

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26, 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)

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St. Lorenz Lutheran Church & School

**WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Dec. 2 & 3:**

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 - November 18 & 19:**

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m.	222
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	276
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	381
Connect Worship .....	11:00 a.m.	694
Chapel Communion.....	9:30/11:00 a.m.	25
		<b>Total: 1,598</b>

**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?"*

**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.

**The Caring Tree**

Please return your new, unwrapped Caring Tree gift with the tag **to the church office by FRIDAY, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you!



**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.**

**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!

**MINISTRY COUNCIL AND VOTERS MINUTES**

are posted in mystlorenz under the "Files" tab in the Global group. Hard copies are also available upon request.

**St. Lorenz Pictorial Directory**

Is 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!

<b>Monthly Financial Report</b>			
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: <a href="mailto:jfrank@stlorenz.org">jfrank@stlorenz.org</a> or 652-0786.			
	<b>Oct. 31, 17</b>	<b>Ministry Plan</b>	<b>Oct. 31, 16</b>
	<b>Actual YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Actual YTD</b>
<b>Operating Fund Income</b>	\$3,400,210	\$3,454,305	\$3,433,883
<b>Operating Fund Expenses</b>	<u>3,793,618</u>	<u>3,853,145</u>	<u>3,705,168</u>
<b>Income Over (Under) Exp.</b>	<u>\$ (393,408)</u>	<u>\$ (398,840)</u>	<u>\$ (271,285)</u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>Capital Improvement</b>
1/1/2017 Balance	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 133,664
Income	3,400,210	288,970	101,813
Disbursements	<u>(3,793,618)</u>	<u>(266,248)</u>	<u>(103,564)</u>
10/31/2017 Balance	<u>\$ (393,408)</u>	<u>\$ 22,722</u>	<u>\$ 131,913</u>

**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



### Financial Peace University

What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you could be debt-free with an emergency fund of 3–6 months of expenses saved, all while investing for retirement and planning for your family’s future? Guess what? You CAN! With Dave Ramsey’s class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money. We’re offering this 9-week class at St. Lorenz just for you starting **January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.** \$50 fee per family for class materials. Dinner and childcare provided weekly for free. If you’re interested in learning more about the class or want to sign-up, go to [www.stlorenz.org/fpu](http://www.stlorenz.org/fpu).

“Living with Cancer” support group sponsored by Covenant HealthCare and St. Lorenz Stephen Ministry meets at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level at Covenant HealthCare, 600 N. Main Street, Frankenmuth. The **next meeting will be Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**. The group welcomes all survivors and caregivers for sharing, caring and support. For more information, contact Maggie Kempf at 652-6923.

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

### 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 December 3<sup>rd</sup> we will begin studying the Book of *Jonah*.

I have heard many stories told by a fishermen about the great big one that got away. Our lessons this month are the other side of that story: a great big fish telling other fish about the man that got away—Jonah. How did Jonah get away? Come and find out.

Bring your friends: Fisher men/women, Hunter/hunter widow, or anyone. Let us talk about Jonah.

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



**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** is this Sunday, Nov 26<sup>th</sup>! If you have signed up to attend, come to the St. Lorenz gym before 6:30 p.m. Dessert will be served after the program. If you have made reservations and are unable to attend, please leave a message with Pam, 989-598-5226. Blessings on your evening, ladies, as we consider **Jesus, First!**

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT Thank you for your continued generous support of Aged Out Youth (young people who are in foster care and grow too old for that system). We will be happy to accept monetary donations at the door; participation optional. If writing a check, please make payable to St. Lorenz (Aged Out Youth in the memo line), since we purchase gift cards through the school SCRIP program. We will also be offering some beautiful and fun silent auctions, including Lutheran World Relief quilts made by St. Lorenz volunteers.



### 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!

### GIFTS

In Honor of her 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on November 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Dorothy K. Bierlein

**INFORMATION TO SHARE**

Speaker Emeritus:  
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



**“Show Me”**

In Lerner and Loewe’s musical, *My Fair Lady*, Eliza is being wooed with words by a weak and wimpy suitor. She comments: “Don’t talk of stars, burning above If you’re in love, show me. Tell me not dreams, filled with desire If you’re on fire, show me.” In Jesus’ description of Judgment Day, the Savior goes on record: true love needs to show itself in action.

(Matthew 25:31-46)

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**

“A child who has been adopted by loving parents knows they chose him. He was not simply accepted because he was conceived and born into their midst but was sought out to become their child. God is like that with us! ‘Although it may appear outwardly that we make our way toward God, the joyful and wonderful truth is that it is God who comes to us’ (Matthew the Poor).” *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington--A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org.*



**Examine the Evidence...**

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**Creation Foundation**

Design means that the components within an object are arranged in a such a way as to accomplish some useful or artistic purpose. By this definition, the earth with all of its interrelated systems shows design. The “Law of Teleology” is a principle of logic that has to do with design or purpose in nature. This law of science states that where there is complex and interdependent design, there must be a designer. Both the religious and the nonreligious have been forced to acknowledge this principle. Intelligent functional design demands a designer. Therefore, whenever design is discovered in the fabric of Earth’s environment, one would have to conclude, if intellectually honest, that there must be a grand Designer ultimately responsible for this design.

*...but they have no regard for the deeds of the LORD, no respect for the work of his hands. Isaiah 5:12*

**SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS**

Submit your prayer requests to our prayer chain by emailing [nanzee1@aol.com](mailto:nanzee1@aol.com) and putting prayer request in the subject heading or by calling Nancy at 818-497-3843. The Prayer Team is committed to praying for you in confidentiality. Still concerned about confidentiality.... no need. 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.

**No Bible Study Breakfast Today, November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Rock.**

**Annual Christmas Bake Sale**

LWML - Lutheran Women In Mission  
**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Wellspring Lutheran Home  
725 W. Genesee St. Frankenmuth  
**9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**



Friends and members of St. Lorenz are busily baking for the upcoming Christmas Bake Sale. We will have Springerle, Butter Horns, Eisenkueckle, Cut-Out Christmas Cookies along with other favorite sweets. We INVITE all who are baking for the holidays to consider contributing one of your specialties. It is for a wonderful cause that benefits The Frankenmuth Lutheran Home Auxiliary, which supplies many of the special needs of the residents. We sold out early last year so donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at Wellspring Lutheran Home on Thursday between 4:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. and Friday, before the sale, between 8 a.m. - 9 a.m. All Sales will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any questions please contact the 2017 Chairperson, Marilyn Bernthal at 652-2515 or [bernthalm@aol.com](mailto:bernthalm@aol.com).

**YOUTH**

- **Youth Basketball** -practices are in full swing – check with Chuck on days and time.
- **Still looking for coaches for our Youth Basketball teams.** Contact Chuck Anderson for more information – 989-996-0088
- **Jr. High Dance – Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.** Sign up sheet and permission slips are available on the Jr. High bulletin board.
- **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.
- **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!

**CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

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



## 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))

## Something to Think About...

- Give up complaining . . . focus on gratitude
- Give up pessimism . . . become an optimist
- Give up worrying . . . trust in God
- Give up discouragement . . . be full of hope
- Give up bitterness . . . try forgiveness
- Give up anger . . . practice patience
- Give up gossiping . . . control your tongue
- Give up jealousy . . . pray for contentment

**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.

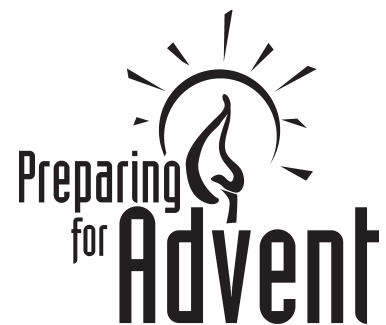
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| January 22   | "God Gave Me You" by Tricia Seaman & Diane Nickols           |
| February 26  | "The Preacher's Bride" by Jody Hedlund                       |
| March 26     | "Street God" by Dimas Salsberrios                            |
| April 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!

## 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. (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> gr.); 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## The St. Lorenz Church Library has added a number of new DVDs this month:

The library already contained the Sherwood Pictures "Flywheel" and "Facing the Giants". Three additional movies have been added to the library collection, they are: "Fireproof", "Courageous" and "War Room".

During this fall's Annual Church Extension Fund Conference Katie Stam-Irk, Miss America 2009, talks about how you should "Live Fearlessly". A DVD of that inspiring speech is now available.

Lee Strobel has produced DVDs based on the books "The Case of Christ", "The Case for Faith", and "The Case for a Creator". Narrated by Lee Strobel, it features interviews with the individuals he contacted during his search for answers. These DVD's are a good follow up to the books, but are not as impactful or as detailed. If you haven't read the books, they are available in the Church Library.

Note: the DVD "The Case for Christ" was created by Lee Strobel as a documentary, it is not the new movie of the same name.

### 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.