

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 23/24, 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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f St. Lorenz Lutheran Church & School

## WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Dec. 30 & 31:

Saturday - Church .....	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 - December 16 & 17:

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m. ....	147
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m. ....	356
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m. ....	285
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m. ....	801
Chapel Communion.....	9:30/11:00 a.m. ....	38
Total:		1,627

## December 31:

**NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP** - (Communion) .....5:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE**  
will be closed on Tuesday,  
December 26<sup>th</sup>. Bulletin articles  
are needed by Wednesday,  
December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.



## ADVENT WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### December 20:

9:30 a.m. ....	33
5:00 p.m. ....	772
7:00 p.m. ....	58
Total:	863

## YEAR-END GIVING

In order for your gift to be recognized as a 2017 gift, one of the following must occur:

- Received in the church office by December 29, 2017
- Received in the offering plate at the church by December 31, 2017
- Postmarked December 31, 2017, or earlier, if mailed

Keep in mind that all checks must be dated December 31, 2017, or earlier; also, please place them in a 2017 giving envelope if possible.

Thank you. Questions? Feel free to contact Jeremy Frank at 652-0786.

## FINANCIAL END-OF-YEAR UPDATE

We are almost at the end of the fiscal year. Based on anticipated expenses in the **Operating Fund**, we will need receipts of approximately \$455,000 to finish this year in the black. To meet our annual goal for **Missions** \$49,000 and **Capital Improvement** \$15,000 are needed. We thank God for the gifts we receive to conduct our ministry and rejoice in the fact that He sent His only Son to be our Savior. Please continue to reflect on God's blessings in your life and respond to His great love in kind.

## FRANKLIN AVENUE MISSION

*The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen; the light has shined on them who long in shades of death have been. To us a Child of hope is born, to us a Son is given, and on His shoulder ever rests all power in earth and heaven. TLH*

**Thank you** to all who have been a part of bringing the Good News to a very dark neighborhood on the East side of Flint. The Light is shining brightly at the Franklin Avenue Mission due to the missionaries from our churches, who have so willingly given of their time, talents and treasures.  
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**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).



### CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Worship Service.....8:00 a.m.  
..... 9:30 a.m.  
Christmas Eve ..... 1/3/5/7 p.m.

#### Monday

Christmas Day..... 8:00/9:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday

Worship ANEW (Shut-ins) 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday

Worship Service.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 5:00/7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday

Worship Service.....7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday

Worship Service ..... 6:30 p.m.



### 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>.

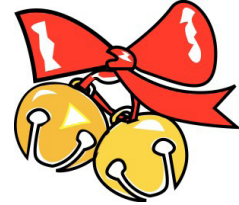
Please consider how you can be involved in the 2018 SLS Benefit Auction:

- 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!



Merry Christmas

**Ministry Council And Voters Minutes** are posted in mystlorenz under the “Files” tab in the Global group. Hard copies are also available upon request.



### Submit Your Prayer Requests

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Phil. 4:6*

Submit your prayer requests to our prayer chain by emailing [nanzee1@aol.com](mailto:nanee1@aol.com) and putting prayer request in the subject heading or by calling Nancy at 818-497-3843. Group prayer is powerful and effective. The Prayer Team is committed to praying for you in confidentiality. You may choose to use just a first name, if you prefer, 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.

### GIFTS

**In Honor of her birthday on December 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

St. Lorenz GRATEFUL Campaign - Dorothy Nuechterlein

**In Memory of Harold Weber’s 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>:**

St. Lorenz Church Operating Fund - Marcella Weber & Family

**In Memory of Shannon Vasicek:**

St. Lorenz Girls of Grace - Dorothy K. Bierlein

## CARING MINISTRIES

### The Gift of Hope

Hope is something we all desire, especially during a difficult situation we are facing. In Romans 15:13, it says, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Are you feeling like your situation will never change? A Stephen Minister **can** help restore your faith that it can change, and find the hope that is present in Christ Jesus!

To request the care of a Stephen Minister contact:

Jeannette Stange 652-0567

Dennis Weirauch 652-6954

Pastor Fenske 652-6141

or visit the website at [stephenministry.stlorenz.org](http://stephenministry.stlorenz.org) for more information.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Do you read the *Portals of Prayer*? If so, you will be interested to know more about the author of the 2017 December devotions, Steve Cohen. Steve is the founder of THE APPLE OF HIS EYE ministry to the unsaved in the Jewish culture. This is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. A national LWML Mission Grant called "Bring the Gospel to the Lost Sheep of His Eye" was approved at the LWML Convention in 2015. A thrilling moment at the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque occurred when the check for the \$100,000.00 Mission Grant was personally presented by President Patti Ross to Steve and Nancy Cohen and Rev. Bob and Kristi Roegner. They are now able to carry on the work of The APPLE OF HIS EYE in Israel! The coins from YOUR LWML Mite Boxes have helped this ministry to become a reality! To God be the glory! Read more about Steve Cohen on the Meet the Authors page in the 2017 December *Portals of Prayer*.

### Depression and The Christian's Source of Self Esteem

Presented by: Brian Wilson, MA, LPC  
CrossRoads Counseling Ministries,  
Frankenmuth

**Tues., January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.,**  
Frankenmuth United Methodist  
Church, 346 E. Vates Street

Event is free - No reservations needed.  
Bring a friend.

Hosted by: The Stephen Ministry  
of St. Martin Lutheran Church and  
Frankenmuth United Methodist  
Church.

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### Pastor's Bible Class

**No Bible Class today.**

*Christ is born, Alleluia!*

### Merry Christmas!

On Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> we will finish the book of  
*Jonah* during Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, Epiphany, we will start  
the book of *Revelation*.

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

*Everyone is welcome.*



### FRANKLIN AVENUE MISSION

*(Continued from page 1)*

What could have become total darkness and hopelessness in the FAM neighborhood if Calvary Lutheran Church had closed its doors, has become instead a light shining in the darkness and a beacon of hope for its neighbors. A new kind of church has sprung up in its place and God's Spirit continues to dwell among the people of the FAM neighborhood who come to the Franklin Avenue Mission church.

***"For I am about to do a brand new thing. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness for my people to come home. I will create rivers for them in the desert!"*** Isaiah 43:19 NLT.

We pray for your continued support and guidance for the leadership of FAM. You may go to [franklinavemission.org](http://franklinavemission.org) to learn more or contact Beppie Schroeder at [beppie.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:beppie.schroeder@gmail.com). **The next time St. Lorenz and St. Michael serve at FAM will be January 30 and February 1.** If you have not already done so, please consider coming down and experiencing the mission for yourself.

*Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray, and make us Thine alone, Who with the Father ever art and Holy Spirit one. TLH*

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### Grateful Campaign Contributions

You may begin contributing to the Grateful Campaign at this time. Please make sure you indicate which Grateful Fund (Facility, FAM, Here We Stand) with the amounts on the envelope or check.

Grateful Campaign Envelopes will be included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2018 giving envelope mailing.



**SAME PROGRAM -- NEW NAME:** "WORSHIP FOR SHUT-INS" CHANGES NAME TO "WORSHIP ANEW"

After celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, with prayerful consideration and conducting thorough research, the Board of Directors of Lutheran Ministries Media announced that the weekly televised service *Worship for Shut-Ins* will be now known as *Worship Anew*. Centered on the mission of "sharing Christ's love through ministry and media," *Worship Anew* televises its 30-minute program every week across the U.S. and around the world. Its traditional format includes Scripture readings, a pastor's sermon, and hymns of the church. Stations, times, and sermon topics can be found at [worshipanew.org](http://worshipanew.org).



**St. Lorenz Churchgrove** has face cords of hardwood for sale which is 2 x 4' x 8' \$40 face cord. Contact Phil at 989-652-6142 ext. 452.

**Christian Book Club (CBC)  
January Selection**

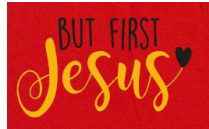
When a single mother with terminal cancer asked a nurse she'd met in the oncology ward to raise her son, neither could have imagined the miracles God had in store.

"God Gave Me You" by Tricia Seaman & Diane Nickols, tells the true story of how these two incredible mothers met, the immediate bond they formed, and the ups and downs of joining families as one's earthly life ebbed away.

The miracle of these two families coming together demonstrates that family isn't always blood—sometimes it's made up of the people God gives you if you have a willing heart.

Join the Christian Book Club in reading this special book. We meet to discuss the book **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 - 11 a.m.** in the Board Room at St. Lorenz School (Genesee Street entrance). Everyone is welcome. For questions and information call Diane Schiefer at 989-906-2877.

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT \$10 CHALLENGE** If you were tasked to spend \$10 in a new, helpful way, what would you do? The 208 ladies attending our event Thanksgiving weekend were each given a \$10 bill and, over the next months, will tell us what they did with the money. Some stories are now posted on our Facebook St. Lorenz Women's Ministry page; look us up! It's a blessing to see the diversity in replies. Thank you!



**BUT FIRST JESUS APRONS** Our first order sold out quickly and we have received more. These cheery red aprons are not for cooking only! Some ladies are wearing them as they volunteer, or for personal prayer time, Bible journaling time, maybe even an "I need a timeout!" time. \$20. To purchase, please call/text Pam Fitzgerald at 989-598-5226 or on Facebook.

**Valley Lutheran Thanks You!**

Thank you to all who supported our annual fruit sale fundraiser. Money raised will help support music, drama, athletics & many other activities at Valley. Total boxes sold this year was 483 which equals 13,220 pounds of fruit!!

**INFORMATION TO SHARE**

Speaker Emeritus:  
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



**"The Greatest Story Ever Told"**

What is your favorite story? This Christmas Eve Day, The Lutheran Hour speaks about God's greatest story. (Luke 1:30-32a)

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 Pastor Bob Smith with any current/ongoing prayer concerns.

**"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"So celebrate that divine-human Gift who has so changed your life by His Spirit. Praise Him for His gracious forgiveness and righteousness. Praise Him as the One who will one day transform the mortal into immortality. Indeed, He who was once a baby has changed and is changing lives and will one day change His whole creation." Rev. David Fuerstenau, *Holy Truth Lutheran Church Ketchikan, Alaska*--



"God gave you what you couldn't do for yourself. What a great Christmas gift you have in the unconditional forgiveness of your sins through the person and work of your Savior Jesus Christ! Thank You, God!" Rev. Mark Jeske, ([www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org))

**A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life**  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).