

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 10/11, 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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES - February 14:
9:30 a.m., 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - February 17 & 18:

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 3 & 4:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	222
Sunday Worship.....	8:00 a.m.	171
Sunday Worship.....	9:30 a.m.	244
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m.	486
		Total: 1,123

The Season of Lent begins this week with **Ash Wednesday services 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 Gospel's and slow down to take a look at Jesus' last week on this earth. 30% 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.



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.

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 first dinner will be **Ash Wednesday, February 14th.** Stop by for some hot soup or a Baked Potato Bar.

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.

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. 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 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
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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.

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

Carbon 14 (14C) is a dating method used to measure how long ago a sample of previously living tissue died. As long as any organism is alive, it maintains a fairly constant concentration of 14C with its environment. Once it dies, the radioactive 14C starts to decay; and half of the 14C disappears every 5,730 years. If an artifact is found that has one-half of the modern level of 14C, it is assumed to be 5,730 years old.

Scientists have recently found that the amount of radioactive carbon in the earth's atmosphere is *not constant*. The 14C concentration can be affected by things such as the *total mass of plant life* on earth, the earth's changing *magnetic field*, *volcanic activity*, *solar flare activity* on the sun, *nuclear tests* made in the past several decades, *collisions of asteroids or meteorites* with the earth, etc. For example, tree rings from all over the world had an increased variability in 14C level following the 1908 asteroid explosion in Tunguska, Siberia.

Even more important, the concentration of 14C in living things would have changed dramatically right after the worldwide Flood as the total amount of vegetation on the planet readjusted to new conditions. **14C dating is totally unreliable for any date beyond about 4,000 years**, because the assumptions of the technique deny any major change in conditions. It ignores the effect of the worldwide flood throughout the calculation. **As with all scientific endeavors, if your assumptions are wrong, your conclusions will also be wrong.**

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

2018 LWML Candle Light Prayer Service
Living as God's People
Pastor Shawn Fenske
1 Peter 2:9-12
Please join us **February 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** 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. Guests are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the event and there will be a collection for Lutheran Bible Translators.

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>

CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE

Sunday
Worship Service.....8:00 a.m.
..... 9:30 a.m.
Connect11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday - German.....11:00 a.m.

Tuesday
Worship ANEW (Shut-ins) 7:00 p.m.
Worship Service..... 7:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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.



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!

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.

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.

Super Bowl Subs – the Youth Ministry is very thankful that our Sub Sandwich Sales was a great success. That was possible because of two things: 105 faithful youth and adults who came together Saturday morning to make 1800 subs in 50 minutes and a caring congregation that supports our efforts either by purchasing subs or making a donation. It was awesome to see such fellowship and fun between teens and adults. We are truly blessed by such support for Youth Ministry.

Submit Your Prayer Requests

Who do you call when your grandson is being rushed from his high school by ambulance to the Emergency Room with a severe frightening asthma attack? We have a system in place where a single phone call or email can immediately generate prayers in agreement to Jesus, our Great Physician.

Seven minutes after receiving this emergency call, an email went out to our prayer chain. His grandmother reported that his breathing was stabilized and he was kept at the hospital for observation. Later in the afternoon, he felt so good he asked if he could return to school. Why do we pray? We pray because we need a miracle. We pray because we need God to intercede on our behalf. We pray because it comforts us. We pray because it's often the only thing we can do. We pray because God commanded us to pray without ceasing. *And we ask for prayers from others because the impact of our prayer is multiplied.*

Submit your prayer requests to nanzee1@aol.com and put prayer request in the subject heading or call Nancy at 818-497-3843. If you are asking for prayers for another person and are not sure if they would approve, don't list the full name. You can use words such as my friend, a young man, a couple, etc. God is omniscient ...all knowing. If you are asking prayers for yourself and want it to be confidential, say you would like your request to be anonymous. 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.

YOUTH

- **FCA** (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - **7:30 a.m.** at McDonald's. Open to all high school athletes.
- **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 16th 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 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 11th

2:00 p.m. St. Lorenz E @ St. Peter

6:30 p.m. Trinity B @ St. Lorenz C

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

7:30 p.m. St. Lorenz A @ Immanuel

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

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!

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!**

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.

The Global Awareness Club

at Valley Lutheran H.S. is having a fleece drive to make blankets this February. The blankets will be distributed to foster children through Lutheran Child and Social Services as well to Native American Alaskan children who live in Eek, Alaska. If you would like to help with this ministry, you can drop off 2 pieces of 1.5 yard fleece to the VLHS office or give it to any Valley Lutheran student.

These blankets are a blessing to children because both groups of kids don't have a lot of material possessions or stability in their lives. The blankets can keep the children warm and they go with them when moving to a new home. Fleece donations will be taken throughout the month of February. Thanks for your donations and support!

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!

Pastor's Bible Study

On **February 18th**, we will continue our study of the Book of Revelation. We will study Revelation 2:12-17--The Church in Pergamum.

The Holy Spirit through John shares with us Jesus' words to the congregation at Pergamum. Jesus describes Himself as "the One who has the sharp two-edged sword."

The Christians in Ephesus hated the Nicolaitans. The Christians in Pergamum accepted the Nicolaitans and taught each other to sin like the Nicolaitans. So Jesus says He will fight them with the two-edged sword. What is the "sin of the Nicolaitans?"

Those who by the Spirit's power overcome the sin of the Nicolaitans, will receive two things: "hidden manna" and "a white stone." Come and learn what these gifts are.

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

Everyone is welcome.

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.

LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY

"WHAT CAN I DO" - Resources from Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) vary in content and means of accessibility. Next week will be centered on use of social media in overseas mission. This week will focus on self study of personal evangelism, revealing how the task of sharing God's Good News of Jesus is something all us are already equipped to do.

Information is available on the broadcast of The Lutheran Hour at Lutheranhour.org. News of the activities of LHM can be read from The Lutheran Layman magazine published semi-monthly and via weekly e-mail from Men's Network (lhm.org/men). Also via e-mail you can receive daily devotions by Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus featuring current news events and how they relate to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A special Lenten series starts Ash Wednesday titled "Silent Witnesses" which will look at the significance found in ordinary things like rope, clay, water, a donkey and sponge. Sign up at lhm.org/lent.

HAPPY THOUGHT - Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

INFORMATION TO SHARE



"Was Blind, But Now I See"

Would you rather be blind or visioned? That's an easy one. But, how does a spiritually blind person become seeing? (2 Corinthians 4:3)

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

"Love and appreciation between generations are so important. God tells us not to conceal His great and mighty acts from our children, but to tell the generations to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wondrous works that He has done." *Kay L. Meyer, Family Shield Ministries* - **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life** www.lutheransforlife.org

