

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 3, 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

## ADVENT SERVICES - December 6:

Advent Worship .....	9:30 a.m.
Children's Advent Program (Preschool/Kind.) .....	5:00 p.m.
Advent Worship .....	7:00 p.m.

## WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - Dec. 9 & 10:

Saturday - Christmas Concert .....	6:30 p.m.
Sunday - Church .....	8:00 a.m.
Sunday - Church .....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday - Connect - Gym .....	11:00 a.m.
Sunday - German Worship.....	11:00 a.m.



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE - Thanksgiving Services 22 & 23:

Thanksgiving Eve .....	6:30 p.m. ....	548
Thanksgiving Day.....	8:00 a.m. ....	119
Thanksgiving Day.....	9:30 a.m. ....	479
Total:		1,146

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE - November 25 & 26:

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m. ....	232
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m. ....	254
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m. ....	354
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m. ....	386
Total:		1,226

## This Weekend! 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.



## Mid-Week Advent Worship

Prepare for Christmas this year by attending one of our Wednesday services. Worship times: 9:30, 5:00 (School Advent programs); and 7:00. Starting December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.



## 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.**

## INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE BIBLE STUDY

Independence Village Residents and Friends come join us this coming **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in Independence Village's Harmony Hall.** Pastor Brandt will lead the study.

## 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!

## FRANKLIN AVENUE MISSION

*Then Jesus told the man who had invited him, "When you invite people for lunch or dinner, don't invite only your friends, family, other relatives, or rich neighbors. Otherwise, they will return the favor. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the handicapped, the lame and the blind. Then you will be blessed because they don't have any way to pay you back. You will be paid back when those who have God's approval come back to life." Luke 14:12-14*

Serving the poor and handicapped at the **FRANKLIN AVE MISSION** is a wonderful opportunity to heed the above words of Jesus. Volunteers are needed on **Tuesday and Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please sign up on sign up genius, or contact Beppie at [beppie.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:beppie.schroeder@gmail.com) or at 989-652-4516 or text 989-392-5718, if you can help in any of the following capacities: cooks, 2-5 p.m., greeters 3:45-6 p.m., table hosts, 4:30-6 p.m., servers, 4:45-clean-up time. Clean up crew, 5 p.m. till done. Helpers with the **Children's Hour from 4-5 p.m. are also desperately needed.** They love one on one attention. You will be blessed by serving.

*"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve others, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

**Monthly Financial Report**  
is located 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



### 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).



### Thanksgiving Thank You

On behalf of the Thanksgiving Food Drive Committee, we would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated food and/or money to this year’s event. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide many families and individuals with a delicious Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings! They are so grateful for everything they receive. And thank you also to the volunteers who helped sort and box the food on Sunday. You made that huge job quick and easy, and it couldn’t have been done without your help!

### Many Thanks from the Church Beautification Committee

The new Christmas Trees in church were purchased by the Church Beautification committee from a large grant from the St. Lorenz Foundation.

Our thanks to Ron Bickel for donating the blue spruce branches used to create our Advent wreath near the northeast entrance of the church.

### Ministry Council And Voters Minutes

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

### 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.

### Girls of Grace Worship Concert 2018: WORDS OF LIFE

Your Girls of Grace dancers are very busy preparing for upcoming Christmas dances and Concert dances!

We are honored to present our 13<sup>th</sup> annual worship concert, entitled **WORDS OF LIFE** on Saturday/Sunday, April 14/15 at 3:00 p.m. at The Temple Theatre. TICKETS GO ON SALE MONDAY, DECEMBER 4!! Purchase your tickets by calling the Temple at 989-754-7469 or by going online at [www.templetheatre.com](http://www.templetheatre.com) (service fee for online tickets only). Tickets will be mailed directly to you. Cost: PREMIERE SEATING-\$15, REGULAR SEATING-\$12. ALL TICKETS ARE RESERVED SEATING. Theatre Box Office Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. CONCERT TICKETS MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS! Invite someone to hear the message of Christ in this unique and uplifting way!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to yearly increasing costs at The Temple Theatre, we sincerely felt the need to increase our ticket prices. (We have NOT increased the price in 5 years.) We also are offering 2 different levels of seating: PREMIERE (\$15): First 12 rows on the main floor, and first 2 rows in the balcony. REGULAR (\$12): All the remaining rows on the main floor and balcony. In this way, the vast majority of seating has only increased by \$2, yet those who choose to have premiere seating have the option at \$5 more per ticket. Thank you for your support! We can’t wait for April 14/15, 2018!!

### FINANCIAL END-OF-YEAR UPDATE

If you have been following the Monthly Financial Report in the bulletin over the last couple of months, you are already aware **we will need a very strong December**, regarding gifts, if we are to finish this year in the black. Based on anticipated expenses in the **Operating Fund**, we will need receipts of approximately \$865,000 to accomplish this. To meet our annual goal for **Missions** \$80,000 and **Capital Improvement** \$25,000 are needed. To reach these amounts, we need to reflect on God’s blessings in our lives and respond to His great love in kind. We thank God for the gifts we receive to carry on our ministry here at St. Lorenz and rejoice in the fact that He sent his only Son to be our Savior.

### 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.

### 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>Wednesday</b>	
Worship Service.....	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....	5:00/7:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	
Worship Service.....	7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	
Worship Service .....	6:30 p.m.

### GIFTS

#### In Honor of Dorothy Zehnder’s 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday:

Stephen Ministry - Carol Jean Bernthal  
Stephen Ministry - Ray Hecht

#### In Honor of Vernon & Roxie Daenzer’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

Church Beautification Committee - Dennis & Jeannette Stange

#### In Memory of Wilbert Keinath’s 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday on December 8<sup>th</sup>:

St. Lorenz Foundation - Vicar Fund - Lillian Keinath

**A Donation was made to the Church Decorating Fund - Bill & Marion Breutigam**

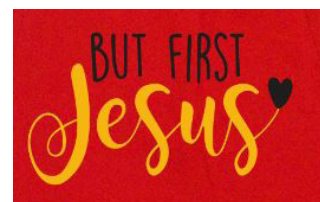
## German Worship Service

On **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**, St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. The theme for this service is "Advent comfort, encouragement and hope" and is the final service of our year-long "Reformation Celebration" series. The service will use our traditional German Service liturgy and include an English sermon entitled "Heralds of Hope" by Pastor Bill Hoesman. Greg Rummel is the soloist and the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including "Macht hoch die Tür" (Lift Up Your Heads), "Gott sei Dank durch alle Welt" (Let The Earth Now Praise The Lord) and "Gottes Sohn ist kommen" (Once He Came in Blessing). Prior German worship services can be viewed on the St. Lorenz website at: <http://stlorenz.org/german/>

**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT** Thanks to all who attended last Sunday! We welcomed over 200 women to share a program of "First, Jesus" in all that we do. You donated over \$1,700 for young adults aging out of foster care; final amounts will be posted next week. Thank you to Deb and MJ for leading carols-with-bells, Norma at the piano, Tammy for the benediction, Anne, Arleen, Christina, Lydia, Pam and Meg at the microphone; to the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls of Grace, to Linda and Lindsey for reservations; to Janet, Chuck, Blake and Connect crew for set-up and take-down; to Meg O Lince Photography for PR design. So much wonderful help!

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$10?** In celebration of 20 years of Advent by Candlelight and in thankful response to the perfect love Jesus modeled, the 208 people attending Advent by Candlelight this year were each given a \$10 bill. The challenge: think of a new way to help others; use the \$10 to help those who may not normally receive encouragement or support. Then, tell us what you did so we can be spurred on by each other's ideas. Watch for a follow-up article in the SLN next Spring! (We're thankful that a portion of the cost of this project was supplied by Thrivent Action Teams.)

**APRONS FOR SALE** Cheery red "But first, Jesus!" aprons will be available for purchase in the church parlor after the Sunday morning services this weekend and by the gym after the Connect service. \$20, cash or check please. What a nice Christmas gift...or conversation starter as you serve!



## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:  
Dr. Dale A. Meyer



### "Advent Adventure"

Sometimes our faith gets weaker, sometimes it grows stronger. Let's take this Advent to heart, and "live by faith, and not by sight."

(Mark 13:24-37)

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).

## 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).

## 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.

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

- **When do we meet?** Sunday mornings, with breakfast served from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m., and study begins at 9:30.
- **We are watching** "How we got the Bible" – a DVD series by Dr. Paul Meier

## YOUTH

- **Youth Basketball** -has gotten off to an awesome start. Our last open gym will be this Sunday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. We will start forming teams after that.
- **Jr. High Dance – tomorrow 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!

## "LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"All that we call human history--money, proverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery--is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." C. S. Lewis in *Mere Christianity*--A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).





## 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](mailto:jfrank@stlorenz.org) or 652-0786.

	<u>Oct. 31, 17</u> <u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>Ministry Plan</u> <u>YTD</u>	<u>Oct. 31, 16</u> <u>Actual YTD</u>
<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>Capital</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>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>

### Pastor's Bible Class

Class begins at **9:30 a.m.**

On December 10<sup>th</sup> we will begin to study *Jonah* 3:1-10.

Jonah now goes to Nineveh as God commanded. It is a large city. It takes him most of three days to walk through it.

How did the people of Nineveh react to Jonah's proclamation that if they did not repent they would be destroyed within 40 days?

How did God respond to the actions of Nineveh? Did they stay strong in their faith? Did they get into trouble again? [Hint: See the Book of Nahum.]

Bring your friends: Let's talk about Jonah.

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

### 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. This week let us all join together in praying for the Gratitude Campaign that people would return their pledge cards, and would feel led to give, especially those who may not have realized the JOY and BLESSING that comes from giving.

### Article for Bulletin?

Email it to: [bulletin@stlorenz.org](mailto:bulletin@stlorenz.org)  
by **Wednesdays at 9 a.m.**

### 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.

## 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*).

### 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))



### 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!

### 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](mailto:chelseastorms@gmail.com).