

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY 6/7, 2018



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| 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 13 & 14:

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.
Sunday - German- Church (Communion) 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - December 30 & 31:

Saturday Worship 6:30 p.m.216
Sunday Worship..... 8:00 a.m.162
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.256
Connect Worship11:00 a.m.366
Total: 1,000

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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - New Year's Eve251



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.

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. If you or someone you know is in need of a ride to the chapel, please call 989-274-5253 by the Saturday prior to chapel by 3 p.m. *Remember: Valet parking is available for anyone who wishes to make use of it.*

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!



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 **THIS Sunday January 7th at 5 p.m.** \$50 fee per family for class materials. Dinner and childcare provided weekly at no cost. If you're interested in taking this class show up January 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the St. Lorenz Cafeteria and we will register you before class starts or email Vicar Rodriguez at vicar@stlorenz.org for more details.

Financial End-Of-Year Update

God's blessings continue to be present for our congregation and its members. Our members have, once again, responded with a rich outpouring through their gifts. Preliminary numbers show we will be very close to meeting our operating expenses for the year, and we very well may end 2017 in the black. Additionally, Missions and Capital Improvements will be close to their 2017 goals. Our goal is to have additional financial information for you in an upcoming Tuesday is Newsday article. An exact report on the 2017 financial numbers will be available later this month.

What a joy it is to provide our gifts to God as a sincere expression of gratitude for all He did to serve us and, ultimately, save us. May we continue to grow in the grace of giving as we work toward continued growth in the number of people praising You for Your life-giving sacrifice and using these gifts to show everyone how beautiful it is to live with Jesus!

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

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 24 members who are committed to praying for you fervently. 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.

We praise and thank you, Lord, that we may come to you with all of our cares, concerns, worries... what a joy to know that you hear us ... that we are not alone...we don't need a cell phone to talk to you, you are never too busy to take our call, you are there for us 24/7. We never lose the connection, and even when we don't have the words to articulate, You hear our heart and You don't hang up, or give up, on us; NOT EVER! We don't need to sign a contract, we don't even have to pay a fee. Everything has already been paid for us by Your son Jesus Christ who gave His life in payment for our sins. Thank You for being our forever Friend. Amen.

The prayer team is also there for you after hours when you need prayer and don't know who to call. We will send your prayer out for others to join in praying in one accord, making our prayers even more powerful and effective.



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.



St. Lorenz School Benefit Auction

Only one more week 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!

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 the Birthdays of Mike, Steve and Myra Abraham:

St. Lorenz Media Ministry -

Mr. & Mrs. William Abraham

In Memory of Brandon Bills & Bill Kern's Birthdays on January 9th:

St. Lorenz School Addition -

Sheryl & Brian Bills & Sandy Kern

German Worship Service

St. Lorenz's first 2018 German worship service will be held on **Sunday, January 14th at 11:00 a.m. in the Church.** The theme for the January service is "God's grace and truth "dawns" upon us". The service will use our traditional German Service liturgy, scripture readings that focus on the call of Samuel, God's omnipresence, our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit and Jesus calling His disciples. The service will include an English sermon entitled "Being There" by Pastor Bill Hoesman. Emily Haubenstricker will perform a solo „Vom Himmel Hoch“ and the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including „Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen Allzugleich“, „O König Aller Ehren“, „Wunderbarer König“, and „Nun Gott Lob, Es Ist Vollbracht.“ Upcoming German services are scheduled for Feb. 11th, Mar. 11th, and April 8th. Prior German worship services can be viewed on the St. Lorenz website at: <http://stlorenz.org/german/> and click on the recent German worship services tab.

Gottes Segen für 2018!

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!

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!!

BIBLE STUDIES

Join us on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. starting on **January 10th in the Heritage Room** for a women's Bible study by Priscilla Shirer about Gideon. "Like everything else in the Bible, this is a story about God and His people. His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of their weakness--even through their weakness. And because God's people includes you and me, Gideon's story is also about us--our lives, our doubts, our struggles, and our possibilities as believers. From a state of fear, weakness, and insecurity, Gideon emerged as Israel's hero, filled with God's presence and His passion for deliverance. This study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life." Books will be available at the first class for \$13. Please contact Jodi Reinert (652.2790 or jodireinert@yahoo.com) in advance, if child care is needed or if you have any other questions.

Pastor's Bible Study

On January 7th, we will start the book of *Revelation* looking at Apocalyptic literature.

On January 14th, we will start with Revelation 1:1-3.

Jesus Christ receives a revelation from His Father and gives it to His servants, --to John and to all Christians. Then comes the first Beatitude in *Revelation*--remember Matthew 5. Truly happy and blessed are those who read and keep God's Word.

Revelation is a challenging and important book. We pray you come and study it with us. Come, bring a friend, and join with us in the Adult Education Rooms on the North (School) Campus.

Everyone is welcome.



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

Article for Bulletin?

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

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.

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.

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

Bible Journaling Get Together This Monday!

This **Monday, January 8th**, is our monthly Bible Journaling meeting from 7-9 p.m. in the Heritage Room. This will be a time for anyone who is interested to come spend time in God's Word and create visual responses to Scripture. Bring your own Bible or journal and supplies. There will also be a number of community supplies and new printables available for you to use! We meet every month on the second Monday night. Come linger longer in the Word!

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 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 helps to pay part of retreats and gatherings you attend.
- **Youth Basketball** - A and B Teams are Seniors; C Team is Juniors; D Team is Sophomores; and E Team is Freshman

Tonight, January 7th

8:00 p.m. St. Lorenz A @ Trinity A
7:45 p.m. Peace @ St. Lorenz B
6:30 p.m. Millington @ St. Lorenz D
2:00 p.m. St. Lorenz C @ St. Peter
6:30 p.m. St. Lorenz E @ Trinity B

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.

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.**

Ministry Council And Voters Minutes are posted in mystlorenz under the "Files" tab in the Global group. Hard copies are also available upon request.



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 "specific" table making available Mo Town 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.



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.

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.

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.

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.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer



"Breaking News!"

Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the world. A New Year's message about confidence, if you'll believe it!
(Isaiah 60:1-6 - "Arise, shine, for your light has come.")

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 happiness, therefore, does not depend on a new year or a changed situation, but upon the Lord and our changed relationship, our deepened growth, in Him and in terms of His will for us ... 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.' (Matthew 6:33 KJV)." *R. J. Rushdoony, philosopher, historian, and theologian*
A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Life
www.lutheransforlife.org

