

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 13/14, 2018



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 20 & 21:

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 - January 6 & 7:

Saturday Worship 6:30 p.m.234
Sunday Worship..... 8:00 a.m.178
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.330
Connect Worship.....11:00 a.m.535
Total: 1,277



*The Baptism of
our Lord*

GRIEF/SHARE is coming soon!

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, you might consider attending the 13 session Grief/Share group care sessions beginning **Wednesday, January 17th**. Sessions run from 6:30-8 p.m., in the Board Room. Grief/Share is open to both members and non-members. Please call the church receptionist at 652-6141 to indicate your desire to attend.



St. Lorenz School Benefit Auction

Monday the 15th is the last day 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!

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.

Chapel Communion Services

will be held on **Monday, January 15th**, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel of Hope. If you plan to attend, please call the Church Office at 652-6141 on Monday, **January 15th** by 9:00 a.m. *Remember: Valet parking is available for anyone who wishes to make use of it.*

Please keep front parking spaces open Monday for Chapel Communion.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 21 is the start of National Lutheran Schools Week across our country. The theme is "It's Still All About Jesus". St. Lorenz students will read the Scripture lessons in the worship service and will hand out the service folders with special student cover designs. The altar flowers were given by the St. Lorenz teaching staff. Special window clings will be handed out by students as you leave the church service as a congregational gift. St. Lorenz school children will celebrate the school week with dress up days and special activities such as all school devotions on Monday, all school chapel on Wednesday, and a career day on Friday. We thank and praise God that He has blessed us with this wonderful opportunity at St. Lorenz to remember that it's still all about Jesus. May God continue to help our children grow in His love and knowledge of His Saving Word.

Premarital Workshop Are you planning to get married at St. Lorenz in the near future? Did you have to miss the workshop that was offered last July? Or have you become engaged since then? Then we have good news for you! We will be offering another premarital workshop on **Saturday, January 20th** at 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending this workshop or would like more information, please contact Gaylene at the church office 652-0771.

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

CARING MINISTRIES

Submit Your Prayer Requests

Does prayer heal? Does faith heal? Does medicine heal? Do our bodies heal themselves? Look at Exodus 15:26 for the answer. *“He said, ‘If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in His eyes, if you pay attention to His commands and keep all His decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.’”* GOD heals. And He can use prayer, He can use medicine, He can use faith, He can even use our own bodies. **Therefore, because God heals, I pray** for His direct healing, confessing my sins, as well as thanking Him for the gift of medicine—KNOWING that His method and His timing will be perfect, whether it is here on earth or in heaven. Submit your prayers for healing for yourself or others or any other prayer request to nanzee1@aol.com or call Nancy at 818-497-3843.

The Needs of the FAM Clothing Closet

are always changing. With this very cold weather, brings the need for: Men’s boots Size 10-14. Men’s winter coats, especially size Large and up. So if you are out and about and see some on clearance, or have some at home that are in very good condition please donate to FAM. We are always in need of blankets, personal hygiene items, and new socks and underwear for children and adults.

Donations boxes are located in the church basement, and in between the doors at the gym entrance.

OWLS – We will be meeting on **Thursday, January 18th** – 11:00 a.m. at the Rock. We will be serving soups as the main course. Please RSVP to jhart@stlorenz.org or call 652-0761.

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 ANEW (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.

In 2018, I Resolve to Make my Home a House of Prayer

How about that for a New Year’s resolution!! Imagine how that could change your whole family’s life, the power of the Holy Spirit unleashed in your home! Think about what it would look like if, when problems occur, such as children struggling in school or having trouble with a classmate, or someone is ill, the family would pray. Not a memorized prayer, not a devotional reading, but a genuine prayer from the heart, submitting all our cares and anxiety to Him. If you are one who has never been comfortable praying aloud with anyone listening, even your spouse or your children, try this: Start praying out loud when you are alone, perhaps driving in your car. Part of the problem is we are not used to hearing our own voices praying. Still nervous about praying with your kids... say “Let’s bring this to God. Let me write down what you want to say” and then read it together. You could try praying with just one person in your family and eventually you will become comfortable leading a prayer with the whole family or in larger group settings. Many, if not most, of our families have strong faith, but it’s personal. Each person prays by himself/herself unless it’s a memorized prayer or devotional. Let’s make our homes a house of prayer. A Family That Prays Together, Stays Together.

Ladies - Save The Date For The Spring Retreat!

TOUGH TRANSITIONS: NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES is the theme for the **Women’s Retreat on Saturday, MARCH 10th**. Mark your calendar now! The morning begins in the school dining hall with a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Retreat leader Alice Smith will be our guide. Memorable stories, enlightening scripture, joyful music, useful tools, engaging mixers, and valuable tips will be featured as we examine how we can triumph over difficult times. Watch for more details as the date nears!

GIFTS

In Memory of Hilbert Herzog’s Birthday on January 14th:

St. Lorenz Mission Fund -

Leona Herzog

In Honor of Glen Kerr’s 101st Birthday on January 16th:

St. Lorenz Media Ministry -

Bob & Jeanne Moore

Time to sign up for serving meals at the Franklin Ave Mission!

Please sign up on sign up genius or contact Beppie at beppie.schroeder@gmail.com or 989-652-4516 to help serve on **Tues. and Thurs., Jan. 30th and Feb. 1st**. We need people in all capacities, all jobs are important. January 30 will be a very special day of celebration as Pastor Yops will officially be installed as the Pastor of FAM. Rev. Dr. David P. E. Maier will do the installation service. Another very special event will be taking place as 13 people from the Franklin Ave Mission will be baptized at this very special service. We hope many of you will plan on being part of this special day.

Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,” While the souls of men are dying and the Master calls for you. Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be; Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!” TLH 496

Examine the Evidence...

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

Many great scientists have challenged the billion-year claims of the evolutionary time scale. One is Lord Kelvin, the scientist whose brilliant thermodynamic analysis gave us the absolute temperature scale that bears his name. Kelvin’s numerous papers and scientific research pointed out many errors of the long-age concepts held by uniformitarian geologists of his day. **Kelvin rejected the ancient timetable of Earth history, not because of its contradiction to the Bible, but because of its conflict with physics.**

Kelvin’s studies dealt with the both the high temperature of the earth’s core and the slowing of the earth’s rate of rotation as evidence for a young earth. **He calculated that if the earth had been around for over five billion years, its initial rate of rotation would have been at least twice its present rate** (the days being only 12 hours long). This increased rotational speed would have increased the centrifugal force four times, causing the ancient earth to bulge much greater than is presently found at the equator. There is no physical evidence that the earth’s rotational speed was ever this fast. Lord Kelvin strongly opposed the evolutionary presuppositions of an extremely old earth using science to justify his belief in a young earth. No one has ever been able to contradict his physics.

BIBLE STUDIES

Introduction to Discipleship

This is the first of a series of studies connected with our "Year of Discipleship" emphasis. Through the month of January we will clarify the meaning of Disciple and Discipleship, why it is important, and how to put it into practice. **Please join Scott Mueller in the school Dining Hall at 9:30 a.m. January 7-28.** There will be specific discussion points concerning how discipleship can apply to individual, married, and family life. Hope to see you there.

Pastor's Bible Study

begins at 9:30 a.m.

On January 21st, we continue our study of the Book of *Revelation* looking at Revelation 1:4-11.

Today we study the Greeting. God the Father, seated upon the throne, and Jesus Christ. The faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth greet us.

Former Mequon President and former St. Lorenz Pastor, Dr. Walter Stuenkel taught *Revelation* in 1978. Dr. Louis Brighton, former Missionary to England, former St. Louis Seminary Professor, and writer of a fantastic Commentary on *Revelation* taught *Revelation* here in 1994. Now 23 years later, a retired Pastor is teaching it. The next time around probably will be in 2048. You might want to come now. There is still room for more Bible students in the classroom.

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

Everyone is welcome.

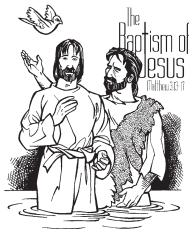
Bible Study Breakfast this morning, **Sunday, January 7th, 9:30 a.m. at the Rock.** Remember breakfast will be served.

Ladies' Bible Study on Monday's at 3 p.m. at Independence Village in the Chapel. Study is led by Sandra Krause. Any questions contact her at 989-274-5840.



Girls of Grace Worship Concert 2018: WORDS OF LIFE

The Girls of Grace dancers are busy preparing for our 13th annual worship concert, entitled **WORDS OF LIFE** on Saturday/Sunday, April 14/15 at 3 p.m. at The Temple Theatre. **TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!** Purchase your tickets by calling the Temple at 989-754-7469 or by going online at 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. Invite someone to hear the message of Christ in this unique and uplifting way!



"LIVING WITH CANCER"

support group sponsored by Covenant HealthCare and St. Lorenz Stephen Ministry meets at 6:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the lower level at Covenant HealthCare, 600 N. Main Street, Frankenmuth. The **next meeting will be January 16th.** The group welcomes all survivors and caregivers for sharing, caring and support. For more information, contact Maggie Kempf at 652-6923.

Giving Statements

Similar to the past years, all members with email addresses in MyStLorenz will **receive notification by the end of January** when all 2017 activity has been recorded on your Giving Statement. Those without an email address in MyStLorenz will receive their Giving Statement **in the mail by the end of January.**

MEMORIALS

Memorials for the following individuals were received during the month of December:

Marion Faison	Joshua Little	Kathryn Schmidt
Connie Filckowski	Arthur Nitz	William Weber
Larry Henry	Esther Ortner	Edward Weiss
Wilbert Keinath	Lorine Reinert	Gilbert Weiss
Pauline Knieling	Norman Reinert	George Worden

Memorials were designated for the following: Altar Guild, Breakthrough Bible Class, Building Fund, Church Beautification, Media Ministry, Music Fund - Wind Ensemble, Operating Fund, Puppet Ministry, St. Lorenz Early Childhood, St. Lorenz School, Stephen Ministry, Student Aid Fund, St. Lorenz Foundation - Vicar Fund, St. Lorenz Foundation - General Fund.

YOUTH

- **FCA** (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - 7:30 a.m. at McDonald's
- **Bible study lunches** - Sophomores and Juniors will meet on Mondays and Freshmen and Seniors meet on Wednesdays.
- **Open Rock / Open Gym Friday, January 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.
- **Jr. High Bowling - Monday January 22nd** - Students should sign up by Friday, January 19th. Cost is \$6 and each student should bring a snack to share. Bring signed permission slip, money, and snack to school on Monday the 22nd. Snacks will be picked up before school in the Jr. High Wing. Students bring the permission slip and money to the Rock after school. We will have the snack before leaving for bowling. Please make arrangement for your students to be picked up at the Rock at 5:30.
- **INAMIAH** – If you are interested in the summer mission trip the dates will be **July 15th – 20th.** It will again be through Youth Works. Cost will be \$200 and you will need to let Chuck know if you plan to go. There are 18 spots available at this time, so let Chuck know by the 21st if you are planning to go with the Youth to Benton Harbor.
- **Youth Basketball** – A and B Teams are Seniors; C Team is Juniors; D Team is Sophomores; and E Team is Freshman

Tonight, January 14th

6:30 p.m. St. Lorenz D @ St. Lorenz E
7:45 p.m. St. Lorenz A @ St. Lorenz B
7:00 p.m. St. Lorenz C @ Millington

Wednesday January 17th

7:00 p.m. St. Lorenz D @ Trinity B
7:00 p.m. St. Lorenz E @ St. Lorenz C
8:15 p.m. Peace @ St. Lorenz A

Thursday January 18th

7:00 p.m. St. Lorenz B @ Faith

Start 2018 with 30 Days of Prayer

The Lutheran Hour Ministry wants to help believers to feel encouraged and equipped to live out our faith every day. For Christians, part of feeling better in our daily life starts with being strong and faithful in our prayer life. Yet, there are some of us who feel too overwhelmed and busy to talk to God every day and we lose out on establishing the close relationship that God wants with us.

That is why LHM is starting 2018 with a special promotion called **30 Days of Prayer**. You can sign up to receive reminders, encouragement, and prayer lists from LHM throughout the month of January. They will give you ideas on what to pray for, how to pray, and best ways to incorporate talks with God into your daily routine. They will also provide a Prayer Calendar for you to download and use to write down who and what you want to remember in your daily prayers. Find out more by going online to ohm.org/30days.

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 22nd, 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.

St. Lorenz Churchgrove has face cords of hardwood for sale which is 18" 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!

LWML - Lutheran Women In Mission will begin the New Year at their **January 15th** Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Light Refreshments will be served prior to the Meeting and Mite Box Offerings will be collected.

Harriet Warnick will be hosting a table making available MoTown Soup Packages to be purchased before and after the meeting. Harriet has used the soups for many years and all the sales will help support Franklin Avenue Missions.

The Speaker for the evening is Darrin Urbytes who will introduce us to "The Truth Project", where each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

Darrin became acquainted with the Bible Study Series in 2005. He attended training in the spring of 2006, and has since facilitated over a dozen studies with groups of all ages. That same summer, he joined Dr. Dale Meyer and a small group of pastors in Washington D.C. to study "Church-State Issues from a Lutheran Perspective".

Although, not a trained church worker, he also has assisted Lutheran congregations for over three decades as Choir Director, Worship planner, a Bible Study Leader and served on various School Committee's at St. Lorenz. He currently is Co-Chairman of the Christian Citizenship Committee.

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 Need is Great

Lutheran World Relief

Collection Items Needed:

New Light Weight Bath Towels (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27")
Bath Bars of Soap
Metal Fingernail Clippers w/file
Combs with wide teeth
Adult size toothbrushes

Please place items in the plastic bin in the church parlor near the bookstore. Your giving is needed and appreciated!!!

Thanks for your faithful giving!

Attention LWML Members

Our LWML is hosting the Birthday Bingo party for the Wellspring residents on Jan. 17. Bingo prizes needed are: soft facial tissue, memo pads, forever stamps, holiday/room decorations, handkerchiefs, men's socks, chapstick, perfume or after shave, candy sugar free, snack bars/cookies, small cans pop, baseball caps, lotions, necklaces, lapel pins, body spray, powder baby, new stuffed animals, quarters, gripper socks, granola bars, small bags of chips. A box for prizes is located in the church basement. Our LWML meeting is Jan 15. Prizes may also be brought to the meeting.

The **4th Quarter** amount for Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to St. Lorenz was \$599.

Go INTO ALL the world...
BAPTIZING
...IN the NAME OF the FATHER...
AND OF the SON...
AND OF the HOLY SPIRIT.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Speaker Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



"How Well Does Jesus Know Me?"

It's nice to have someone know and understand you. Today the Lutheran Hour asks, "How do you feel about Jesus knowing you?" (John 1:48-51)

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

"The church must be reminded that it is ... the conscience of the state ... It must be the guide and the critic of the state ... If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority." *Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*—A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org.

