

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 13, 2017



<b>Traditional Worship Service:</b>	Saturday - 6:30 p.m. Sunday - 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
<b>Connect Service:</b>	Sunday - 10:15 a.m. (Churchgrove)
<b>German Worship Service:</b>	11:00 a.m. (2nd Sunday of month)
<b>Outdoor Worship:</b>	Monday - 6:30 p.m. (Churchgrove)

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**WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - August 19-21:**

Saturday - Church .....	6:30 p.m.
Sunday - Church (Communion).....	8:00 a.m.
Sunday - Church (Communion).....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday - Connect - Grove .....	10:15 a.m.
Monday - Grove .....	6:30 p.m.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE - August 5-7:**

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m.	200
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	214
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	348
Sunday Connect Worship .....	10:15 a.m.	407
Monday Worship .....	6:30 p.m.	95
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1,264</b>

**Chapel Communion Services**

will be held on **Monday, August 21<sup>st</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, August 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.*

**Mission Festival 2017**

Sat, Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. at the Church  
Sun, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m. at the Church  
Sun, Aug 27<sup>th</sup> – 10:15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Churchgrove  
Mon, Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 p.m. in the Churchgrove



**Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer**, President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO, will be speaking at St. Lorenz Mission Festival, Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. services. **Dr. Bradley Yops**, Mission Director of Franklin Avenue Mission on Flint’s Eastside and Pastor of NewLife Community Lutheran Church in Swartz Creek, MI, will be the featured speaker at St. Lorenz Mission Festival on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at the 2 p.m. afternoon service and also on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at the 6:30 p.m. service. Both services will be at St. Lorenz Churchgrove.

A tasty Chicken Barbeque with the famous German Potato Salad will again be served along with hot dogs and brats. We will again have a “Drive Through Pickup” for the chicken dinners.

This year’s Mission Festival will have a variety of activities beginning at 11:30 a.m. that will give all ages a chance to serve with gladness. We have divided the activities into categories, Kids, Teens, and Adults.

Kids= In the horseshoe pit area, there will be various local and international missions. As you enter our mission area you will receive a punch card and a list of activities. (Continued on page 4)

**SLN** - Articles from organizations or individuals may be submitted for publication for the October-November-December edition of the St. Lorenz Newsletter (SLN). Please send via email to newsletter@stlorenz.org by the end of the day on **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Digital pictures may be attached to the email message or submitted separately. Contact Nancy Honold @ 989-992-6487 with questions.

**Chicken Barbecue Presale Tickets**

You may purchase tickets for the Mission Festival Chicken Barbecue at the St. Lorenz Church Office Mon., Aug. 21<sup>st</sup> - Thurs., Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fri., Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost of the barbeque is \$10 for a half chicken dinner.

**Produce Donations**

Anyone having cabbage (greatly needed), tomatoes, or peppers to donate for the Mission Festival may bring them to the School Kitchen on Fri., Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, between 8 – 10 a.m.

Thank you!

**Our Pastors:** Mark D. Brandt • Caleb M. Adams • Shawn D. Fenske • Joel C. Kaiser • Vicar Adam Rodriguez  
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

Did platypuses evolve in Australia? There are two monotremes (mammals that lay eggs) in Australia - the platypus and the echidna. These animals have all the normal characteristics of mammals (backbone, hair, milk glands), yet they lay eggs instead of giving birth to live young. We only find platypuses and echidnas in Australia. So how did they get there? Noah took two of each kind on the Ark, which landed in the Middle East (Mt. Ararat). Echidnas and platypuses spread out to various parts of the world, yet it seems they only survived in Australia. During the Ice Age, the interior of Australia would have been well-watered and very lush, allowing the platypus and echidna to spread out and fill Australia. Only after the Ice Age ended did the enormously dry Australian desert areas develop. When the sea levels rose at the end of the Ice Age, Australia was cut off from Asia, isolating its unique animal life on this very big island. Did platypuses evolve? Fossil platypuses are essentially identical to modern platypuses; no transitional forms have been found. The Bible says God created fully formed land animals on Day 6 of Creation week. When we look with our "biblical" glasses, we can understand why platypuses are found in Australia. *Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. - Genesis 8:17*

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**The Church Office** hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays through Friday, August, 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Pastor's Bible Class

Class begins at 9:15 a.m.

Next week, **August 20<sup>th</sup>**, the lesson will be about "Church Ceremonies or Traditions" [Article 15 of the Augsburg Confession].

We will study Colossians 2:16-17 and Romans 13:1.

The *Augsburg Confession* is the most important document of the Lutheran Reformation. Each Congregation has certain ceremonies or traditions that it celebrates. These can be profitable for tranquility and good order. But these ceremonies do not earn us the forgiveness of sins. Forgiveness of sins is always God's gracious gift to us.

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

Divorced? Separated?  
Find help. Discover hope.

### Divorce Care Support Group

Starting Sept 12<sup>th</sup>  
through Dec 5<sup>th</sup>

7-9 p.m. at the St. Lorenz Church  
office on Genesee Street  
Please pre-register by calling  
Gaylene @ (989) 652-0771

## "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 August 15<sup>th</sup>**. The group welcomes all survivors and caregivers for sharing, caring and support. For more information, contact Maggie Kempf at 652-6923.

## Article for Bulletin?

Email it to: [bulletin@stlorenz.org](mailto:bulletin@stlorenz.org)  
by **Wednesdays at 9 a.m.**

## Church Leaders Benefit from Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry was originally created by a Pastor to multiply his available time needed to give his parishioners Christian care. By training some of his congregation members with skills for making the caring visits that he needed to do, they were able to assist the Pastor and ease some of his overwhelming workload. Here is what one Pastor had to say about Stephen Ministry in his congregation:

"Stephen Ministry has been like adding another staff person. We're able to do so much more ministry –and it's a great help to me as a pastor ." - Rev. Paul Anderson, Zion Lutheran Church, Fairfield, WA

To receive the care of a Stephen Minister, or to find out more about what they can do for you, please call:

Jeannette Stange 652-0567  
Dennis Weirauch 652-6954  
Pastor Fenske 652-6141

Or visit our website at [stephenministry.stlorenz.org](http://stephenministry.stlorenz.org)



## GIFTS

### In Honor of Elden's 80th birthday:

St. Lorenz Foundation - Elden and Beverly Bender

### In Honor of their 30th anniversary:

Vicar Endowment Fund - Steve and Bonnie Bell

## MEMORIALS

Memorials for the following individual were received during the month of July:

Betty Poellet

Memorials were designated for the Operating Fund.

## Bible Studies and Meeting Groups--Now is the Time to Reserve your Room!

Please call Chris Maurer at 652-0797 or email her at [cmaurer@stlorenz.org](mailto:cmaurer@stlorenz.org) to reserve your room for the coming year.

## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:  
Dr. Dale A. Meyer



### "Looking for a Good Speaker"

"Archives August" - What do the words "Our Father" teach us about our relationship with God and with each other. (Matthew 6:9)

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

"As Christians, we have a responsibility to provide comfort to the sick, as we do not want anyone to suffer. That is why we promote work to improve palliative care so doctors will have better means to relieve suffering at life's end until God calls us home to heaven where there is no suffering. Let us put our trust in Him." *Virginia Flo, regional director of Minnesota and national conference director for Lutherans For Life*--A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).



## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Part-time Custodial Position

St. Lorenz is taking applications for a part-time custodial position (25-30 hours a week). Application and job description available at the church office reception desk.

**St. Paul Lutheran School,** Millington is accepting applications for a Lead Teacher and Teacher Aides in His Little Lambs Daycare. Applications are available in the school or church office or via email at [church.office@spmill.org](mailto:church.office@spmill.org). For more information, please contact Paul Schoenknecht or Christina Rosencrants at 989-871-4581.



## YOUTH

**Bus Release Forms** – If you have not yet filled out a bus release form to attend lunch hour Bible studies at the Rock this coming school year, now is the time.

Forms can be picked up at the Rock anytime. They are located in the box setting on the grill. You can drop off a signed and dated form at the Rock by placing it in the mail slot on the brown door just east of the deck. Do not return forms to the high school. Remember in order for you to leave the high school during lunch, you must have a bus release form on file for this year.

**High School Bible Study Lunches** – 2017 -18 school year - Sophomores and Juniors will meet on Mondays while Freshmen and Seniors will meet on Wednesdays. Classes will start the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>.



**A "REFORMATION WALK"** is coming in October!! As part of our 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the beginning of the Reformation, we will holding a Reformation Walk where the sights, sounds and characters from the days of Martin Luther will "come to life" in our Churchgrove! Our St. Lorenz school students will be the primary audience, but we are hopeful that members of our Church and Community will also be able to participate. More information to follow. Volunteers are needed!

### "Reformation Walk" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

St. Lorenz will be putting on a "Reformation Walk" where the days of Martin Luther will "come to life." Many volunteers are needed to assist with this endeavor, including actors, tour guides, coordinators, costume and set design/development, and general "helpers." ALSO, if you have any "props", costumes or other items that could be helpful, let us know! If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Kaiser for more information ([jkaiser@stlorenz.org](mailto:jkaiser@stlorenz.org)).

### SAVE THE DATE!

Norm Bergdolt Benefit

**Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Pancake Supper & Bake Sale  
St. Lorenz Churchgrove  
4:30-7:30 p.m.

Benefit to help defray some of the costs incurred such as lodging, meals, gas, etc. for the family, especially his wife Bonnie, down at the Cleveland VA Clinic. Any questions call Jan Krumnauer at 989-823-4607 or Sue Heinlein at 989-737-7594.



## Christian Book Club (CBC)

Chelsea Chambers is on her own. After a split from her NFL superstar husband, she takes a bold step out of the limelight and behind the counter of the Higher Grounds Café. When her courage, expert planning, and out-of-this-world cupcakes fail to pay the bill, she finds herself desperate for help. Better yet, a miracle. What if you could ask God anything? What would you ask? And how would He answer?

Join the Christian Book Club in reading and discussing "Miracle At The Higher Grounds Café" by author Max Lucado. We meet to discuss the book, **Monday, August 28, 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.



## Reformation Tour

for you to consider for 2017:  
October 23 to November 7

Visit Amsterdam, Cologne, Rothenburg, Worms, Nuremberg, Erfurt, Eisenach, Eisleben, Leipzig, Wittenberg & Berlin.

Highlights: American Cemetery in Holland. Walk in Luther's footsteps.... from his birth house to his death house. Visit St. Lorenz Church in Nuremberg. Plus much, much more. Great value, check it out!

Contact: Judy Simmerman at Judy's Travel Service 652-2703 - [www.judystravelservice.com](http://www.judystravelservice.com) or contact: Mark Schutte at 652-4051.

## Bonfire @ Churchgrove

Widows, you are invited to come to a bonfire at St. Lorenz's Churchgrove near the wooden cross on **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** Bring a lawn chair, a beverage and a \$2.00 donation and join us for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows for s'mores. If you're interested in coming, please sign up with Margaret at 652-8916. You're welcome to bring other widow friends, if you wish, or request a ride to the event, or both. Just remember to give Margaret any additional information when you call to sign up.



## MISSION FEST ACTIVITIES (Continued from page 1)

At the end of completing all of the activities you will get a prize. Children are encouraged to bring a dollar and pick out a pair of socks to donate for FAM. They will also be making witness bracelets for M.O.S.T. Ministries and safety pinning socks together.

Teens= Come play yard Jenga, Hula Hoops, and compete in M.O.S.T. ministries water relay race; simulating what life is like without clean water. They will also be assembling NEW FAMILY hygiene kits for Franklin Avenue Mission.

Adults = Choose an activity. Blanket making for Lutheran World Relief or write scriptures and inspirational cards for inmates.

Please contact Jamie Agans at 989-262-4050 if you would like to volunteer for one of these activities at Mission Fest. We need volunteers for set-up and overseeing Mission activities.

Mission Fest is all about **Mission**. This year's festival is an ideal time to bring a friend or neighbor and introduce them to St. Lorenz and its many activities.

## With Much Appreciation

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and gifts. Many of our prayers and your prayers were answered in Rochester. Thank you again.

*Pastor Rodney & Velma Rynearson*

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**Thank you** from all the people with developmental disabilities across the country who are served by Bethesda's ministry, thank you to the members of St. Lorenz Missionary Guild for your recent gift of \$500, made to Bethesda Lutheran Communities. Your continued prayers and gifts of support are essential to our success and are greatly appreciated.

For more information about how we are working together to make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities, visit us at: [www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org](http://www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org).



## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hospice Garage Sale

Wellspring Lutheran Services is now accepting donations of gently used items for their annual garage sale fundraiser. The fundraiser will help support services that we provide to hospice patients and their families through our volunteer program. Items will be accepted through September 5th. Please contact Sheila at 989.652.4663 for more information. Donations can be dropped off at our office in Frankenmuth or we may be able to pick up small items. *Tax receipts are available.*