

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 3/4, 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 - February 10 & 11:

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 Heritage Service - Church 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - January 27 & 28:

Saturday Worship 6:30 p.m.218
 Sunday Worship..... 8:00 a.m.247
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.441
 Connect Worship.....11:00 a.m. 710
 Total: 1,616



Jesus Loves the Little Children

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 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.



Super Bowl Subs

Subs can be picked up at the Dining Hall at the school this **Sunday 9:00 – 12:30** – following early service until after Connect.

Independence Village Bible Study

- - No class this Tuesday, February 6. Pastor Brandt will be on his way to Israel.



The St. Lorenz Auction

is THIS SATURDAY, February 10, at the Bavarian Lodge at 5:00. Come ready to bid and have a great evening! Baseball attire is welcome!

SENIORS' BIBLE STUDY

You've learned about Martin Luther--the Man; now we have an opportunity to delve into Martin Luther--the Moment! In this video-based session, we will explore the concepts of penance, purgatory, plenary indulgences, and the Medieval Church's "Penitential Cycle." Join us on **Monday, February 12 @ 9:30 a.m.** in the Adult Ed Rooms. See you there!

Monthly Financial Report

The 2017 financial numbers have been finalized. We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed to St. Lorenz in 2017. Any questions on this information can be directed to Jeremy Frank at the church office: jfrank@stlorenz.org or 652-0786.

	Dec. 31, 17	Ministry Plan	Dec. 31, 16
	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Operating Fund Income	\$4,600,543	\$4,637,230	\$4,556,068
Operating Fund Expenses	<u>4,597,481</u>	<u>4,637,230</u>	<u>4,476,668</u>
Income Over (Under) Exp.	<u>\$ 3,062</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 79,400</u>
			Capital
Fund Balances	Operating	Missions	Improvement
1/1/2017 Balance	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 133,664
Income	4,600,543	442,928	134,236
Disbursements	<u>(4,597,481)</u>	<u>(442,928)</u>	<u>(118,829)</u>
12/31/2017 Balance	<u>\$ 3,062</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 149,071</u>

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

Charles Darwin knew that the fossil record did not support his theory of evolution. In his book *Origin of the Species* Darwin noted that there was an obvious and serious problem with the lack of transitional fossils. He recognized that fossils of animals and plants are fully developed in fossil - bearing rocks. However, both he and early evolutionists expressed optimism that the fossil links between very different types of animals would be found. Yet over 160 years later, after extensive searching, not one undisputable transition between any major animal form has ever been found!

Darwin also admitted he could not explain the serious problem of how highly evolved animals could be found in the lowest rock layers. Evolutionists assume that the lowest layers are many millions of years older than higher layers. Therefore, they should contain very simple forms of life. There are many exceptions to this expectation. For example, very highly developed animals, such as trilobites, are found fully formed in these layers. In light of what is now known about flood geology, it is reasonable to believe the majority of the fossil record was created by the catastrophic action of the shifting and changing Earth during the great Flood of Noah's time. The lowest rock layers are not millions of years older, they are just the first ones laid down during this Flood.

The Church Librarians are on the hunt for a new book which has gone missing. If you have the following book "God Gave Me You: A True Story of Love, Loss, and a Heaven-Sent Miracle" by Tricia Seaman & Diane Nickols, please return it to the library. This is a new book and we'd like to make it available to others. Thank you.

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.

Children's German Heritage Service

On Sunday, **February 11th at 11:00 a.m.**, the Kindergarten thru 6th grade students and the Jr. High Wind Ensemble from St. Lorenz School will participate in the annual 'Heritage Sunday' German Service at St. Lorenz Church. The service uses our traditional German service liturgy with an English sermon by Pastor Kaiser and English translations throughout the program. The students will be reading the scripture lessons in both German and English and will sing „Gott ist die Liebe“. In addition, a student will sing "Der Segen". Everyone is welcome to attend and participate as we worship our Lord and Savior and remember and celebrate our German Heritage.

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

Giving Statements

Similar to the past years, all members can now print off their Giving Statement through MyStLorenz. Those without an email address in MyStLorenz have been sent their Giving Statement in the mail.

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 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

Ministry to Prodigals and Their Families

Statistics show that 50% or more of young adults and youth are falling away from the church. How can parents and families deal with the resulting feelings of pain, frustration, and shame? How can we and is it even possible to reach our prodigals? Please join us on **Tuesday, February 6** for our special guest Paula Isakson, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Jakob Heckert and Co-founder of Faith Family Reunion (a support ministry for parents and family members striving to reach their prodigals). See their ministry and resources at www.faithfamilyreunion.com). She will share her personal story of being a prodigal and how God worked through her parents to reach her. Meeting is from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Adult Ed rooms on the school campus. Through Christ there is healing and hope.

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 'n Cheese Bar on alternating weeks. Our first dinner will be **Ash Wednesday, February 14th**. Stop by for some hot soup or a Baked Potato Bar.

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.

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.

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. 4-25th. We'll emphasize application to individual and family life. Hope to see you there.



Pastor's Bible Study

On **February 11th**, we will continue our study of the Book of Revelation studying Revelation 2:8-11 -- The Church in Smyrna.

The Holy Spirit through John shares with us Jesus' words to the congregation at Smyrna. Jesus describes Himself as "the first and the last, who died and came to life."

The church in Smyrna was persecuted by a Jewish synagogue that Jesus describes as the "synagogue of Satan." They will be tested but the believers who remain faithful, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will not be hurt by the "second death." They will receive a "crown of life."

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

Everyone is welcome.

Bible Study Breakfast Sunday morning, 9:30 am 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.

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 (Mathew 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.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

\$10 CHALLENGE Have you let us know how you put your \$10 to good use to encourage another or share Jesus' love? Please share your story by emailing StLorenzAdvent@gmail.com, sending a note to Pam Fitzgerald, 9135 Bender Road, Frankenmuth 48734, or posting on the St. Lorenz Women's Ministry Facebook page. Thanks to all who have already done so! Hoping to hear from everybody by **February 14!**

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** - Look to join your friends on **February 9th** 9:30 – 11:30 p.m. at the Rock. This is open to all high school age youth.
- **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 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 – 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. 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. No games on Sunday, **February 4th** - Super Bowl

Wednesday February 7th

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

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

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

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 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.

LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY

"WHAT CAN I DO" - Are you prepared? Are you ready to give a reason for the hope we share in Jesus? If you could use some help, support, or encouragement, then consider the resources available for you at the Lutheran Hour Ministries' website (lhm.org) Classes and witness tools, demographics and personal devotions are some of the resources designed to equip believers for the important task of living out our calling as Jesus' followers.

One of these resources is titled "Everyday Opportunities". In this course, participants will explore who they are as believers: delve into what "vocation" (calling) means for the Christian: identify and reflect on the various roles and relationships God has placed them in: and consider an "action plan" for sharing the Gospel. A video, printable journal, discussion guide, and self-test questions are all included. All LHM online courses are free and require nothing more than registration to use. Visit lhm.org/learn and enter "everyday opportunities" in the search box.

HAPPY THOUGHT - Working for God on earth does not pay much, but His retirement plan is out of this world.

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 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.

Article for Bulletin?

Email it to: 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.

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.

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 PM onward), availability is a key component to this position. Please call Kurt Hofmeister (225-7385) or Eric Smith (790-1676), if interested.

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!



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!

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer



"Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?"

There's much in science that witnesses to God. Dr. Meyer says telescopes and microscopes can further evangelism more than soap boxes. (Isaiah 40:21-31; The almighty God of all creation)

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

"If it is wrong to kill a human fetus, it is wrong because this interrupts the vocation of that fetus to praise God and enjoy Him forever, a vocation given it by God Himself in and with the gift of existence, a vocation we may not override for purposes of our own without offending against the rights of God." *Douglas Farrow, author of Desiring a Better Country: Forays in Political Theology - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org*

