

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

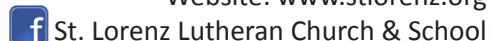
NOVEMBER 19, 2017



<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)

**Church Office:** 140 Churchgrove Road  
Frankenmuth, MI 48734  
Phone: 989-652-6141  
Fax: 989-652-9071

Website: [www.stlorenz.org](http://www.stlorenz.org)



## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SCHEDULE :

**Thanksgiving Eve** - November 22 ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**Thanksgiving Day** - November 23 .... 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

## WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Nov. 25 & 26:

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

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE - November 11 & 12:

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m. ....	251
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m. ....	255
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m. ....	320
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m. ....	567
German Worship .....	11:00 a.m. ....	211
Total:		1,604



**Chapel Communion Services** will be held on **Monday, November 20<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, **November 20<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.

## Connect Christmas Choir

Coming Soon! Can you carry a tune? Do you love to sing Christmas praises to our Savior and King? Then please join us for the annual CONNECT CHRISTMAS CHOIR! No long-term commitment necessary, just 3 Saturday rehearsals on **December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.** If you have joined us before, you know what a JOY it is to have this special part in our Christmas celebration. Some songs are annual traditions and a couple will be fresh and new! Please prayerfully consider this way of "GIVING your GIFT" during the season!  
Contact Brenda Sievert at [band4dave@gmail.com](mailto:band4dave@gmail.com), for more information or to RSVP! You will be blessed as you are a blessing to others!

## A Referendum To Elect Leaders

for the coming year will be conducted on the **weekend of December 2-3** at all our worship services. At the same time, we will also vote on the proposed Ministry Finance Plan for 2018 that was presented to and endorsed by our Voters on October 16<sup>th</sup> and we plan to seek permission to commission construction drawings for all or part of our proposed ministry facility expansion project.

## Grateful

At the December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> services, we will announce the total amount pledged for our Grateful campaign. To be included in that count, please return your commitment card in the boxes at the church or gym or directly to the church office by 4:30 p.m. on **Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to all who have already pledged your support.

*"Lord, what do You want to do through me to accomplish Your will for our church?"*

**SLN Articles** from organizations or individuals may be submitted for publication for the January-February-March edition of the St. Lorenz Newsletter (SLN). Please send via email to [newsletter@stlorenz.org](mailto:newsletter@stlorenz.org) by the end of the day on **Monday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**. Digital pictures may be attached to the email message or submitted separately. Contact Nancy Honold @ 989-992-6487 with questions.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

for Thanksgiving on Thurs., Nov. 23 & Fri., Nov. 24. **Bulletin articles for November 26<sup>th</sup> will be due on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 9:00 a.m.**

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! That is where you, our members, come in. We need your help! We will be assisting about 30 families this year, and we are hoping they will have a great Thanksgiving dinner! Please remember no donation of nonperishable food or money or toiletries is too small. **Please check expiration dates as by law we are unable to distribute expired food.** All donations may be brought to the cornucopia, church parlor or the display near the gym doors at the Connect service through Thanksgiving Day. Monetary donations may also be left at the church office. Thank you so much in advance for your help as we begin this holiday season! And we extend a very special thank you to Thrivent Financial and Meijer Birch Run for their generous monetary support.

## Monday - Last Day to Sign Up THANKSGIVING DINNER

Please join us **Wed., Nov. 22 at 5 p.m.** at the Frankenmuth American Legion Hall, 990 Flint St. There is No charge for the meal however, a free will donation will be given to the Saginaw Rescue Mission. **Please call the church office by Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> to indicate your plans to attend.** Volunteers are also needed for setup, greeters, food service, and clean up. Call the church office to volunteer.

**Advent by Candlelight** There is still time to sign up! Ladies, this is our 20<sup>th</sup> year! The evening features dozens of beautiful tables decorated by volunteers (like you!), an hour-long program with message and singing, and dessert fellowship. We will also have a few wonderful silent auction items, with proceeds to ministry. Our theme is "**First, Jesus!**", encouraging us to seek Him first in all we do. (Article continues on page 2)



**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

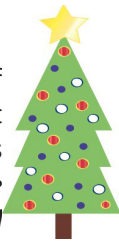
## St. Lorenz Pictorial Directory

**REMINDER:** It's finally here! After two years, the St. Lorenz Pictorial Directory is complete. The Committee is happy to handing out copies **THIS WEEKEND (11/18 & 11/19)** before and after every service to all who participated. After this weekend, they will be available in the Church Office. For those of you who did not participate, but would like a copy of the Pictorial Directory, you can contact Rummel Studios at (989)652-9909 to purchase a copy. If you have any questions please reach out to Elizabeth Peterson at (989)737-5271. Thanks for making this project a huge success!

---

## The Caring Tree

Take a tag or two off of the tree to purchase a gift for someone in need this Christmas season. **Please return your unwrapped gifts with the ornament from the tree to the church office by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.** We also accept donations of cleaning supplies, personal care items and snack foods. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Reinert at 989.652.2790 or jodireinert@yahoo.com.



---

## German Christmas Song Fest

This annual one-hour service of German hymns and readings of Advent and Christmas will be held on **Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m.** It is organized by the Frankenmuth German Club (Seven Smart Club) and hosted by St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth.



---

## Christian Book Club (CBC)

Follow the incredible journey of one piece of paper as it travels around the world, linking lives and hearts with its simple but beautiful message. Yes, one piece of paper and twelve lives changed forever. Heartwarming and inspirational, "The Shepherd's Song", by Betsy Duffey and Laurie Myers, will captivate your imagination and remind you of how God works through us to reach beyond what we can begin to dream. Join the Christian Book Club in reading this special book. We meet to discuss the book **Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## IT'S TIME TO RE-SUBSCRIBE OR SUBSCRIBE

to *THE LUTHERAN WITNESS* at a discounted rate. The Lutheran Witness is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and is published 11 times a year. Price is only \$11.50 per year if ordered through St. Lorenz before December 8. (Individual subscription is \$20) Please stop by the church office to order or mail in your check made payable to St. Lorenz. **Must be ordered by Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>** to be processed at the lower cost.

---

## 2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE FAMILY FAITH DINNER/PRESENTATIONS

Our second Family Faith Dinner/Presentation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and their families will be held on **Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** in the St. Lorenz dining hall. Your Family Friendly team will serve you and your family dinner at 6:00 and will follow up with presentations for parents and crafts and activities for children at 6:30 -7:25 (childcare will be provided for children 3 years old and younger). We will dismiss the group at 7:30. We have had some valuable teaching moments as a family up to this point! Please get this important event on your calendar and grow as a family. If you have questions check with your child's teacher or call Kay at 652-2248.

---

## Pastor's Bible Class

Class begins at 9:30 a.m.

On **November 26<sup>th</sup>** we will have a "Final 60 minutes" session.

During the month of December, we will study the Book of *Jonah*.

In January, we will begin the study of the Book of *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*.

What the "Final 60 minutes" session means is that you may ask questions on any subjects relating to the Bible, such as:

- The Bible.
- The Story of Our Life in Christ.
- The Story of Our Life as God's Called People Sharing the Good News With Others.

Talk to your friends and neighbors and bring in their questions. Or better yet: Bring in your friends and neighbors and let them ask their own questions.

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

## Advent by Candlelight

(article continues from page 1) We welcome ladies high school and older; you need not be a member of any group or church to join us on **Sunday, November 26, 6:30 p.m.**, in the St. Lorenz School gym. This is a free event, but we'll be happy to again accept your monetary donations that night for youth who have aged out of foster care. (If writing a check, please make payable to St. Lorenz - aged out youth in the memo line.) So reserve your seats now; hostesses, reserve your table! The sign-ups are at [www.stlorenz.org](http://www.stlorenz.org), click on Ministry, then Advent by Candlelight. There is one link each for hostess and guest sign-up. You will receive confirmation, usually within the day. Or, leave a message with Pam at 598-5226. We're so excited to fill the gym again!

**Hostesses** It's always fun to see first-time hostesses! Or, maybe it's been years since you hosted? Welcome back! Some tables will be elegant and sophisticated, some will have a homespun country flair, some will be plain and simple. All will be beautiful! We love how this event brings many women together and pray that all will be blessed that evening. See the links above for full details about **hosting** an Advent by Candlelight table. There are also paper copies of hostess guidelines at the church office. As a hostess, you may personally invite friends to sit at your table, or we can help fill the seats. Questions? Please email [StLorenzAdvent@gmail.com](mailto:StLorenzAdvent@gmail.com) or call/text Pam at 598-5226. *Thank you for volunteering; you make this event special and fun!*

## 2018 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

has been placed in the church narthex on the east wall of the center entrance. Please feel free to sign up for providing flowers for the altar vases on a given Sunday. This can be done in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special anniversary, birthday, etc.

Donations to the Altar Guild are also accepted to help pay for flowers when no one has signed up. The cost of flowers for both vases is \$100. Contact Lori Warneumuende at 652.2999.

---

## GIFTS

**In Memory of the birthday of Harold Riess on November 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Social Ministry/Needy - Ron & Judy Bickel/Russ & Sharon VanPatten





**INFORMATION TO SHARE**

Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer



**“The Reckoning”**

You hear little talk about the “Fear of God” anymore, but if you don’t in some way fear your Creator who judges you down to your inmost being, why would you love your only Savior whom He sends you? A Messge about fearing and loving God.  
(Matthew 25:14-30)

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 Pastor Bob Smith with any current/ongoing prayer concerns.

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“We live in H.O.P.E. --Having Optimism Pending Enternity. Because no matter what happens we know that He loves us and our future is secure.” *Diane Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life*--A **“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life** [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).



**CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

**Sunday**  
Worship Service.....8:00 a.m.  
..... 9:30 a.m.  
Connect ..... 11:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - German..... 11:00 a.m.  
**Tuesday**  
Worship for Shut-ins..... 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Thanksgiving Eve ..... 6:30 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
Thanksgiving Day... 8:00/9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service.....7:00 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
Worship Service ..... 6:30 p.m.

**Examine the Evidence...**

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

**Physics**

Radiohalos are rings of color which form in rock crystals when bits of radioactive elements decay. These discolored rings give very specific patterns which are indicative of the radioactive decay sequence happening within the rock crystal. Radiohalos have been found in granite, biotite, fluorite, diamond and other minerals and gems. They also provide undisputable evidence that enormous layers of rock which form the lowest crust of our planet formed and cooled almost instantaneously. Polonium is a radioactive element which decays within seconds to months of its formation. It leaves very distinctive discolored rings when this decay happens inside of granite and other materials. These discolorations had to have formed after the granite was cool, because temperatures higher than 140° C destroy the discoloration. In some cases the polonium decays in less than a second, and in others it is gone within months. The only way that radiohalos could exist within granite is if these massive rock layers, as much as a mile thick, also formed and cooled almost instantly. Critics claim that the polonium came from other radioactive elements which were deposited millions of years after the rock crystals formed and cooled. There is no evidence, however, that the tiny bits of radioactive polonium came from any previous form of radioactive material. Nor is there evidence to show how the radioactive material could have entered the rock. The polonium had to be present as the rock formed. The existence of polonium radiohalos in granite indicate that the granite was created as a solid, just as we see it now, and did not form from molten material.

*“Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.”*

*Job 38:4 NKJV*

**Christmas at St. Lorenz**  
St. Lorenz Church will host its 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** **Sunday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.**

**SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS**

**PROBLEM:** Group prayer is especially powerful; yet, we do not have anything in place for people to easily submit requests unless they attend a Bible class or group that includes a prayer chain. Our members can call the church office, go personally to the Friday prayer chapel, ask to speak to a pastor, or submit a prayer request to the pastors through the Connect service sermon folder. However, most requests in these circumstances are not made until people are in dire circumstances, and all require the time and attention of our very busy pastors. There is nothing in place for common prayer needs, such as... 'I'm having a biopsy on the 13<sup>th</sup>, please pray it is benign.'

**SOLUTION:** The St. Lorenz Prayer Committee would like to make it comfortable and easy for people to request prayer for minor issues as well as major issues. Therefore, we now have an Email Prayer Chain, of trustworthy volunteer prayer warriors committed to praying for the needs of our congregation, friends, and family.

**ACTION:** Submit your prayer requests to Nancy Zuellig by emailing [nanzee1@aol.com](mailto:nanzee1@aol.com) and putting prayer request in the subject heading, **or** by calling **818-497-3843**. If you are especially concerned about confidentiality, you may choose to use just a first name, make it anonymous, or say you have an unspoken request. Our God knows. Let's bombard heaven with our prayers, for us and for each other. Let's truly make St. Lorenz a House of Prayer... a people who pray, not only in church, but who continually submit our requests to God in every facet of our life.

**YOUTH**

- **Youth Basketball** -Still looking for coaches for our Youth Basketball teams. Contact Chuck Anderson for more information – 989-996-0088
- **No FCA Friday, November 24.** 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.
- **There will be No Bible Studies this week November 20 – 22.**
- **High School Bible Study Lunches** – 2017 -18 school year - Sophomores and Juniors will meet on Mondays while Freshmen and Seniors will meet on Wednesdays.
- **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!

## 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL LIVING NATIVITY



A Journey to Bethlehem, Immanuel Lutheran Church - Frankentrost  
Friday, Dec. 1: 7 - 9 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun., Dec. 2 & 3: 6 - 8 p.m.

Experience the real Christmas story amid the sights and sounds of Bethlehem long ago. Fellowship and light refreshments will follow. This is a 30-minute outdoor walk, so dress the family for the weather. (*Supplemented with Thrivent funds*).

## Vienna Boys Choir Day Trip

The Widow's group is inviting **all ladies**, to enjoy the Vienna Boys Choir on **Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** at Wharton Center on MSU's campus. If you are interested, please follow these two important instructions. 1) To guarantee your bus and concert ticket reservation, you must pay \$99 directly to Frankenmuth Travel by check or cash **only**. 2) To guarantee that you will sit with your friends at the concert, tell Kristen or any F'muth Travel representative receiving your payment, that you are with the St. Lorenz Widows Group. Reserve early, since the bus will fill on a "first come, first served" basis. On Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> we will meet in front of Frankenmuth Travel at 3 p.m., so we can leave by 3:15 p.m. Prior to the concert the bus will be stopping at the Meridian Mall for those who wish to eat supper in the mall's food court. Feel free to invite friends and/or family to join you. Questions for Frankenmuth Travel? Please call Kristen @ 652-9977 ext. 505. Questions for our Widows Committee? Please contact Margaret @ 652-8916.

## The Boar's Head Christmas Festival

presented by Bethlehem Lutheran Church & School (808 Weiss, Saginaw) will be held **Thurs., Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m., Sat., Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. & Sun., Dec. 3 at 4 p.m.** Freewill offering, no tickets required. Preservice music starts 30 minutes prior to performance. ([www.BethlehemSaginaw.org](http://www.BethlehemSaginaw.org))

## Franklin Avenue Mission

families are in need of twin and full size beds. Please call Laura Weiss 652-6619



## St. Lorenz School Benefit Auction

*Take Me Out to the Ballgame!* will be the theme for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual SLS Benefit Auction. The auction has provided so many remarkable resources, services, and materials for the students and teachers at our school. Please mark your calendars for **Sat., February 10, 2018** and plan on joining us! There will be silent and live auctions with dinner at the Bavarian Inn Lodge. The auction will start at 5:00 p.m. **Tickets can be purchased from the school office.** The tickets are \$28 through January 15<sup>th</sup> and \$35 after January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider how you can be involved in the 2018 SLS Benefit Auction:

- Sponsorship opportunities available
- Consider donation of a gift card, a service, a new item, new handmade goods, a vacation rental, etc.
- Auction Ambassador (help gather gift cards and other donations for our silent auction) Contact Erin Wascher at [ewascher@stlorenz.org](mailto:ewascher@stlorenz.org) if you are interested.
- Attending and bidding!

**The St. Lorenz Christian Book Club** has made the reading selections for 2018. The following is a listing of the date and the book selected for each month.

January 22	"God Gave Me You" by Tricia Seaman & Diane Nickols
February 26	"The Preacher's Bride" by Jody Hedlund
March 26	"Street God" by Dimas Salsberrios
April 23	"Seeing Jesus" by Jeffrey McClain Jones
May 21	"Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" by Nabeel Qureshi
June 25	"Called for Life" by Kent & Amber Brantley
July 23	"Beneath A Southern Sky" by Deborah Raney
August 27	"Not in the Heart" by Chris Fabry
September 24	"Beyond the Silence" by Tracie Peterson & Kimberly Woodhouse
October 22	"The Road to Becoming" by Jenny Simmons
November 26	"The Christmas Blessing" by Melody Carlson



The St. Lorenz Christian Book Club meets from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month from January through November. For questions or information contact Diane Schiefer (989-906-2877). Everyone is welcome!

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes:	When:	Where:	Leader(s):
	<b>Sunday</b>		
Pastor's Bible Class - <i>The 95 Theses</i>	9:30 AM	Adult Ed Rm.	Rev. Rodney Rynearson
Adult Bible Study: <i>How we got the Bible – DVD series by Dr. Paul Meier.</i>	9:30 AM	The Rock	Chuck Anderson
Visionary Parenting	9:30 AM	Rm. 148 JH Wing	Dawn & Scott Mueller
Truth Project	6:00 PM	Adult Ed Rm.	Darrin Urbytes
<b>*Childcare is available for toddlers and babies during the Sunday morning classes, located in the Early Childhood Wing.</b>			
	<b>Monday</b>		
Seniors Bible Study	9:30 AM - 2nd Monday	Adult Ed Room	Pastor Kaiser
	<b>Tuesday</b>		
Ladies' Bible Study	9:00 AM	Adult Ed	Kathy Zeilinger
Independence Village Bible Study	1:00 PM - 1 <sup>ST</sup> TUES.	Independence Village - Harmony Hall	Pastor Brandt
Breakthrough Bible Study	5:00 PM	Adult Ed Room	Tammy Stephens
	<b>Wednesday</b>		
Men's Bible Breakfast	6:30 AM	Church Parlor	Pastor Brandt
Men's Bible Class	6:30 AM	The Rock	Al Nuechterlein
Ladies Bible Study	9:30 AM - 11 AM	Heritage Room	Deb Krafft