every sponsorship helps us fund our Outreach Ministry.

Found

A cell phone was found in the church parking lot Wednesday. If you have lost yours please call the church office at 652-6141 to see if it is yours!

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.

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 on 4-09-17

Class begins at 9:30 a. m.

Next week, April 9th, 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 signup 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

In Honor of Loraine F. Weiss's 95th Birthday:

St. Lorenz School - John & Robyn Bierlein

In Honor of Elberta Poellet's 90th Birthday:

St. Lorenz School - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Warnick

In Honor of her 88th Birthday:

St. Lorenz Operating Fund - Irma Reif

In Memory of Violet Cole's Birthday on April 5th:

Girls of Grace - Dick & Elaine Zink, Doug & Kathy Cole, Dave & Penny Fournier, Don & Karen Anderson

CARING MINISTRIES



Making a Good Blend

Making a good blend of two or more things requires starting with good ingredients, and it is the same with people! Especially with blending families – where we don't always get to pick what goes into the mix. If your 'mix' isn't what you would like it to be, a Stephen Minister can help you by listening to your issues, encouraging you, and helping you focus on what is important. *"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things. . ."* – Luke 10:41 To request a Stephen Minister, please call

Dennis Weirauch 989-652-6954

Jeannette Stange 989-652-0567

Pastor Fenske 989-652-6141

To learn more about Stephen Ministry, visit our website stephenministry.stlorenz.org

Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

One of the many passages that has been running through my mind as I have been deliberating my Call to St. Lorenz has been Proverbs 3:5-6, which reads, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."

Thank you for all your prayers as I have been discerning God's will for my life and ministry for the upcoming school year. That being said, I am pleased to say that I have accepted my Call to serve at St. Lorenz! I am very excited for the opportunity to join the ministry team here at both church and school.

Thank you for your prayers as I now end my school year at St. Peter and begin my transition to Frankenmuth. To God be the glory! *Andrea Johnson*

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz



"Freedom in the Spirit"

Jesus frees you to be the person you were created, redeemed, and called to be. (Romans 8:1-11)

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

"What do we tell you young people as you struggle with temptations and tough choices, moodswings, and confused feelings about your identity? We want you to know whose you are and that you can make good choices because you are created, redeemed, and called." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life--A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org.*

Spring Plant Card Sale

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

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 15, 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.

Sievert Benefit (Chicken) Dinner and Silent Auction

to be held **May 20th** at our St Lorenz school. The silent auction begins at 4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria and is open to anyone and everyone in the community. We are being blessed with a large variety of products and services. Keep them coming! Contact Cheri Poulos at 989 482 4294 or Susie Zwerk at 989 652 6512 for pick up or delivery arrangements.

The dinner will commence in the School gym at the close of auction. Tickets go on sale 4/18/17 (not before) and will be available at the church office and school office. A preliminary listing of auction items will be available with the tickets.

Order forms (and a visual sample) of the t-shirts with a message of support are available from Lisa Perry at the school office (989.652.6142 ext. 313) or from Bridget Morris, project co-ordinator, at 989.293.4150. Orders must be in by May 5th and will be bagged and available for pick up the day of the benefit.

Please pray for this endeavor to be a "success" in God's eyes and for all who take part in it to be blessed through their participation. Titus 3:14.

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.**
- This class will meet - **Sunday Bible Study Breakfast 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.** at the Rock. Breakfast is served.
- **Wednesday morning Hot Breakfast and Prayer, Wednesday, April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.** We meet at the Rock 7:15 a.m. and are done by 7:55 a.m.

Our St. Lorenz Male Chorus

along with men from five other churches went to Ft. Wayne on the weekend of January 14th. 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 2nd & April 23rd at 11:30 a.m.** on Satellite TV and Charter Cable Channel 2 or **April 4th & 25th at 7 p.m.** on Charter Cable Channel 191.

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)

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.

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.

There are plenty of ways you can save for the future. One of the best is with an IRA from Church Extension Fund. You get financial peace, knowing you're investing wisely with tax advantages and competitive interest rates. And you find peace of mind knowing you're also investing in Missouri Synod Lutheran churches and schools across Michigan. Call CEF today about starting your IRA - or to rollover an existing account - at 800.242.3944 or visit them at www.mi-cef.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 testing, 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.



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 26th to the 30th, 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. Any questions about VBS? Contact Vicar Garcia: vicar@stlorenz.org or Mandy Liddle: 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, for more information. Join us to see how in Jesus, the victory is won!

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.

"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 April 4th.** The group welcomes all survivors and caregivers for sharing, caring and support. For more information, contact Maggie Kempf at 652-6923.

Job Opportunity

St. Michael Lutheran Church in Richville is hiring an Accounting Manager to process the church, school and payroll finances. Resumes must be submitted by **April 9** to the church office, P.O. Box 98, Richville, MI 48758. Contact Doug Doud @ 882.9178 with questions.

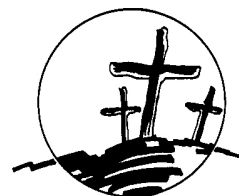
facebook

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.

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.