

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 17/18, 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

LENT

LENTEN SERVICES - February 21:
9:30 a.m., 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - February 24 & 25:

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 - February 10 & 11:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	172
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	152
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	143
German Heritage Worship.....	11:00 a.m.	806
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m.	171
Total:		1,444

The Season of Lent - Wednesday services are at 9:30, 5:00, and 7:00.

Lent is the time when the church enters her most somber time of the year, reflecting on Jesus' death on the cross. This Lent we will take a cue from the Gospels and slow down to take a look at Jesus' last week on this earth. Thirty percent of the Gospels are spent telling the story of what we call the Passion Week, that is Jesus' last week. Come and slow down in your busy life and revel in Christ's work for you.

The English Anthem Project Sunday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.

From simple, sublime, unaccompanied motets to thrilling works for chorus, organ, and brass, this afternoon of music will lift your spirits and let your imagination soar as we tour some of the most profound and glorious choral music ever written. The St. Lorenz Choir, directed by Scott Hyslop, will be joined by Bay City's Exultate Deo, directed by Robert Sabourin, and The Camerata Singers from the Midland Center for the Arts, directed by Matt Travis.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE February 14th:

9:30 a.m.	61
5:00 p.m.	384
7:00 p.m.	121
Total:	566



A new look for Lenten Suppers!

This year we will be serving all dinners at the Rock – 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. That's not all that will be new. **Our menu has changed as well.** Each week we will be serving Chili or Chicken Noodle Soup with crackers and an assortment of breads. A second entrée choice will be a Baked Potato Bar or Macaroni and Cheese Bar on alternating weeks. Our second dinner will be Wed., Feb. 21st. Stop by for some hot soup, or a Macaroni and Cheese Bar.

Puppen Für Christus presents...

The Prince of Egypt

Saturday, March 10th at the St. Lorenz Gym. Matinee at 1:30 p.m. suggested donation is \$5 per adult or Dinner Theater at 5:30 p.m. suggested donation \$10 adult or \$25 family. Dinner menu is pulled pork sandwiches, two kinds of soup, macaroni and cheese, salad, bread sticks, cookies and beverage. Please call for reservations at 652-0773.

Chapel Communion Services

will be held on **Monday, February 19th**, 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, **February 19th** 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.

St. Lorenz Newsletter

Articles from organizations or individuals may be submitted for publication for the April-May-June edition of the St. Lorenz Newsletter (SLN). Please send via email to newsletter@stlorenz.org by the end of the day on **Monday, February 26th**. Digital pictures may be attached to the email message or submitted separately. Contact Nancy Honold at 989-992-6487 with questions.

Sunday! 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.

For more information, to schedule a tour, or to have registration forms sent to you, please send an e-mail to 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.

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

Examine the Evidence...

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

In 1979, the Voyager space probe filmed a volcano erupting on Io, one of Jupiter's inner moons. This discovery amazed the NASA scientists who believe in the evolutionary concept that the solar system is billions of years old. **Small bodies such as this moon should have cooled off long ago.** Io, however, was not found to be cold and dead, but was literally bubbling with volcanoes. The cameras on Voyager even recorded one volcanic eruption on the moon's rim that sent fire and brimstone more than 100 miles into space. Where did this interior heat come from? Before this observation, the earth was considered the only geologically active body in the solar system, but Io was found to be even more active.

The fact that Io still has volcanic activity when it is supposedly almost 5 billion years old has no adequate explanation. Scientists have scrambled to find explanations, attributing the heat to Jupiter's gravitational pull or to radioactive decay in Io's core, but neither explanation fits the observations. It is only the assumptions of evolution that blind researchers to the most obvious solution. Perhaps Io is still hot because it is simply not very old!

LWML Bookstore News

We are located in the church basement. Bookstore is manned before and after services and Monday-Saturday, 8-5, you can shop at your leisure and use the self-pay to check out. Items of Interest: Christmas cards on markdown, many books for \$3.25, boxed and individual greeting cards at great prices, Bibles, devotionals, children's books and so much more. Stop in and browse. We can order anything that your heart desires.



GIFTS

- In Honor of Ivah Kerr's 101st Birthday on February 22nd:**
St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Bob & Jeanne Moore
- In Memory of Wilma Scharrer's 91st Birthday on February 15th:**
St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Arnold Scharrer
- In Memory of Doni Sue Stenglein's Birthday on February 28th:**
St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Fran Rodammer

Divorced? Separated?
Find help. Discover hope.

Divorce Care Support Group

Starting March 6th through May 29th
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the St. Lorenz Church office on Genesee Street
Please pre-register by calling Gaylene @ (989) 652-0771

Christian Book Club (CBC)

February Selection
"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 26th**, 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.

"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 February 20th**. The group welcomes all survivors and caregivers for sharing, caring and support. For more information, contact Maggie Kempf at 652-6923.

2018 LWML Candle Light Prayer Service "Living as God's People" - Pastor Shawn Fenske

Please join us **February 19th at 7 p.m.** at St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in the Church Parlor for a very special Prayer Service.



While we battle every day to retain hope in what may seem like hopeless times, Pastor Fenske will zero in on what's most important: Our standing in the eyes of God rather than focus on inane worldly details.

Prayer requests may be made at registration when you arrive.

Refreshments will be served after the event .

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.*

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.

CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Sunday	
Worship Service.....	8:00 a.m.
.....	9:30 a.m.
Connect	11:00 a.m.
<i>2nd Sunday - German.....</i>	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>
Tuesday	
Worship ANEW (Shut-ins)	7:00 p.m.
Worship Service.....	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	
Lenten Worship Services ..	9:30 a.m.
.....	5:00 p.m.
.....	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	
Worship Service.....	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	
Worship Service	6:30 p.m.

LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY

- "WHAT CAN I DO" - Should Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) embrace technology for the sake of the Gospel, or avoid it? Is it legitimate to make use of the internet, satellite TV, Facebook, Twitter etc., to spread the Gospel? With all the bad stuff out there via those median, is it appropriate to use those same channels of communication to share the life-giving message of Jesus Christ? **The answer is YES.**

LHM has decided that with the infinite amount of information now available on the internet, and with rise of social media and the use of mobile devices, it is their firm conviction that the power of this technology can be harnessed for the extension of God's kingdom.

Some of the results by LHM of the use of this technology include: LEBANON--LHM averages 30,000 new Facebook followers per month. CHINA Over three months, LHM workshops involved nearly 2,300 people. ARGENTINA--Well over 12,500 have responded to the Gospel proclamation with 1,727 of them referred to churches because of radio spots aired on 19 radio stations. For more information about LHM'S international work, go to lhm.org/international.

HAPPY THOUGHT - A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Needed at the FAM clothing closet:

Big men's clothing.
Plus size women's clothing.
Children's clothing sizes 4-12, especially pants.
Pants of all sizes. No dress pants.
Blankets and boots.

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 or 989-652-6142, ext. 302.

Bible Study Breakfast Sunday morning, **9:30 a.m.** at the Rock. Remember breakfast will be served. Topic is Discipleship and How do we defend our faith?

Guatemala Mission Trip

Would you like to be better at reaching the lost? Witnessing in another country will not only help fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 19-20), but also help you grow as a messenger of God's love with those you are in contact with here at home. Pastor Fitzgerald and the St. Lorenz Outreach Committee are planning a summer trip to Guatemala from **July 6-14, 2018**. The team's focus will be witnessing our faith while conducting eyeglass clinics in the village of Santiago Zamora. Training will be provided to the team members on the needed clinical techniques. If you have a heart that is willing to serve, please consider joining this team. In return, your efforts will be rewarded with spiritual enrichment, team camaraderie, fellowship with Guatemalan Christians, and spectacular views of this beautiful country. If you have any interest in participating in this opportunity or would just like more information, contact Mark Keinath at (989) 652-0659 or Mariann Keinath at (989) 295-1932.

Pastor's Bible Study

On **February 25th**, we will continue our study of the Book of *Revelation*. We will study Revelation 2:18-29--The Church in Thyatira.

The Holy Spirit through John shares with us Jesus' words to the congregation at Thyatira. Jesus describes Himself as the Son of God, Who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are burnished bronze" [Rev 2:18 and 1:14-15].

Some of the Christians in Thyatira were tolerating Jezebel and following her. Jezebel was the wife of King Ahab at the time when Elijah was prophet in Israel [850 B.C.]. Jezebel, the false prophetess, was leading some Christians into sexual immorality and eating meat sacrificed to idols. God will punish her and her followers.

To the Christians who were NOT following her, God promises to give them the "Morning Star"

[Jesus—Rev. 22:16].

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

Everyone is welcome.

MEMORIALS

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

Elsie Brock	Joshua Little	Gilbert Weiss
Harry Conzelmann	Lorine Reinert	Wallace Weiss
Norman Daenzer	Kathryn Schmidt	

Memorials were designated for the following: Building Fund, Girls of Grace, Here We Stand Campaign, Media Ministry, Operating Fund, Student Aid Fund, Willing Workers, St. Lorenz Foundation - Vicar Fund, St. Lorenz Foundation - General Fund.

YOUTH

- **No FCA** this Friday, February 23rd.
- **Bible study lunches** - Sophomores and Juniors will meet on Mondays and Freshmen and Seniors meet on Wednesdays.
- **Youth help for Lenten Suppers** – We still need Youth to help serve our dinners at the Rock. This next week, February 21st we are asking our Seniors to help out. Plan to arrive by 5:20 p.m. and you should be done by 7:00 p.m.
- **INAMIAH – Our first trip:** to Benton Harbor will be **June 26-30th**. This is open to any high school age youth or 8th graders. If you are interested in going please **let Mr. Anderson know by March 1st**. Cost is \$200.
- **Our second trip:** If you are interested in the summer mission trip the dates will be **July 15 – 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 March 1st**. There is 1 spot 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 February 18th

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

Tuesday February 20th

7:00 p.m. Millington @ St. Lorenz A
7:30 p.m. St. Lorenz E @ Trinity A
8:00 p.m. St. Lorenz C @ Immanuel



Sunday February 25th

6:30 p.m. St. Peter @ St. Lorenz B
7:45 p.m. Trinity B @ St. Lorenz D

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!

Organ Concert at Bethlehem Lutheran on **Friday, March 2nd** at **7 p.m.** The occasion marks the 60th anniversary of the Saginaw Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The public is invited to be a part of this amazing event provided by a stunning performer, Dr. Charles Ore.

What Is ExtensionPlus? The CEF ExtensionPlus is an easy-access savings vehicle from Church Extension Fund. Continue to support the ministry of CEF in providing space and place for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and be able to access your investments via your own checkbook or VISA®/ATM Card or withdraw your investment at an ATM. For more information, call them 800.242.3944 or visit www.micfef.org.

Coach needed: Valley Lutheran High School is in need of a JV baseball coach for this spring. The ideal candidate should have a working knowledge of baseball fundamentals and the desire to work with high school aged young men. Since a majority of the time commitment is after school each day (3:00 p.m. onward), availability is a key component to this position. Please call Kurt Hofmeister (225-7385) or Eric Smith (790-1676), if interested.

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!

Article for Bulletin?

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

VLHS Registration Time

If you haven't already, now is the time to register for fall 2018 at Valley Lutheran High School. Please contact the school office 989-790-1676 or visit the website to get the registration form www.vlhs.org. Your registration form is required before classes can be scheduled...Scheduling starts soon! To schedule a visit, a shadow experience, or for more information contact Sondra Yantz syantz@vlhs.com.

All You Can Eat Pancake Supper

The Tuscola Citizens Council is sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Supper on **Friday, March 2nd** at the Richville American Legion Hall on M-46 in Richville, between 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$6 for Adults, \$3 for children ages 5-12 and free for children under 5. Menu includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and applesauce. Proceeds will benefit the Tuscola Youth Softball Program.

Saginaw Rescue Mission

has started a monthly volunteer workday! On the fourth Friday of each month, we will be working on projects around the mission from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lunch is included! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jenny Dewese at 989-752-6051 ext. 122 or volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org. Thank you!

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for **The Annual Fantastic Frankentrost Mission Auction being held Sunday, March 4th**, at Immanuel Lutheran School 8220 E. Holland Rd. Frankentrost. Silent auction and freewill luncheon begin at noon and will be served all afternoon. The live auction will start promptly at 1:00 pm with Gerry Hecht as our auctioneer. Check out our Website (coming soon) with items that are being donated by our many supporters. If you have any products, services, items that you would like to donate, please contact Laura Abenth (989) 928-7891 or Roxann Leidel (989) 652-2719 by February 19. Enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship in support of our 2018 Mission Team going to Belize on a Water Filter and Health & Hygiene trip.

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.

ATTENTION To Those Who May Be Planning Future CONFIRMATION REUNIONS

If you anticipate organizing a confirmation reunion for 2020, please contact Mike Nuechterlein at (989) 652-6712, if your class is interested in participating in the St. Lorenz 175 year anniversary celebration.

The Opioid- Abuse Epidemic

Presented by William Gutzwiller (Essexville Chief of Police, Retired Saginaw County Sheriff's Office). Hosted by the Stephen Ministry of St. Martin Lutheran Church and Frankenmuth United Methodist Church. On **Tuesday, February 20th** 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.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer



"Pay Attention to What You Hear (Mark 4:24)"

Lent calls us to take deep into our being the life-changing words of God. The result? Obedience, changes in desires, and blessings. (James 1:12-18)

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

"In a sense, that is where man is today... dead in sin, awaiting the Exodus led by the Son of Man, the new Moses, into eternal life, undoing the separation of soul and body at death. Lent (and the weakness of our mortal flesh) reminds us of this separation, our sin. Easter reveals to us the Exodus, Christ's life that sets us free and brings us home." *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org*

