

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 5, 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

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Nov. 11 & 12:

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.
Sunday - German - Church (Communion).....	11:00 a.m.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - October 28 & 29:

Saturday Worship.....	6:30 p.m.	239
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	392
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	428
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m.	475
		Total: 1,534



INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE BIBLE STUDY

Independence Village Residents and Friends come join us this coming **Tuesday, November 7th at 1 p.m. in Independence Village's Harmony Hall.** Pastor Brandt will lead the study.

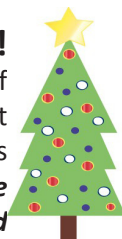
YOU'RE INVITED to attend one of the dessert meetings we have scheduled to help you consider your response to the opportunity to support mission and ministry that is being provided through our GRATEFUL campaign. Please call 652-6141 or email church@stlorenz.org to register. Meeting schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.	Bavarian Inn – Family Crest Room
Monday, Nov. 13	1:00 p.m.	Bavarian Inn – Family Crest Room
Monday, Nov. 13	7:00 p.m.	Zehnders – Main Dining Room
Wednesday, Nov. 15	1:00 p.m.	Bavarian Inn – Family Crest Room
Wednesday, Nov. 15	7:00 p.m.	Zehnders – Main Dining Room

St. Lorenz Foundation – The St. Lorenz Foundation Board of Directors has affirmed that they will provide the balance of their original pledge should the congregation vote to proceed with a building program. The Foundation will make the funds available in a three-year commitment totaling \$750,000. The support would start in the year of the congregation's decision to build.

The Caring Tree is up!

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 1st.** 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.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE IS HERE!

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.

No special plans for Thanksgiving Dinner? No guests to entertain? Just feel like doing something different for a change? Consider this invitation to attend the **FRANKENMUTH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER Wednesday, November 22, at 5:00 p.m. (note the change of day)** at the Frankenmuth American Legion Hall 990 Flint St. There is No charge for the meal however, a free will donation will be received to help feed the hungry and homeless at the Saginaw Rescue Mission. Supper includes: turkey, chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, stuffing, salads, bread, and pumpkin dessert. Having an idea of how many will attend helps with food preparation. **Please call the church office by Monday, November 20, 2017 to indicate your plans to attend.** Volunteers are also needed for setup, greeters, food service, and clean up. Call the church office to volunteer. This event is sponsored jointly by the following Frankenmuth churches: Blessed Trinity Catholic, Frankenmuth Bible, Frankenmuth United Methodist, Hope Community, and St. Lorenz Lutheran.

Coordinator Help Scott Mueller is looking for an individual or couple who would be interested in helping to coordinate the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year (and possibly on an annual basis). This would involve some planning, shopping, and advance setup in addition to being on site Thanksgiving Eve. If you are interested and/or would like more information, please contact Scott Mueller in the church office.

THERE IS STILL ROOM – BUT NOT MUCH TIME

Twenty-seven people from our community are traveling to Israel in February, 2018 to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Six more are joining us from southwest Michigan. We still have room for 6-8 more people, but time is running short. **The deadline for registering is November 6th.** Contact Pastor Brandt for more information.

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

Hope During the Holidays

November 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Cederberg Funeral Home 590 N. Franklin Street. Join us as we gather to cope with grief and mourning following the death of loved ones, or with major life changes. Free admission. Free gift. Call NOW to reserve your spot 989-652-9991. Sponsored by Cederberg Funeral Home of Frankenmuth and CrossRoads Counseling Ministries.

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 by the end of the day on **Monday, Nov. 20th**. Digital pictures may be attached to the email message or submitted separately. Contact Nancy Honold @ 989-992-6487 with questions.



The Foundation assists individuals who are interested in professional church work through an annual gift to the Student Aid fund to provide scholarships. In addition, several families have established funds to support those preparing to be pastors or teachers.

www.stlorenzfoundation.org

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 27th**, 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.

The next Youth Paper Drive will be **Saturday, November 11th** at the Rock. You can drop off your newspapers from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Owl Night Hike

Join Mandy Liddle, St. Lorenz School's Environmental Education Director for an owl night hike on **Friday, Nov. 10th** at 6:00 p.m! Meet at the St. Lorenz Learning Center at 6:00 p.m. We will begin indoors with some basics about owl habitats, adaptations and behavior. Then we will hit the Churchgrove Prayer Trail and call in some native Michigan owls! Please dress warm and bring a flashlight. Register by emailing Mandy Liddle at mliddle@stlorenz.org. Registration limited to 25 people, this includes both children and adults. In the case of inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled.



German Worship Service On **Sunday, November 12th**, St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. The theme for this service is "Thanksgiving to God for the truth of 'Faith Alone'" and is part of our year-long "Reformation Celebration" series. The service will use our traditional German Service liturgy and include an English sermon by Pastor Bill Hoesman. Scripture readers will be 6th graders; Carson Knoll, Nicklaus Hoesman, Faith Sears and their German language teacher Ionela Bauer. Members of the St. Lorenz 4th grade class will sing „Danke Für Diesen Guten Morgen“ and the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including "Nun Danket Alle Gott" (Now Thank We All Our God), and "So Nimm denn Meine Hände" (Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me). Prior German worship services can be viewed on the St. Lorenz website at: <http://stlorenz.org/german/>

German Christmas Song Fest

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



Today! "A Patriot's Prayer - One God, One Nation, One Prayer" Concert at St. Michael's Lutheran Church on **Sunday, November 5th at 7 p.m.** This concert is an opportunity to celebrate all of the freedoms we have as citizens of the United States. It will also be a choral and instrumental tribute to all veterans in our communities.



Advent by Candlelight is coming up fast, since Thanksgiving falls early this year! (But there are over 30 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas). Ladies, this is our 20th 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. **We welcome ladies high school and older; you need not be a member of any group or church to join us on Sunday, Nov 26th, 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 with Aged Out Youth in memo line.) So reserve your seats now; hostesses, reserve your table! The sign-ups are at 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 Wouldn't it be fun to put those Pinterest ideas to use, or to actually use that heirloom china?! See the links above for full details about **hosting** an Advent by Candlelight table for your friends or for others who'd like to attend. There are also paper copies of hostess guidelines at the church office. Questions? Please leave a message at StLorenzAdvent@gmail.com or call Pam 598-5226. *Thank you* for volunteering; you make this event special and fun!

GIFTS

In Honor of their 65th Anniversary on November 2nd:
St. Lorenz Student Aid Fund - Mervin & Wilma Knoll

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Dale A. Meyer



“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart”

This weekend many churches observe All Saints’ Sunday, remembering those who have died in the Christian faith. That prompts us to ask, what does it take to get to heaven? Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:8, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” What that means is this week’s Lutheran Hour Message. (Matthew 5:8)

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

“I have people say, ‘We need to go out and see people saved.’ I’ve got news for you: They don’t even know that they’re lost ... Where Luther nailed those theses on the door of the church, we need to be going to churches, Christian colleges, seminaries, Bible colleges in this day and age and nailing Genesis 1-11 on the doors because that’s where we’ve lost biblical authority.” Ken Ham, Answers in Genesis--A **“Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life** www.lutheransforlife.org.



Examine the Evidence...

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

The Fossil Record

As soon as a plant or animal dies, its DNA begins to decompose. The oldest accurately known DNA samples are from a 4000-year-old mummy. Based on the deterioration of the molecule from samples of this age, it is estimated that essentially no DNA could survive longer than 10,000 years. However, DNA segments have been found in magnolia leaves (dated by evolutionists at 17 million years), dinosaur bones (dated at 80 million years), scales of a fossilized fish (dated at 200 million years), and amber-encased insects and plants (dated at 25-120 million years). Evolutionary scientists should be asking how DNA could still be contained in samples this old when more recent samples indicate that the DNA molecule is far too sensitive to have lasted this long. Perhaps there is something wrong with the old-earth dating methods and these fossils still contain DNA fragments simply because they are not as old as believed. These samples have been simply been dated wrong due to faulty assumptions of radiometric dating methods. Evolutionists have a similar problem with protein preserved in dinosaur bones. As with DNA, no protein should last 75 to 150 million years; yet protein has been found in dinosaur bones. These plant and animal remains are simply not as old as evolutionists need to accept in order to continue to believe in the story of evolution.

“...I am He; I am the first and I am the last. My own hand laid the foundations of the earth...” Isaiah 48:12,13

International Day of the Persecuted Church Nov. 5th

Please pray this week with intention for Christians around the world who are persecuted. Please also pray that their persecutors would be saved.

LLL-LHM - Every week we all are contacted to make donations to various charities. Besides the regular church contributions, it takes time and thought to decide which ones to support. This decision can only be made by having correct information on each request and then by prayer. **WHY DONATE TO LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRY (LHM)?** LOOK what they are making happen with your donation.: 18,815 people are connected with Christian communities each year - One Million listeners to The Lutheran Hour each week - 56 Million people reached with the Gospel globally each week.

If you are a regular supporter of LHM (173 St. Lorenz members are), **THANK YOU.** If you wish to make your initial donation, envelopes are available at the Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) display in the church parlor, N.E. corner.

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Lutheran Women In Mission Please mark **Monday, November 13th**, on your calendar for an evening with Lutheran Bible Translators James & Susan Kaiser beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served prior to the Membership Meeting when we will “officially” welcome the Kaiser’s to Michigan and St. Lorenz once again. Lutheran Bible Translator’s Partnership with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY), which is the largest Lutheran church in Africa, has allowed the Kaisers to spread the Good News of God’s Word to the people of Ethiopia for many years. Currently, James serves as a translator consultant involving five different language groups found in the southwest part of Ethiopia and is anxious to share his experiences with all of us. Please join us on this Special Evening Gathering.

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.

YOUTH

Tomorrow Jr. High Dance – Monday, November 6th, 3:15 – 5:30 p.m. at the Rock. Students should sign up and pick up a permission slip from the bulletin board in the Jr. High Wing. Cost is \$5 and snacks are provided.

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!

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.

MINISTRY COUNCIL AND VOTERS MINUTES

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

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.

The fruit sale has begun at Valley Lutheran High School.

This year's offerings are 20 lb of Indian River Navel Oranges, Pink Grapefruit or mixed carton for \$27, the 40 lb box is \$38. New this year are mandarin oranges 10 lb or \$26 or 16 lb for \$38. The Citrus Delight box of Navel Oranges/ Pink Grapefruit / Tangelos (12 each) is \$35. The fruit will be **delivered on Saturday, December 2** at Valley from 7:30-2:00. Contact a VLHS student or the office at 790-1676. Checks should be made payable to VLHS Booster Club. The Sale ends November 10 and we thank you for your support!

A conference "Picture a Future You Cannot See"

about adoption, fostering and other options will be held **Sat. Nov. 11th** at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Walled Lake. Speakers, panels. breakout sessions, lunch, info packets and more! To get more information or register call Mary Walden at 248-231-3632.

Lutheran Women in Mission
LWML Michigan District

WOMEN'S CONFERENCES

NOVEMBER 11, 2017

St. Michael, Portage

NOVEMBER 18, 2017

Hope, Warren

For More information:
Contact Alice Smith 989-652-3096

Franklin Avenue Mission

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

WIDOWS CORNER

Vienna Boys Choir Day Trip

Widow's, you are invited to enjoy the Vienna Boys Choir on **Tuesday, November 28th 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. 28th 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.



ADULT BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes:	When:	Where:	Leader(s):
	Sunday		
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
*Childcare is available for toddlers and babies during the Sunday morning classes, located in the Early Childhood Wing.			
	Monday		
Seniors Bible Study	9:30 AM - 2nd Monday	Adult Ed Room	Pastor Kaiser
	Tuesday		
Ladies' Bible Study	9:00 AM	Adult Ed	Kathy Zeilinger
Independence Village Bible Study	1:00 PM - 1 ST TUES.	Independence Village - Harmony Hall	Pastor Brandt
Breakthrough Bible Study	5:00 PM	Adult Ed Room	Tammy Stephens
	Wednesday		
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
	Thursday		
Ladies' Bible Study	9:15 AM	Adult Ed South	Anne Bronner