

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 20/21, 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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St. Lorenz Lutheran Church & School

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - January 27 & 28:

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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - January 13 & 14:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	205
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	208
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	306
Connect Worship	11:00 a.m.	425
German Worship	11:00 a.m.	49
Chapel Communion.....	9:30/11:00 a.m.	33
		Total: 1,226



Super Bowl Subs are just two weeks away. We are taking orders for pick up either **Saturday, February 2nd or Sunday, February 3rd**. Subs are \$3.00 each or 5 for \$14.00. You can order yours by calling 652-0761 and leaving your full name, phone number and how many subs you would like. You can also order by emailing jhart@stlorenz.org again giving full name, phone number and how many subs you would like. Subs can be picked up at the Dining Hall at the school Saturday 9:30 – noon or Sunday 9:00 – 12:30.

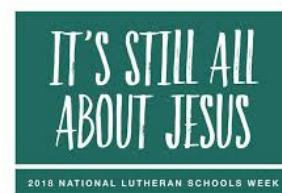
Church Video Upgrades

Many of you were able to experience the new video equipment installed at the church and used for the first time this past weekend. All of the new equipment was made possible by a generous grant from the St. Lorenz Foundation. We have heard many comments about the clarity and brightness of the new screens in the sanctuary. The new cameras, controls in the desk, and screens are a huge boost in technology from our previous equipment.



The new upgrades have given us an HD video signal for screens in the church, our recordings, and our online streaming video. One area that will not be HD is our Charter broadcast. Charter will not allow us to send an HD signal to them, so we are converting our HD signal to standard definition to be broadcast on Charter channel 191. We will do everything we can to make this broadcast the best that we can, but we are limited as to how far we can go with this broadcast. As with any major system upgrade, there are still things that need to be ironed out and adjusted. We are continuing to work diligently to resolve all of the issues that we can.

Many hours were spent installing and configuring the new equipment. Special thanks goes to Karl Weiss and Gary Schiefer, who helped with the installation process, allowing St. Lorenz to receive a volunteer credit from House Right, the audio/video company who we worked with on the installation. The video crew volunteers have been trained and are excited to use the new technology.



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 21st 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.



Sanctity of Human Life

This weekend, we, at St. Lorenz, will be celebrating Sanctity of Human Life. If you have not received a copy of the prayer guide to use in your home and would like one, you can pick up a copy in the church office. Some may also be available after the service. There are many topics and prayer issues concerning sanctity of life in the guide, such as abortion, healing for those who have had abortions, child abuse, human trafficking, genetic engineering, etc. Our impact can be greatly increased if many join together in praying this weekend. Help make St. Lorenz a House of Prayer.

Ministry Council And Voters Minutes

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

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

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

- Winter 2018 is now available in the Book Store. You have the opportunity to reach out to others by sharing the Quarterly and the Good News with others. The Quarterly's motto sums it perfectly: "Knowing Christ and Making Him Known". *This is His magazine; make no doubt. This is also your magazine: the magazine for, by, and about you — each Lutheran woman.
LWML - Lutheran Woman In Mission

LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

(LLL) Although the St. Lorenz LLL has suspended holding membership meetings, it is still using the financial support of it's members in two ways: (1) Financial support for the radio broadcast of THE LUTHERAN HOUR in the Saginaw Area each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on WSAM 1400 am. (2) Offering a \$ 50.00 scholarship to attend Camp LuLayLea this summer offered to the first 10 students to apply from St. Lorenz School. First-time campers will have till Feb. 28 to be guaranteed the scholarship. After that date, previous campers may apply. Contact Robert Loesel (bob2685l@hotmail.com or 652-6570) for more details.

Stephen Ministry in Action

From a care receiver: Life is so chaotic right now that I don't know much for certain; but I DO know that my Stephen Minister is there for me and praying for me. And I've also come to realize that - even though I don't always feel it - God is there too, and really is at work in my life.

To receive the care of a Stephen Minister, or for more information about what they do, contact:

Jeannette Stange 652-0567

Dennis Weirauch 652-6954

Pastor Fenske 652-6141

or visit the website at stephenministry.stlorenz.org

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.

Music at St.Lorenz Sunday, January 28, 4:00 p.m.

50th Anniversary of Our
Casavant Organ

For such a landmark event as the 50th anniversary of the St. Lorenz organ we have invited Dr. John Schwandt, from the University of Oklahoma, to present a recital based on this instrument's first recital in January 1968 by Dr. Paul Manz. An acclaimed performer, Dr. Schwandt is recitalist, leader of hymn festivals, silent film accompanist, and organ consultant.



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!

SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Submit your prayer requests to our prayer chain by emailing nanzee1@aol.com and putting Prayer Request in the subject heading or by calling Nancy at 818-497-3843. The Prayer Team consists of 25 members who are committed to praying for you fervently. Please send in your prayer requests, we have so many needs in our congregation. **"Prayers are worth sharing. When you partner with others in prayer, you increase the impact of your prayers,"** *Lutheran Hour Ministries*. If you are asking prayer for someone else and you are not sure they would approve, just use their initial. If you are concerned about confidentiality you may choose to use just a first name, make it anonymous, or say you have an Unspoken request. Don't worry...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.

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

Please sign up on signupgenius.com or contact Beppie at beppie.schroeder@gmail.com or 989-652-4516 to help serve on **Tues. and Thurs., Jan. 30th and Feb. 1st**. Many people are needed in all capacities and **ALL** jobs are important. From being a greeter to helping with clean up. **January 30th** 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. All are invited to come to this very special service at the Mission starting at **4 p.m.** and the dinner following the service, starting at **5:15 p.m.** Come and rejoice with us to see all the wonderful things God is doing at the Franklin Ave Mission. It has truly become a light in the darkness. *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

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah foretold that Immanuel (this Hebrew name means "God is with us") would be conceived by and born to a virgin. In Isaiah 7:14 the prophet used the Hebrew word *almah* for virgin. **For centuries critics denied the fact that *almah* meant virgin**, but argued that it simply meant "a young woman." Even though the apostle Matthew wrote that Jesus' birth fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy (Matthew 1:22-23), critics claimed the prophet Isaiah didn't really have the birth of Christ in mind. Archaeology is now providing additional support.

One of the most competent Jewish scholars of this generation, Dr. Cyrus H. Gordon, has unearthed clay tablets at Ugarit in Syria which clearly use the word *almah* in the parallel Semitic language to mean "virgin" and not "young woman." ***Almah* was being used to specifically mean "virgin" long before Isaiah.** The clay tablet which documents this was written even before the time of Moses (more than 3,000 years ago).

BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study Is Moving Rooms

The Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study currently study Gideon and whose leaders are Deb Krafft, Jodi Reinert, Linda Nuechterlein and Beth Keller, will be **moving their study to the Adult Ed room on Wednesday, January 24th**. If you have any questions please contact Deb Krafft at 652-9535.

Pastor's Bible Study

begins at 9:30 a.m.

On January 28th, we will continue our study of the Book of Revelation looking at Revelation 1:9-20.

The Holy Spirit through John shares with us Jesus' introduction to the letters to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor.

There are some major questions:

What are the strengths and/or weaknesses of each of the Seven Churches of Asia?

Are the strengths and weakness of the Seven Churches of Asia stages in the life of a Congregation?

In the coming lessons, we will study the Seven Churches of Asia in depth.

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.

Grateful Campaign Contributions

You may begin contributing to the Grateful Campaign at this time. **Please make checks payable to St. Lorenz** and 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.



St. Lorenz School Benefit Auction

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 \$35.

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!



Do you enjoy seeing flowers on the altar on Saturday and Sundays? If so, please consider donations to the "altar guild". The guild pays for the flowers when no one has signed up for a certain weekend. Please send donations to the church office **payable to St. Lorenz with Altar Guild on the memo line**. *Thank you.*

Fun 'n Games @ the Rock!

Widows, join us for cards and games at "The Rock" the first Thursday of the month. We'll be gathering this coming month on **Thursday, February 1st**, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. We encourage you to invite a new widow friend for added fun. If you have any questions, please call Marie at 652-8407.

Come to a Tea Party

Widows of all ages are cordially invited to attend St. Lorenz's "Sunday Afternoon Tea" on **February 11th**, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Rock, located across the street from St. Lorenz School gym on Churchgrove. We invite you to bring your favorite tea cup. If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP Margaret at 652-8916. If you are also interested in bringing a tea dessert to share, please let Margaret know at the time that you RSVP and, do consider bringing any other widow friends with you.

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** We will not have Open Rock/ Open gym this **Friday**. Look to join your friends on **February 2nd** 9:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Rock
- **Jr. High Bowling** - **Monday, January 22nd** - 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. Bring your permission slip, **\$6.00** and a snack to share on Monday. Snacks will be collected before school in the Jr. High Wing. We will meet at the Rock right after school and have the snacks. We will return to the Rock by 5:30 p.m. so please have your ride there at that time. **Please leave the road in front of the Rock open so the bus can park there to drop off the students.**
- **INAMIAH** – (It's Not About Me It's About Him) If you are interested in the summer mission trip (including 8th graders) the dates will be **June 26-30 or 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 by the 21st if you are planning to go with the Youth to Benton Harbor. There are 18 spots available. **Youth Basketball** – A and B Teams are Seniors; C Team is Juniors; D Team is Sophomores; and E Team is Freshman

Sunday January 21st

6:30 p.m. St. Lorenz A @ Trinity B

7:45 p.m. St. Lorenz D @ St. Lorenz E

6:30 p.m. Trinity A @ St. Lorenz C

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

Wednesday January 24th

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

8:15 p.m. Trinity A @ St. Lorenz A

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

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



What percentage of the foundation's distributions is predetermined by donors? Approximately 54% of our 2016 distributions came from Dedicated Funds. These accounts are always honored before we determine the funds available for requested grants. www.stlorenzfoundation.org

Thank You

We would like to thank the ladies who served and brought food to the funeral luncheon for Pat's memorial service as well as the ushers and all those who were so thoughtful in sending their condolences.

The Family of Patricia Ann (Estes) Conzelmann

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!

Job Opportunity

Valley Lutheran High School is seeking a teacher to teach in and provide leadership for the theology department and the spiritual development of the school family. The ability to lead an extra-curricular activity is also desirable. The ideal candidate will be an ordained or commissioned minister of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod with interest and experience planning and teaching lessons. The position begins August 1, 2018. Applicants may send a resume' with references and a cover letter to Dr. John Brandt, Valley Lutheran High School, 3560 McCarty, Saginaw, MI 48603 or by e-mail at jbrandt@vlhs.com. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. For further information call Dr. Brandt at 989-790-1676.

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**.

Fellowship of Christian Men (FCM)

You are invited to join us at the next Fellowship of Christian Men (FCM) breakfast on **Saturday, February 17th**, from 7:30-9:00 a.m., at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth. The cost for the breakfast is \$7. If able, please RSVP to fcm.muth@gmail.com to help prepare Zehnder's for an approximate number of attendees.

Our speaker will be Rev. Steven Massey, who has served in Spanish-speaking churches in Manhattan, Chicago, and Phoenix, as well as in Guatemala and Jamaica. He currently resides in St. Johns, Michigan with his son Marco.

His topic will be the same as the title of the book he authored, "Songs from the Pit." This book is the product of the results of complicated grief following the sudden death of his wife. Through a compilation of poems, Scripture readings, and devotions, Pastor Massey walks you through the complications of grief and the assurance that grief does not need to define you or control your life.

Please join us along with a male neighbor, co-worker, family member, and/or friend. It is a great way to start the day!

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!

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer



"Meeting Millennials Where They're At"

Robots can't produce disciples. How can we mentor those who don't know Jesus, or don't know Him well enough? (Mark 1:14-20 -Jesus calls His first disciples.)

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

"Life issues didn't arise overnight. Their frequent connection to medical technology can make them seem like recent developments--and advances in understanding physiology and pharmaceuticals have made abortion and euthanasia more efficient and available of late. But these circumstances have been causing society's difficulties--and providing opportunities to proclaim the Gospel-- since ancient times." *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life- A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org--A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org.*

