

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 27/28, 2018



<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

### WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - February 3 & 4:

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 20 & 21:

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m. ....	254
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m. ....	342
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m. ....	360
Connect Worship .....	11:00 a.m. ....	627
		<b>Total: 1,583</b>

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

Please sign up on [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com) or contact Beppie at [beppie.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:beppie.schroeder@gmail.com) or 989-652-4516 to help serve on **Tues. and Thurs., Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Many people are needed in all capacities and **ALL** jobs are important, from being a greeter to helping with clean up. **January 30<sup>th</sup>** 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



### St. Lorenz Lutheran Early Childhood Center

EVERYONE is Welcome to  
Join us for our  
Preschool and Kindergarten  
**OPEN HOUSE & ROUND UP**  
**Sunday, February 18**  
12 – 2 p.m.

Starting at noon, you are invited to a free pizza lunch; followed by an Open House at 12:30 p.m. There will be activities for the children, information on Preschool, Kindergarten Prep, Kindergarten, and our Childcare. You are invited to come and take a look at our center, learn more about our programs and meet teachers who will be available for informal questions and answers.

ANY FAMILIES WHO REGISTER ON OR BEFORE THIS DAY WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN A DRAWING WHERE 3 FAMILIES WILL HAVE THEIR REGISTRATION FEE WAIVED AND APPLIED TO NEXT YEAR'S TUITION.

For more information, to schedule a tour, or to have registration forms sent to you, please send an e-mail to [ldavis@stlorenz.org](mailto:ldavis@stlorenz.org) or call Leanne Davis, Director of Early Childhood @ 989-652-6142 ext 323.

It is our prayer that we can plant God's love into the hearts of the children we teach while forming the building blocks for future education. Please share this exciting information with any families you know who may be in need of quality early education for their children.

### Observing Girls of Grace as

### Ministry of the Month

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

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Casavant Organ

For such a landmark event as the 50<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Super Bowl Subs** is just one week away. We are taking orders for pick up either **Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> or Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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](mailto: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

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. (Continues on page 2).

**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

## Childcare Custodian Position Available

St. Lorenz Childcare program is looking for a custodian M-F 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Position would be 18 to 20 hours per week approximately. If you would like more information about this position, please contact Andrea Dykman at [adykman@stlorenz.org](mailto:adykman@stlorenz.org) or 989-652-6142 ext 302.

## The Opioid- Abuse Epidemic

Presented by William Gutzwiller (Essexville Chief of Police, Retired Saginaw County Sherriff's Office). Hosted by the Stephen Ministry of St. Martin Lutheran Church and FrankenmuthUnitedMethodistChurch. On **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Frankenmuth United Methodist Church, 346 E. Vates Street, Frankenmuth. This event is free and no reservations are needed. It is open to adults and high school age youth.

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## Church Video Upgrades

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.

## Examine the Evidence...

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

Radiometric dating methods have become an important basis for the claim that the earth is billions of years old. All of radiometric methods are based on three assumptions:

1. The initial amount of the decayed product is known.
2. The rate of decay is known throughout the dating period.
3. None of the decay element has been added to or lost.

These **assumptions are not directly testable**, and therefore no dating method is strictly scientific. It is impossible for anyone to know the initial components of the system or to prove that the decay rate has not changed.

The concept of having a process take place over a long period of time without interference is not reasonable. It is also totally unreasonable to claim that elements have not been added to or taken away from the system over millions of years of time. **The greatest problem with the reliability of radiometric dating methods is the extreme variability of results.** A wide range of dates is often obtained. The date is only "accepted" if it falls within the range which makes evolution seem possible. If the resulting age is not what is expected, it is ignored as a bad or contaminated sample.

## "You Belong to a Stephen Ministry Congregation"

What does that mean, exactly? It means that each member of St. Lorenz has ownership of this ministry! It means that each one of us needs to look around with caring eyes to recognize someone who may be having a challenging time with an event or situation in their life. We also need to look for those who have a long-term problem: a chronic illness, disability, shut-ins, or someone caring for another with any of these issues. Jesus has instructed us to care for one another; Stephen Ministry aims to do just that in a distinctively Christian, confidential way. With your help, no one will be overlooked!

To request a Stephen Minister, please call:

- Dennis Weirauch 652-6954
- Jeannette Stange 652-0567
- Pastor Fenske 652-6141

or visit our website at [stephenministry.stlorenz.org](http://stephenministry.stlorenz.org) to find out more about what we do.

## LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

**(LLL)** Although the St. Lorenz LLL has suspended holding membership meetings, it is still using the financial support of its 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 scholarship to attend Camp LuLayLea this summer offered to the first 10 students to apply from St. Lorenz School. First-time campers will have until Feb. 28 to be guaranteed the scholarship. After that date, previous campers may apply. Contact Robert Loesel ([bob2685l@hotmail.com](mailto:bob2685l@hotmail.com) or 652-6570) for more details.

## SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Are you or any of your friends or family struggling with illness, financial concerns, upcoming surgeries, relationship problems, health issues? Let our 25 member prayer team pray for you. We are committed to praying for you fervently and confidentially. Send your prayer request to [nanzee1@aol.com](mailto:nanzee1@aol.com) or call Nancy at 818-497-3843 and she will send your request on to our prayer team thru email. Many of our prayers have been miraculously answered already.

Have you ever thought of what an awesome privilege and gift we have been given, that we are actually able to approach God while still here on earth! Talk to Him about everything. He is waiting to hear from you.

*"In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." Ephesians 3:12*

## The Needs of the FAM Clothing Closet

are always changing. 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.

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

### CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

Worship Service.....8:00 a.m.

..... 9:30 a.m.

Connect ..... 11:00 a.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Discipleship Study: Worship

The second series of studies connected with our "Year of Discipleship" emphasis is on Worship. Through the month of February, using material written by Pastor Brandt, we will discuss various aspects of worship and its important role in Discipleship. Please join Scott Mueller in the school Dining Hall at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 4-25<sup>th</sup>. We'll emphasize application to individual and family life. Hope to see you there.

### 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, have **moved their study to the Adult Ed room**. If you have any questions please contact Deb Krafft at 652-9535.

### Pastor's Bible Study

begins at 9a.m.

On **February 4th**, we will continue our study of the Book of Revelation studying Revelation 2:1-7--The Church at Ephesus.

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

Paul started the Church in Ephesus and John (with Mary, Jesus' mother) lived there for many years. It was patient, taught sound doctrine and was not weary of doing many good works.

But it had lost its first love and eagerness. To those who remain faithful, Jesus, will grant the right to eat of the tree of life in Paradise.

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 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. at the Rock**. Remember breakfast will be served. Topic will focus on discipleship and how do we defend our faith?

**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.



### 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 \$35.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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.



## YOUTH

- **Sub Sandwich making** – Youth we need your help – **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 a.m.** at the St. Lorenz Dining Hall.
- **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. Exams are over, we resume this week.
- **Open Rock / Open Gym** - Look to join your friends on **February 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 – 11:30 pm** at the Rock.
- **INAMIAH – Our first trip:** to Benton Harbor will be **June 26-30<sup>th</sup>**. This is open to any high school age Youth or 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested in going please let Mr. Anderson know as soon as possible. Cost is \$200
- **Our second trip:** If you are interested in the summer mission trip the dates will be **July 15 – 20<sup>th</sup>**. 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 6 spots available at this time, so let Chuck know ASAP 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

### Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup>

**6:30 p.m.** St. Lorenz D @ St. Lorenz E

**7:45 p.m.** St. Lorenz B @ St. Lorenz A

**7:00 p.m.** St. Lorenz C @ Millington

**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.

### 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

### Come to a Tea Party

Widows of all ages are cordially invited to attend St. Lorenz's "Sunday Afternoon Tea" on **February 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

### Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>

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

7:00 p.m. St. Lorenz A @ Peace

8:15 p.m. St. Lorenz E @ St. Lorenz D

8:45 p.m. St. Lorenz C @ Trinity B



## “The Preachers Bride”

by Jody Hedlund

In 1650s England, a young Puritan maiden is on a mission to save the baby of her newly widowed preacher--whether her assistance is wanted or not. Always ready to help those in need, Elizabeth ignores John's protests of her aid. She's even willing to risk her lone marriage prospect to help the little family.

Yet Elizabeth's new role as nanny takes a dangerous turn when John's boldness from the pulpit makes him a target of political and religious leaders. As the preacher's enemies become desperate to silence him, they draw Elizabeth into a deadly web of deception. Finding herself in more danger than she ever bargained for, she's more determined than ever to save the child--and man--she's come to love. Based on the life of John Bunyan writer of Pilgrim's Progress.

Note: “The Preachers Bride” was Jody Hedlund's debut novel. A resident of Central Michigan, Jody has written a number of books that take place in Michigan.

Join the Christian Book Club as we meet to discuss this book on **Monday, February 26, 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.

### 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.

**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](mailto:dhollenback@stlorenz.org) and ask to have your email added--it's that easy!

**LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY** This is the first of several announcements leading up to Lutheran Hour Sunday on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. The goal of this year's celebration is to answer the question, "**WHAT CAN I DO?**" The resources made available by Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) will show you some ways you can lead the effort to reach people in your community and around the world to take the Gospel into challenging places.

The focus will be in two distinct areas, (1) Outreach in the digital age and (2) Outreach to the Middle East and North Africa. Both will be explained in detail in future weeks along with current activities of LHM.

To make these announcements more enjoyable each will conclude with a **HAPPY THOUGHT** like "Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open."

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto: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!

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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!



## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Speaker Emeritus:  
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



### “Cause I Said So”

Many have pretended to be the Messiah. In today's text, Jesus authority is recognized and obeyed by His competition. (Mark 1: 21-28)

*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

“Our throw-away culture values ability and perfection. Those values increasingly and unfairly characterize the preborn diagnosed with disability as not even worthy to be born. But God's Word is clear in King David's Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV): ‘For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.’” *Mona Fuerstenau, director of Lutheran Ministry Partnerships, Bethesda Lutheran Communities- A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

