

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 9, 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

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE - April 16:

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE for April 1 & 2:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	226
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	218
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	381
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m.	585
Total		1,410

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!



You are invited! On **Sunday, April 23rd**, 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 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.

LENTEN WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 5:

9:30 a.m.	43
5:00 p.m.	257
7:00 p.m.	88
Total:	388

Chapel Communion Services

Will be held on **Monday, April 17th**, 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 17th** by 9:00 a.m. If you or someone you know is in need of a ride to the chapel, please call 989-274-5253 by the Saturday prior to chapel by 3 p.m. *Remember: Valet parking is available for anyone who wishes to make use of it.*

TOWN HALL MEETING REGISTRATION

Please register for one of our Town Hall meetings to consider proposals for the best use of a 175th 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 24th and Tuesday, April 25th**. Sessions are at 1:00 and 7:00 each day. You may register by calling 652-6141 or with the link that is being provided on emails from the church.

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.



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)

St. Lorenz is serving at FRANKLIN AVE MISSION

Tuesday and Thursday this week, **April 11 and 13**. Many servants are still needed to fulfill several jobs. Two greeters from 3:45-6 p.m. Servers from 4:30-cleanup. Table hosts from 4:30-6 p.m. Please sign up on sign up genius bit.ly/slsdiner if able to serve or call Beppie at 989-652-4516 or email me beppie.schroeder@gmail.com.

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6-7

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

The Fossil Record

Charles Darwin knew that the fossil record did not support his theory of evolution. In his book *Origin of the Species* Darwin noted that there was an obvious and serious problem with the lack of transitional fossils. He recognized that fossils of animals and plants are fully developed in fossil-bearing rocks. However, both he and early evolutionists expressed optimism that the fossil links between very different types of animals would be found. Yet over 160 years later, after extensive searching, not one undisputable transition between any major animal form has ever been found!

Darwin also admitted he could not explain the serious problem of how highly evolved animals could be found in the lowest rock layers. Evolutionists assume that the lowest layers are many millions of years older than higher layers. Therefore, they should contain very simple forms of life. There are many exceptions to this expectation. For example, very highly developed animals, such as trilobites, are found fully formed in these layers. In light of what is now known about flood geology, it is reasonable to believe the majority of the fossil record was created by the catastrophic action of the shifting and changing Earth during the great Flood of Noah's time. The lowest rock layers are not millions of years older, they are just the first ones laid down during this Flood.

The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

Psalm 10:4



CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

..... 10:00 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

No class this Sunday - Palm Sunday - 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.

Next week, April 16th, EASTER

No Bible Class

Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! April 23rd 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.**

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



Bye Bye, Winter!

Spring has arrived; it's a time for all nature to wake up and begin a new growth spurt! Spring often puts a new energy into our lives, too – but what if you feel stuck in a gloomy 'winter-mode?' If you seem unable to break out of a season of emotional hibernation, it may be something that a Stephen Minister can assist you with. They will help you see the Son that brings light and life; just what you need to begin thriving again!

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

Rescue Mission Bulletin Bits

It's not too late to take part in the Hope and Care hygiene drive for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Donations of toothpaste, shaving cream, body wash and other items are needed. For a complete list contact Nancy at 752-6051 or volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org

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 75th Annual Michigan District Lutheran Laymen's League Convention will be in Frankenmuth on **SATURDAY, APRIL 29th**, 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 22th**.

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.



INFORMATION TO SHARE

Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz



"Humble Strength for Eternal Salvation"

On Palm Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, not to set up an earthly kingdom but to overcome sin and death--for us.

(Philippians 2:5-11)

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

"If you've ever done anything wrong or missed doing something perfectly, then you are not truly perfect, and you are going to die. It would be without God, but Jesus takes that weight and sentence off your record, onto His own shoulders. Anyone who wants forgiveness from God, peace with Him, Paradise opened--just look at Jesus. 'Everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life' (John 6:40)." Rev. Chris Cordes, *St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Sleepy Eye, Minnesota*--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.

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 500th 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)*

Sievert Benefit Chicken Dinner and Silent Auction....

Come join our church family at the school cafeteria on **May 20th** for a Silent auction which **begins at 4:30 and closes at 6:00**. A wide variety of unique items and services are pouring in, promising something for everyone, and a fun time for all! To contribute an item or service, please call Cheri Poulos at 989.482.4294 or Susie Zwerk at 989.652.6512.

Subsequent to the closing of the auction, those with dinner tickets can make their way to the school Gym for a delicious chicken dinner prepared my Norm's of Richville. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children under 12, and will be available at the church office reception desk and school office beginning 4/18.

Order forms for T-shirts with a message of support are available now at the school office from Lisa Perry at 989.652.6142, ext 313, or from Bridget Morris at 989.293.4150. T-shirts will be bagged and available for pick-up the day of the Benefit Auction if ordered by 5/5. Post Benefit orders will be accepted thru 6/5. *(Continues on page 4)*

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 23rd at 11:30 a.m.** on Satellite TV and Charter Cable Channel 2 or **April 25th 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 21st**. 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 21st**. 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.

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.

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Bible study opportunities:

- **Bible Study lunches this week - Freshmen and Seniors Mondays; Sophomores and Juniors Wednesdays**
- **No FCA Friday - Good Friday**
- **No class this Sunday - Palm Sunday - Confirmation** - Sunday Bible Study Breakfast 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Rock. Breakfast is served.
- **Wednesday morning Hot Breakfast and Prayer, Wednesday, April 12th, 19th, and 26th**. We meet at the Rock 7:15 a.m. and are done by 7:55 a.m.

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!

The Wellspring Lutheran Home Auxiliary

is hosting their spring meeting on **April 24th** 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.

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

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.

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.

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!

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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
 - Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to the SMITH MISSION FUND; St. Lorenz Lutheran Church; 140 Churchgrove Road; Frankenmuth, MI 48734
 - Questions? Contact them at: 989-652-3096 or rwsmith316@yahoo.com
- Upon their return, Pastor Bob and Alice will select a time and place to share the details of their trip.



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.

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Sievert Benefit

Thank you all for expressing your appreciation in a tangible way for the effective and endearing ministry of the Sievert family here at St. Lorenz! Proverbs 3:27.

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*

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.