

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

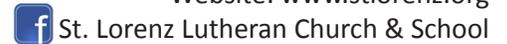
DECEMBER 30/31, 2017



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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WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - January 6 & 7:

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 - December 23 & 24:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	128
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	105
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	170
Total:		403

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE BIBLE STUDY

Independence Village Residents and Friends come join us this coming **Tuesday, January 2nd at 1 p.m. in Independence Village's Harmony Hall.** Pastor Brandt will lead the study.

CHURCH OFFICE

will be closed on
January 1st.



CHURCH ATTENDANCE for Christmas Eve:

Christmas Eve Worship.....	1:00 p.m.	868
Christmas Eve Worship.....	3:00 p.m.	924
Christmas Eve Worship.....	5:00 p.m.	1,080
Christmas Eve Worship.....	7:00 p.m.	521
Total:		3,393

FINANCIAL END-OF-YEAR UPDATE

The final numbers for calendar year 2017 will be tabulated over the next few weeks. As of the end of the day, Wednesday, December 27th, the projected need to end the year in the black was **approximately \$225,000 Operating Fund; \$30,000 Missions; \$7,000 Capital Improvement.** While there is uncertainty in where we will end the year financially – there are some items we know for sure:

Our Lord loves us more than we can ever imagine! He showered His blessings upon our congregation and its members in 2017! What joy is ours to proclaim the Good News of Salvation as we reach, teach, and care for His people!

In an ever-changing world – where the need for our Savior is clearly evident, we pray that 2018 will be a year when we grow together, connected to His love and focused on His Word!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE for Christmas Day:

Christmas Day Worship	8:00 a.m.	120
Christmas Day Worship	9:30 a.m.	522
Total:		642

PRINCIPAL NOMINATIONS

If you would like to suggest someone to be included on the call list for our next school principal, please submit that person's name and where she or he is currently serving to the church office **by Friday, January 5th.** You may call 652-6141, email church@stlorenz.org, or stop by the church office reception desk.

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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SENIORS BIBLE STUDY

Join us **Monday, January 8th** as we begin a new study related to Martin Luther. We meet in the Adult Ed Rooms at 9:30 a.m. See you there!

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 7th 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.



St. Lorenz School Benefit Auction

Only a couple more weeks to get reduced rate tickets!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame! will be the theme for our 5th 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 15th and \$35 after January 15th.

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 if you are interested.
- Attending and bidding!

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

December is a month of great joy as we celebrate Christ's birth and connect with family and friends. But it seems it is also a month filled with sorrow as we hear of many friends and family members struggling with very serious health issues, depression, addictions, financial and job issues, spiritual issues, problems with relationships, or those who have loved ones who have passed away. Please submit your prayer requests so we can pray in agreement to [nanzee1@aol.com](mailto:nanee1@aol.com) (just put prayer request in the subject) or call Nancy at 818-497-3843. (Don't be concerned about the 818 area code. This is a Frankenmuth residence and St. Lorenz member.) Our prayer ministry email chain has been active and God is hearing our requests and responding. If this ministry of praying for others as you receive an email request is one you would like to be a part of, please call Nancy at 818-497-3843.

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



CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Sunday	
Worship Service.....	8:00 a.m.
.....	9:30 a.m.
Connect	11:00 a.m.
New Year’s Eve	5p.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.

Article for Bulletin?
Email it to: bulletin@stlorenz.org
by **Wednesdays at 9 a.m.**

GIFTS

In Memory of the Birthday of Margaret Riess on January 1st:

Parish Health - Ron & Judy Bickel, Russ & Sharon VanPatten

In Memory of Myra Abraham’s 100th Birthday on December 27, 2017:

Hands of Friendship - Myra Abraham’s Family

CARING MINISTRIES

FRANKLIN AVENUE MISSION

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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 to learn more or contact Beppie Schroeder at 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

You are Cordially Invited to attend the annual Wellspring Lutheran Services **Faces of Hope Benefit Dinner**, on Tues., **January 23, 2018**, at Bavarian Inn Motor Lodge in Frankenmuth. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by a lovely buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m. with program to follow.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 989-262-7496 or email dwhite@wellspringlutheran.com. Tickets are \$35 each.

Depression and The Christian's Source of Self Esteem

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

Tues., January 16th 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.

Pastor's Bible Class Begins at 9:30 a.m.

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

On January 6th, 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.

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.

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 2nd Quarter 2018 giving envelope mailing.

YOUTH

- **FCA** (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - **will resume January 12th – 7:30 a.m.** at McDonald's
- **Bible study lunches** will resume the **week of January 7th**. Sophomores and Juniors will meet on Mondays and Freshmen and Seniors meet on Wednesdays.
- **Open Rock / Open Gym Friday, January 12th and 19th**. The Rock is open to all high school age youth 9:30 – 11:30 p.m. Stop by to hang out, play some pool or shoot some hoops.
- **Youth Paper Drive** - Our next drive is **Saturday, January 13th 8:00 a.m.** until 12 noon. Youth can work all 4 hours or do a 2 hour shift. Let Chuck know when you can help. Remember this type of fund raiser help to pay part of retreats and gatherings you attend.
- **Youth Basketball** – Season will begin **Wednesday, January 3rd**. The following games will be played on that day. A and B Teams are Seniors; C Team is Juniors; D Team is Sophomores; and E Team is Freshman

7:00 p.m. Trinity B @ St. Lorenz C

8:15 p.m. Faith Grand Blanc @ St. Lorenz A

7:00 p.m. St. Lorenz D @ St. Peter

8:00 p.m. St. Lorenz E @ Millington

7:00 p.m. Trinity A @ Peace

7:30 p.m. St. Lorenz B @ Immanuel





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

After celebrating its 50th 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.



Manage Your Giving Online

Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.stlorenz.org,
- 2) Click on the Giving tab,
- 3) Click on the Give Online button,
- 4) Click on the Create Profile button (in the right-hand column), then
- 5) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions. If you do not have computer access, please stop by the church office to set up your online giving.

OWLS – We will be meeting on **Thursday, January 18th** – 11:00 a.m. at the Rock. More details next week.



Youth Paper Drive - Our next drive is **Saturday, Jan. 13th** 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon.

Bible Study Breakfast will resume, **Sunday, January 7th**, 9:30 a.m. at the Rock. More details next week.

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.

Keep Informed...have the bulletin emailed to you each week. Call Deb at 989-652-6142 ext. 119 or email dhollenback@stlorenz.org and ask to have your email added--it's that easy!

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.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook



"Children of Promise"

Our identity as God's children encourages us to live in His grace, to embrace the freedom Jesus won, and to resist the ways of the world that strive to keep us captive.

(Galatians 4:4-7)

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

"Our failures won't undermine the Lord's reign. Others' successes can't overthrow it. This world will go on as long as God wills and will then give way to new creation. In Jesus we are guaranteed inclusion in it, as well as having the privilege of participating in His activity--not to assert superiority but to save our opponents from the devil's deceptions and our neighbors from final destruction. Let's exercise our majesty enthusiastically!" Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life
A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life
www.lutheransforlife.org

