

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 24/25, 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

## LENT

**LENTEN SERVICES - February 28:**

9:30 a.m., 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

### WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - March 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 - February 17 & 18:

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m. ....	235
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m. ....	215
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m. ....	314
Connect Worship .....	11:00 a.m. ....	870
Chapel Worship .....	9:30/11:00 a.m. ....	25
Total:		1,659

### 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.



**Our wonderful Principal, Mr. Bender** will be retiring at the end of this year. Although we will miss Mr. Bender so very much, it also calls for a celebration of all of the ministry that he has so faithfully accomplished during his many years here at St. Lorenz. We will also celebrate with Mrs. Dawn Mueller and Pastor Joel Kaiser for their service in ministry for 25 years. We'd like to invite all of you to join us in celebrating with Mr. Bender, Mrs. Mueller, and Pastor Kaiser on **Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** at the 9:30 a.m. service with a celebration to follow at the Bavarian Inn Crest Room. Everyone is invited so please come and join in thanking and honoring these three very special honorees!

### LENTEN WORSHIP

#### ATTENDANCE February 21<sup>st</sup>:

9:30 a.m. ....	33
5:00 p.m. ....	327
7:00 p.m. ....	103
Total:	463

### 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 too! As has been the tradition, one of our Lenten suppers is always a Pancake Supper with sausage. That tradition continues. Our third dinner will be **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**. We will serve pancakes, sausage, applesauce, dessert and drinks. Hope to see you there.

**Monthly Financial Report**  
is located on page 4

**LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY - "WHAT CAN I DO ?"** The past weeks' messages have highlighted resources available from LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRY (LHM). Why is this information important? In today's world, fewer people are looking to the church for community and support--and for answers to some of life's pressing questions. They are increasingly going online in search of digital solutions, connections, and relationships. LHM is meeting them where they are by creating online spaces where people of diverse backgrounds can join authentic conversations about life and faith. Results on the use of these LHM products are encouraging and can be reviewed on material available in the Church parlor.

So to answer the question, "**WHAT CAN I DO?**", Pray for continuing success of LHM, make use of the resources from LHM, and financially support the efforts of LHM.

See you at the display in the parlor and let's enjoy a coffee together. Thank you.

**HAPPY THOUGHT** - Living on earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

### Puppen Für Christus presents...

#### The Prince of Egypt

**Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### 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](mailto:newsletter@stlorenz.org) by the end of the day on **Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Digital pictures may be attached to the email message or submitted separately. Contact Nancy Honold at 989-992-6487 with questions.

**A HUGE thank you** to all of you who supported our school's auction! Whether you donated, sponsored, bid, attended, prayed for, volunteered...we are grateful! Because of many generous people, the auction was a success! All of the funds that were raised will support the Lutheran education of all children at our school. **THANK YOU!**

**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*

One of nature's masters of disguise is the stick insect. Stick insects are leaf eaters designed to look like little twigs. One tropical stick insect is as thick as a finger and the same color as the bamboo on which it is found. It even has swollen ridges just like bamboo! Other types have leafy flaps that **match the leaves** of the plants which they like to eat. Some stick insects even lay eggs that **look exactly like the seeds** of the plant on which they feed. A stick insect that's found in New Mexico **glues its eggs to grass stems**. The position and shape of their pointed eggs exactly imitate the seeds of the grass!

Although stick insects don't fly, some of them have brightly colored wings that can fold very quickly to scare away nervous birds who want to investigate them for lunch. Some stick insects will often **sway with the breeze** to make their illusion even more effective. Others will sit motionless for hours as if they are just another **piece of dead wood**.

Stick insects are even geniuses at using their predator's weakness for their own protection. Birds understand this and will closely examine non-moving twigs in search of a meal. **Stick insects will not even move when being carried away by a bird**, thus fooling many birds into dropping them. Although these defense mechanisms were likely designed after the Fall, stick insects are clearly not the result of random mutations, but the intelligent design of a Creator.

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### LWML Bookstore News

We are located in the church basement. The 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

**A Thankoffering for 97 years of blessings from God on February 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Edna Galsterer

**In Honor of Ruben Braeutigam's 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday on February 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Facility Grateful Campaign - Dr. Harold & Jeanne Braeutigam

**In Memory of Doni Sue Stenglein's Birthday on February 28<sup>th</sup>:**

St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Fran Rodammer

### Divorced? Separated?

Find help. Discover hope.

### Divorce Care Support Group

Starting March 6<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup>

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 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

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### 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.*

### Ladies Spring Retreat!

**TOUGH TRANSITIONS: NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES** is the theme for the **Women's Springtime Retreat on Saturday, MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>**. The morning begins in the school dining hall with a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Retreat runs from 9-noon. Retreat leader Alice Smith will be our guide. Our morning will be filled with Bible Study ~ Inspirational Ideas ~ Prayer ~ Music ~ Friendships. 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. **Please register by contacting Beppie Schroeder at 652-4516**. Mite Box collection and dedication will be received and an ingathering for the Franklin Avenue Mission. Hygiene items needed are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, tampons or pads, disposable razors, bar soap.



### FAM NEEDS

Due to the generosity of all the donations of the churches involved with FAM, we are no longer accepting winter coats, hats, gloves or scarves for women or children. **We will still be accepting men's winter coats.**

**Also needed** are men's clothing, especially jeans, (please no dress clothes) plus size women's clothing, children's pants.

At this time, we are not accepting any women's clothes except plus size.

And as always, personal hygiene items and blankets are much needed.

Thank you for your continued support of FAM.

### 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.

#### 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.



Q&A

### Does the Church Council approve grant requests before they are submitted to the foundation for consideration?

Normally, grant requests are submitted by a commission or by the lead pastor, executive director or principal. The Church Council reviews the grant requests to assure that they are in harmony with the ministry of the congregation. [www.stlorenzfoundation.org](http://www.stlorenzfoundation.org)

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

## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Speaker Emeritus:  
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



### "Living and Dying"

Looking at sinful mankind, Jesus found what he was willing to die, and to live for. Are we willing to do the same?  
(Romans 5:1-11)

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

"So when we see the embryo ... in that petri dish--vulnerable, helpless, and destined for destruction--we are compelled to speak and defend and help. And not because it is the right thing to do or the moral thing to do, but because it is the *Christ* thing to do. Our God became incarnate as an embryo, giving value to all embryos. Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life--**A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life** [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



## BIBLE STUDIES

### Marks of a Disciple: Spiritual Growth

The third series of studies connected with our "Year of Discipleship" emphasis is on *Spiritual Growth*. Is it all about Bible Study or is there more? Is it absolutely necessary? If so, why and how can we make it a regular practice? You can also follow the studies in the St. Lorenz library of *Right Now Media* on the "Marks of a Disciple" channel.

**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?

**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.

### Pastor's Bible Study

On **March 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will continue our study of the Book of *Revelation*. We will study Revelation 3:1-6--The Church in Sardis.

The Holy Spirit through John shares with us Jesus' words to the congregation at Thyatira. Jesus describes Himself as the One Who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars [Rev 3:1 and Rev 1:16].

Most of the people in the Sardis Congregation are "dead". Jesus knows their works. Their works are not good in God's sight. Unless they repent, God will come quickly and punish them.

Yet there are still a few names in Sardis that God will bless. To the Christian who conquers, he will be clothed in white garments. I will confess his name before My Father [Rv. 3:5].

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

*Everyone is welcome.*

### Submit Your Prayer Requests

Email to [nanee1@aol.com](mailto:nanee1@aol.com) or call Nancy at 818-347-3843. *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Phil. 4:6*

## YOUTH

- **FCA** this Friday at McDonald's - 7:30 a.m. Open to all high school Youth.
- **Bible study lunches** No classes next week -- Feb. 26 - Feb 28. - Sophomores and Juniors will meet on Mondays and Freshmen and Seniors meet on Wednesdays. Lunches resume March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Open Rock / Open Gym** - March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Open to all high school Youth. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.
- **Paper Drive** - the next Youth Paper Drive is **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until noon** at the Rock. Let Chuck know if you can help unload papers.
- **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> – Jr. High Mega Activity** – Details and permission slip available in the Jr. High wing.
- **Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – High School Mega Activity** – Details and permission slips available at Bible Study Lunches.
- **Youth help for Lenten Suppers** – We still need Youth to help serve our dinners at the Rock. This next week, February 28<sup>th</sup> we are asking our Juniors to help out. Plan to arrive by 5:20 p.m. and you should be done by 7:00 p.m.
- **INAMIAH – We need your commitment by March 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- **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 by March 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 by March 1<sup>st</sup>**. There are 10 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. This is the schedule for the rest of our Youth Basketball Games.

**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
7:45 p.m. Trinity B @ St. Lorenz D  
6:30 p.m. St. Peter @ St. Lorenz B  
**Rescheduled from 2/11**  
7:30 p.m. St. Lorenz A @ Immanuel

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Rescheduled from 2/11  
7:45 p.m. Trinity A @ St. Lorenz B  
6:30 p.m. Trinity B @ St. Lorenz C

### Tournament

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Lorenz

**Creation Museum & Noah's Ark Tour**

April 12 & 13, 2018

Includes: coach, hotel, breakfast & entrance fees.

(\$250 pp, double occupancy)

Call Judy at Judy's Travel Service 652-2703

Reservation Deadline: March 12

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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.

**Trinity Lutheran Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.**

Take Out / Dine In ~ 4 - 7 p.m.

9858 North St., Reese

3 & Under free, 4 - 7 \$5, \$10 - 8+

Baked/Fried Fish, Chicken Strips, Corn, Cole Slaw, Fries/AuGratin Potatoes, Pies, Rolls ~ Proceeds toward school improvements/conferences.

**Saginaw Rescue Mission Auxiliary**

is a group of friends of the mission who meet for a luncheon on the third Wednesday of each month and raise money for items the mission does not include in its budget. If you are interested in attending, contact Jenny Deweese at 989-752-6051 ext. 122 or [volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org](mailto:volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org). 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, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** We encourage you to invite one or more new widow friends for added fun. If you have any questions, please call Marie at 652-8407.

**Immanuel Lutheran School**

of Frankentrost is seeking a qualified candidate for a lead teacher in our infant child care room. Qualifications include at minimum a valid child development associate credential, an associate's degree or higher in early childhood education or development, or a bachelor's degree in the same. The lead teacher would be responsible for curriculum development and implementations, act as a liaison between staff and the director and track the progress of the department in the infant room. The position would be a minimum 30 hours per week and at least 6 hours per day. If you have any questions, or to submit your resume please contact Kyle Smith at 989-754-4285.

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

**Save the Date** Mark your calendars for **The Annual Fantastic Frankentrost Mission Auction being held Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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 p.m. with Gerry Hecht as our auctioneer. Check out our Website (coming soon) with items that are being donated by our many supporters. 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.

**Monthly Financial Report**

Ministry Council would like to provide our members with current financial reports on a regular basis; therefore, a financial summary will be provided in our bulletin on a periodic basis. Any questions on this information can be directed to Jeremy Frank at the church office: [jfrank@stlorenz.org](mailto:jfrank@stlorenz.org) or 652-0786.

	<u>Jan. 31, 18</u>	<u>Ministry Plan</u>	<u>Jan. 31, 17</u>
	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
<b>Operating Fund Income</b>	\$ 304,390	\$ 322,335	\$ 302,303
<b>Operating Fund Expenses</b>	<u>419,361</u>	<u>428,680</u>	<u>368,936</u>
<b>Income Over (Under) Exp.</b>	<u>\$ (114,971)</u>	<u>\$ (106,345)</u>	<u>\$ (66,633)</u>
			<b>Capital</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>Improvement</b>
1/1/2018 Balance	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 149,071
Income	304,390	20,706	7,846
Disbursements	<u>(419,361)</u>	<u>(19,449)</u>	<u>(31)</u>
1/31/2018 Balance	<u>\$ (114,971)</u>	<u>\$ 1,257</u>	<u>\$ 156,886</u>

**Are you looking for a piano teacher?**

St. Lorenz member Chelsea Storms is currently accepting students of all ages and ability levels. For more information, please call 810-247-1470 or email [chelseastorms@gmail.com](mailto:chelseastorms@gmail.com).

**Article for Bulletin?**

Email it to: [bulletin@stlorenz.org](mailto:bulletin@stlorenz.org) by **Wednesdays at 9 a.m.**

**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.