

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017



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| 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

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Sept. 30 & Oct. 1:

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - September 16 & 17:

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| Saturday Worship | 6:30 p.m. | 207 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 8:00 a.m. | 308 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 9:30 a.m. | 354 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 11:00 a.m. | 675 |
| Chapel Communion..... | 9:30/11:00 a.m. | 21 |
| Total: | | 1,565 |

Fish Fry

There's a Fish Fry Coming Up! Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 20th** to come and enjoy the best fish around! Better yet, come and join in on the fun! If you are interested in waitressing contact Patty Worden at paworden@dow.com. If you would like helping in the kitchen, working the take-out, or assisting in clean-up, please call or email Mrs. Lori Waites, our volunteer coordinator at 989-652-6142 ext. 312 or lwaites@stlorenz.org. A little bit of everyone's help goes a long way! Our Congregational Fish Fry helps to support all areas of ministry in our church and school.

LISTENING TO EVERYONE

Q and A Sessions about the proposed building project have been scheduled for the following times next weekend:

Sept. 30th 7:30 p.m in the church (immediately following the Saturday night service)

Oct. 1st 11:00 a.m. in the church and 12:00 p.m. in the gym (immediately following the Connect service). These sessions will include a brief review of the last Voters' Assembly and a preview of the **next Voters' Assembly, which will be Monday, October 16th** in the church, as well as opportunity for your feed-back. **YOUR OPINION COUNTS. PLEASE JOIN US.**

German-English Hymnfest

Sunday, Sept. 24th at 11 a.m. in our church. This one-hour program of singing and Bible readings, in both German and English, celebrates 55 years of Gunzenhausen and Frankenmuth as sister cities. Special guests are the 32 visitors from the Gunzenhausen area. Scripture readers will be from Gunzenhausen and Frankenmuth; Gunzenhausen guests will sing several songs and play the organ postlude. For more info, call 652-3563.

Waiters/Waitresses

are needed for the St. Lorenz Fish fry on **Friday, October 20th from 3:30 - 7:15 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to serve our church and school while enjoying the company of the other workers and those in attendance. High school students are also welcome to work and earn service hours. Please contact Patty Worden (652-3789 or pworden@dow.com) if you are interested or have questions.

SUB SANDWICH SALE

St. Lorenz Church Decorating Committee will be selling sub sandwiches once again.

It is our **only fundraiser** and **ALL** proceeds will be used to beautify our church throughout the year.
Cost: \$ 3.50 each – or buy 4 for \$ 14.00 & get the 5th **FREE!!**

Pick up dates are: **Saturday, Oct. 7th, 9 a.m. to noon & Sunday, Oct. 8th, 9 a.m. to noon** at the St. Lorenz School Dining Hall.

You may place orders thru Wednesday, Oct. 4th. To place an order please call:

Kathy Zehnder – 652-2225 or email kmzehnder@chartermi.net

Beth Kribs - 989-220-8131 or email Bethannkribs@gmail.com

(We will respond to confirm any order by email)

We thank you so much for your continued support.

Pies! Pies! Pies!

We are in need of pumpkin, apple and other types of fruit pie donations for the annual **Fish Fry on Oct. 20th**. Pies must come from a commercial establishment (not homemade). Pies can be ordered from Kroger, Bavarian Inn, Zehnder's or Kern's and they will deliver to the Fish Fry for you at no charge. *If you prefer to deliver your own pies, please bring them to the school cafeteria before Noon on October 20th.*

We appreciate your past generosity and hope you will continue your support again this year. Please contact Julie Hayes with your donation at: 989-529-8126 (call/text) or julie.a.hayes@gmail.com

Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School on Sunday mornings during the school year from 9:30-10:30 a.m. **beginning October 1st**. Ages 3 yrs. through 6th Grade. Music time begins at 9:15 a.m.

New Student Registrations and Morning Check-in in the Heritage Room (enter the school by the big playground or gym entrance.) Register at www.stlorenz.org/sundayschool or in person on October 1st between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Any questions call Shirley Dashkevicz at (989) 780-3036 or email at sdashkevicz@stlorenz.org.

Membership Address/Phone Directories

for 2017 are at the Church Office reception desk. There is a limited supply available at this time so we ask that you only take one per family. Please note: If you will be receiving the pictorial directory, which should be completed soon, the membership directory will be included. *Please continue to notify the church office of any corrections so we are able to keep your records current.*

September Financial Report is on page 4.

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

BIBLE STUDIES

Visionary Parenting--New Start Date!

Catch a fresh vision of God's purpose for your family through His Word in the Bible. Be inspired to build faith and character in the hearts of your kids. Through these 8 sessions we will learn God's grand vision for the home, what God-filled normal life looks like, Biblical motherhood and fatherhood and more. Join Dawn Mueller **Sunday mornings in Room 148 at 9:30 a.m. beginning October 1st.**

A Man Named Martin: Pt 3-The Movement

God was at work in the Reformation changing lives and transforming society. Beginning with Luther's 95 Theses in 1517 to the Peace of Westphalia, the Reformation launched enormous changes in Europe that swept across the Atlantic to our nation. Join Scott Mueller **Sunday mornings in the Dining Hall at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 17th or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Room 148, Sept 20 through Oct. 18 (with one exception for Thurs. Oct. 12).** for a 5-week look at the impact of the Reformation.

Pastor's Bible Class

Class begins at 9:30 a.m.

On October 1st, the lesson will be about "The Cause of Sin" [Article 19 of the Augsburg Confession]. We will study John 8:44.

The *Augsburg Confession* is the most important document of the Lutheran Reformation. Article 19 clearly places the blame for sin, not on God, but on the devil and on the sinner. Sin is a deep corruption of that which God created, and is entirely mankind's fault.

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study Breakfast – Breakfast and Bible study at the Rock.

•**Who will attend?** Jr. High and High School students will have a class led by Tracy Raquepaw. Adults of all ages – singles, parents and grandparents led by Chuck Anderson.

•**When do we meet?** Sunday mornings, with breakfast served from 9:15 – 9:30 a.m., and study begins at 9:30.

•**What will we be studying?** We will be looking at Parts 2 and 3 of the Luther series, using the DVDs and additional scripture references. We will also be looking at "How we got the Bible."

•**Is this class for you? YES!** It is very user friendly.

Luther and a Life of Prayer

The 500th anniversary celebration of the beginning of the reformation is an appropriate time to study "*Luther and a Life of Prayer.*" Luther had a directness in praise, thankfulness, confession and petitioning. He was very honest about his struggles with prayer and frees us up to admit our struggles in prayer. The 4 hour course will take place on two Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. **October 22nd and 29th** in the **Heritage Room** at St. Lorenz School. Rev. Bob Smith will be the facilitator.

Ministry to Prodigals and Their Families

You are likely familiar with the parable of *The Prodigal Son*, but never imagined yourself relating with the father and dealing with your own prodigal. Unfortunately, you are not alone. Sadly, statistics show that 50% or more of young adults and youth are falling way from the church. How can parents and families deal with the resulting feelings of pain, frustration, and shame? How do we reach our prodigals? Pastor Shawn Fenske with Scott & Dawn Mueller (parents of a prodigal) are starting a new ministry to help address these very issues. A specific invitation is extended to parents (and extended family) of prodigals **both** past and present as well as prodigals who have returned. Please join us Tues., October 3, 17 and 31 from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed Rooms of the school campus for the initial meetings of this ministry. Through Christ there is healing and hope.



REFORMATION WALK OCTOBER 5!!

Volunteers are needed to help out with what promises to be a wonderful experience for our students! With a lot of hard work and the blessing of the Lord, our Churchgrove will be "transformed" into a 16th-century village where various characters, sights and sounds of the Reformation will be experienced. **If you are willing and available to help in any way, please contact Pastor Kaiser** {jkaiser@stlorenz.org (989) 529-4477}



Hunting for Church Library Items:

We're on the hunt for some Church Library items that we are unable to find. If you happen to have any of these items, please return them. They are:

- DVD - God's Not Dead 2
- Book - House of Living Stones
- Book - Beautiful On The Mountain.

Thank you

GIFTS

In Honor of Curtis & Marian List's 65th Wedding Anniversary September 27th:

Vicar Endowment Fund - John & Sandy Nuechterlein & Family

In Honor of their 10th Wedding Anniversary September 28th:

Stephen Ministry - Wayne & Susan Pickelmann

In Honor of her 96th Birthday:

Hurricane Irma Relief - Esther Fager

In Memory of Edward L. Roth who went to be with his Savior 9-16-1997:

St. Lorenz School - Arlene Roth

In Memory of Gerald Fournier's 75th Birthday on September 30th:

Media Ministry / Church Beautification: Marcella Weber, Tom & Vickey Weber, Tim & Susan Weiss, Steven & Connie Bierlein and Families

In Memory of the 85th Birthday of Robert Haubenstricker on September 24th:

Hurricane Harvey Relief - Ken, Linda, Bethany & Emily Haubenstricker

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.

LWML

WinGS - Lutheran Women In Mission Fall Rally - 75th Diamond Dazzle Anniversary Celebration

Location: St. Lorenz School Dining Hall
Continental Breakfast

Date/Time: **Saturday, October 14th**
8:30 a.m.- Noon

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A Continental Breakfast will be served
at 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Shawn Fenske will lead a Bible
Study and our Key Speaker will be our
very own Jamie Agans who was chosen
as 'Young Women Representative'
and traveled to the LWML National
Convention in Albuquerque, NM to
represent Michigan.

Ingathering: Gift For All Gods Children
in Flint, MI

Hygiene Items - Children: Birth to 16 yrs.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Speaker Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



"The Latest Polls"

Believing the latest public opinion poll
is not the same thing as believing the
truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and
Luke 23:23-25)

*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

"We have been freely
received by the Lord God ...
Since He generously extends
compassion and forgiveness
to each human being, we
receive as freely, respect as fully, and
defend as fiercely as we have been
received, respected, and defended."
*Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive
director of Lutherans for Life --A "Life
Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.
lutheransforlife.org.*



CARING MINISTRIES

Become a mentor! READ
Association of Saginaw is looking
for volunteers to donate their time
and talents so that every child in our
community has the opportunity to
learn to read. Trained mentors will
be assisting students at St. Lorenz
School. For more information, please
visit www.ReadinSaginaw.org or to the
St. Lorenz READ coordinator, Nancy
Micinski at nmicinski67@gmail.com
or [574-323-4472](tel:574-323-4472).

The Franklin Avenue Mission
is changing our donation box. Our
congregation has been asked to only
collect gently used/clean jeans, sweat
pants, and hygiene items. All other
clothing items could be dropped of at
the Clothesline (green barn north end
of town).

As we move into another season
please consider sharing God's love
with FAM. If you have any questions
please contact Jamie Agans 989-262-
4050.

MOVIE

"RETURN TO GRACE", a movie
based on the life of Martin Luther, is
sold out for the October 15 showing
at Vassar Theatre. **They would play it
again on Sunday, October 22, if there
is enough interest.** Call the church
receptionist at 652-6141 by Sept. 30 if
you would be interested in seeing this
movie. The time would be 1:30 p.m.
and the cost would be \$5.00.

YOUTH

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - Friday mornings at McDonald's - 7:30 a.m. Ride
available to the high school when it is finished. All student athletes welcome.

High School Bible Study Lunches - 2017 -18 school year - Sophomores and Juniors
will meet on Mondays while Freshmen and Seniors will meet on Wednesdays.

Parents, we need you! Our Bible Study lunches provide the main course
and drinks for the Bible Study Lunches through Youth Ministry. We ask parents
of the Youth attending to provide the side and dessert. If everyone pitches in,
you should only need to do it 2 or 3 times for the whole year. There are Bible
Study Coordinators that organize this. If your son and or daughter does attend
one of the studies, please contact your class coordinator or the Youth Office to
find out how you can help. Freshman- Julie Daenzer; Sophomore - Pam Moore;
Junior - Deb Laux; Senior - Amy Foltz or Youth Office - Janette Hart

Sunday Morning Bible Study Breakfast Jr. High and High School students will be
led by Tracy Raquepaw. Come for breakfast at 9:15 and study at 9:30. Finished in
time to attend Connect worship service. Remember, breakfast is served!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF ANNUAL IN-GATHERING OF SUPPLIES

Monday, October 16, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17, 9 a.m. - Noon
located in the St. Lorenz Lutheran
Church parking lot.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome to
help load boxes. Light refreshments
and lunch will be furnished.

Contact site coordinator Steve
Schuknecht at (810) 923-7636 for
more information.

Lutheran World Relief

Trucks will arrive at St. Lorenz on
Monday, October 16th and Tuesday,
October 17th so we have about one
month to go.

Remaining collection items needed:

New Light Weight Bath Towels

(between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27")

Metal Fingernail Clippers w/file Combs with wide teeth

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!

Spartan Tae Kwon Do

Learn a martial art & increase your
self-confidence, learn self-defense, get
into shape, learn self-control, relieve
stress, have fun and progress at your
own level. Classes run throughout the
school year (Sept. 25-March) Mon. &
Wed. 6 p.m. -6:30 p.m. (1st-4th gr.); 6:30
p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (5th gr. -Adult), in the
St. Lorenz -Small Gym. Cost \$15 / mth.
or \$35 / 3 mths. For more information
call Mr. Scott Stedry at 989-652-8861.
No experience necessary.

Examine the Evidence...

The following is used with permission from "A Closer Look at the Evidence" by Richard & Tina Kleiss

Biology

Some animals, such as the duckbilled platypus, have organs that completely confound any evolutionary explanation. The platypus has a mixture of features from animals completely unrelated to its supposed ancestry. For instance: 1. The warm-blooded platypus feeds its babies milk like other mammals. 2. It lays leathery eggs, has a single ventral opening (for eliminating its waste, mating, and birth), and has claws and a shoulder girdle like most reptiles. 3. It can detect electrical currents like some fish. 4. It has webbed feet like an otter, a flat tail like a beaver, and the male can inject poison into its predators like a snake. 5. It has a bill like a duck. It would seem that animals such as the platypus are God's reminder of His unfathomable creativity. These animals combine features from many unrelated creatures and have no logical place on the "evolutionary tree." There is no direct evidence that any major group of animals (or plants) arose from any other group. Completely different types of animals are only observed going out of existence (extinctions), never coming into existence.

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom....I will meditate on your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of your awesome works, and I will proclaim your great deeds.

Psalm 145:3,5,6

Cancer—Now What? *Taking Action, Finding Hope, and Navigating the Journey Ahead*, Stephen Ministries recent publication, is a book anyone can give to those with cancer and also to their loved one as a way of providing help, support, and encouragement during that critical time. In writing this book Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist, pastor, and founder of Stephen Ministries drew on everything he learned as he walked alongside his wife during her battle against cancer. He built on that foundation through extensive research with 3,500 cancer survivors, loved ones of people with cancer, and medical professionals, incorporating their wisdom, experience, and expertise. The result is a caring, how-to book – written in a warm, conversational style – that provides helpful information, practical ideas, and hope-filled encouragement.

CrossRoads Counseling Ministries of Frankenmuth is hosting an opportunity to hear more from Dr. Haugk as he explores the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges cancer brings to individuals and families, offering practical ways to help people address those challenges. The free event on **Wed., October 18 at 7 p.m. at Rittmueller Middle School** in Frankenmuth is open to the public. For more information call CrossRoads at (989) 652-0764.

We hope you will plan to take advantage of this special opportunity to hear directly from Dr. Haugk on this topic that touches every one of us. To learn more about the book including excerpts visit www.CancerNowWhat.org.

Join the Christian Book Club in reading "Changing of Heart" by Courtney Walsh. We meet to discuss the book, **Monday, Sept. 25th, 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 652-8849.

Are you looking for a piano teacher?

St. Lorenz member Chelsea Storms is currently accepting students of all ages and ability levels. For more information, please call 810-247-1470 or email chelseastorms@gmail.com.

College Addresses Needed

If you have a son or daughter in college (away from home or at home) please email Gaylene Gugel at ggugel@stlorenz.org with: their name, address during school year (from when to when), email address, college attending. Any questions call Gaylene at 652-0771.

LWML Bookstore News

Frankenmuth native, Steve Luhring, son of Dave and Pauline Luhring has written an adaptation of Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol" called "Scrooge and the Question of God's Existence." The purpose of the book is to help people deal with doubt about God and the Christian faith. The book has been endorsed by Dr. Paul L. Maier and Dr. Joel Heck. The book tackles some of the greatest questions in life, such as: Does God exist? If so, why is there so much evil and suffering in life? Is there meaning and purpose in life? Is there an after-life? The book sells for \$10. Come in and take a look!

Lost items from Mission Fest are at the church office reception desk.

Article for Bulletin?

Email it to: bulletin@stlorenz.org by **Wednesdays at 9 a.m.**

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.

| | Aug. 31, 17 Actual YTD | Ministry Plan YTD | Aug. 31, 16 Actual YTD |
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| Operating Fund Income | \$2,690,471 | \$2,691,555 | \$2,645,881 |
| Operating Fund Expenses | <u>3,031,498</u> | <u>3,093,360</u> | <u>2,975,160</u> |
| Income Over (Under) Exp. | <u>\$ (341,027)</u> | <u>\$ (401,805)</u> | <u>\$ (329,279)</u> |
| | | | Capital |
| Fund Balances | Operating | Missions | Improvement |
| 1/1/2017 Balance | \$ -- | \$ -- | \$ 133,664 |
| Income | 2,690,471 | 230,999 | 83,454 |
| Disbursements | <u>(3,031,498)</u> | <u>(209,130)</u> | <u>(34,381)</u> |
| 8/31/2017 Balance | <u>\$ (341,027)</u> | <u>\$ 21,869</u> | <u>\$ 182,737</u> |

Still time to join in the "A Patriot's Prayer - One God, One Nation, One Prayer" concert at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Mass choir practices are every Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. from now until the concert on Sunday, Nov. 5th at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. If you have any questions you may contact St. Michael's Church at 989-868-4791 or saintmichaelsrichville.com. Not a singer? Then **Save the Date** - "A Patriot's Prayer - One God, One Nation, One Prayer" - Sunday, November 5th at 7 p.m.