

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 3/4, 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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St. Lorenz Lutheran Church & School

LENT

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

WEEKEND WORSHIP SCHEDULE - March 10 & 11:

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| 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 - February 24 & 25:

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| Saturday Worship | 6:30 p.m. | 185 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 8:00 a.m. | 205 |
| Sunday Worship..... | 9:30 a.m. | 352 |
| Connect Worship..... | 11:00 a.m. | 476 |
| | | Total: 1,218 |



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 29th** 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!

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.

Lenten Suppers! This year we will be serving all dinners at the Rock from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. That's not all that will be new.

Our menu will be Chili or Chicken Noodle Soups with bread and a Macaroni and Cheese bar. Drinks and desserts are also provided. A Free Will Offering is collected.

Cemetery Maintenance
Anyone wishing to keep their grave blankets or wreaths, or any part of them, should have them removed by **March 20th**, weather permitting.

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE BIBLE STUDY

Independence Village Residents and Friends come join us this coming **Tuesday, March 6th at 1 p.m. in Independence Village's Harmony Hall.** Pastor Brandt will lead the study.

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, March 12th @ 9:30 a.m.** in the Adult Ed Rooms. See you there!

LENTEN WORSHIP

ATTENDANCE February 28th:

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| 9:30 a.m. | 46 |
| 5:00 p.m. | 433 |
| 7:00 p.m. | 88 |
| Total: | 567 |

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.

Ladies Spring Retreat!

TOUGH TRANSITIONS: NAVIGATING YOUR WAY THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES is the theme for the **Women's Springtime Retreat on Saturday, MARCH 10th.** 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 *(article continues on page 2)*

Monthly Financial Report
is located on page 4

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

Psalm 22 is an amazing prophecy that describes the crucifixion of Christ. This Psalm was written approximately 1,000 years before its fulfillment. It describes in graphic detail the sufferings of Christ long before death by crucifixion was known or practiced by the Romans or Jews. This Psalm predicts how Christ's hands and feet would be pierced, His bones would be pulled out of joint, and He would experience extreme thirst. It also describes how men would gamble for His clothes and how the crowd would mock Him. Even the exact words Christ would speak from the cross were recorded in this Psalm. **Is it logical to conclude that all of these prophecies, predicted in precise detail almost 1,000 years before they happened, could have been fulfilled by mere chance?**

The science of probability (a mathematical method for calculating the likelihood with which an event is going to happen) can clearly reveal that guesses could not have produced this passage of Scripture. It could only have been written by inspiration from someone outside of time. Only God, who created mass, energy, and time could fulfill this qualification.

Thank you so much to the pastors and Bob Moore for their visits during my recent hospitalization. Also, heartfelt thanks for the many cards received and also for all the prayers offered on our behalf.

*God's blessings to you all,
Gary Pickelmann*

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!**

GIFTS

In Honor of Vera Heine's 100th Birthday on March 3rd:
St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Irene Bickel

In Honor of Harold "Gus" Braeutigam's 90th Birthday on March 3rd:
Facility Grateful Campaign - Dr. Harold & Jeanne Braeutigam
St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Bill & Marion Braeutigam

In Honor of Donald Bierlein's 85th Birthday on March 9th:
St. Lorenz Media Ministry - Steve & Connie Bierlein & Family

In Memory of Norma Tanner's 90th Birthday:
St. Lorenz Foundation - Vicar Fund - from her family

German Worship Service

On **Sunday, March 11th**, St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the Church. The theme for the service is 'Lenten Reflection on Temptation'. The service will use our traditional German Service liturgy and an English sermon entitled "Watch Out!" by Pastor Bill Hoesman. Greg Rummel will perform a solo and the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including "Mir Nach Spricht Christus Unser Held", "Jesu, Meines Lebens Leben", "Mache Dich Mein Geist Bereit" and "O Jesu Christ Mein's Lebens Licht". 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.

Stephen Ministry in Action

From a care receiver: "Life is so chaotic right now that I don't know much for certain; but I DO know that my Stephen Minister is there for me and praying for me. And I've also come to realize that - even though I don't always feel it - God is there too, and really is at work in my life."

To receive the care of a Stephen Minister, or for more information about what they do, contact:
Jeannette Stange 652-0567
Dennis Weirauch 652-6954
Pastor Fenske 652-6141
or visit the website at stephenministry.stlorenz.org

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

Ladies Spring Retreat!

(article is continued from page 1) will be featured as we examine how we can triumph over difficult times. **You may pre-register by contacting Bepie Schroeder at 652-4516 or Bepie.schroeder@gmail.com.** 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. Harriet Warnick will have available Motown Soup Packages for purchase.

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.
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

Owl Night Hike: Join Mandy Liddle, St. Lorenz School's Environmental Education Director for an owl night hike on **Friday, March 9th** from 6-7:30 p.m.! Meet at the St. Lorenz Learning Center at 6 p.m. We will begin indoors with some basics about owl habitats, adaptations and behavior. Then we will hit the Churchgrove Prayer Trail and call in some native Michigan owls! Please dress warm and bring a flashlight. Register by emailing Mandy Liddle at mliddle@stlorenz.org. Registration limited to 25 people, this includes both children and adults. In the case of inclement weather, the program will be rescheduled.

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

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer



"When God's Darkness Surrounds You"

When times are darkest, God wants you to know how close He really is. It's in those threatening times that you can especially learn and live in His love. (Exodus 20:1-17)

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

"When we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to 'deliver us from evil.' We ask Him to protect us against the callous evil of abortion, the taking of a human life. We are harnessed with the burden of belonging to a nation that practices this barbaric procedure and calls it a 'right.' May God have mercy on us." 
Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS)--A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org

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. Please join Scott Mueller in the school Dining Hall at **9:30 a.m. March 4-25th**.

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, March 6th** (rescheduled from last month) 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.

Submit Your Prayer Requests

Email to nanzee1@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*

Pastor's Bible Study

On March 11th, we will continue our study of the Book of *Revelation*. We will study Revelation 3:7-13--The Church in Philadelphia.

The Holy Spirit through John shares with us Jesus' words to the congregation at Philadelphia. Jesus describes Himself as the One Who has the Key of David, Who opens and no one will shut, Who shuts and no one opens. [Rv 3:7 and Rv 1:18].

Jesus does not criticize this congregation. He speaks of their weaknesses while keeping His word. He speaks of keeping them in the hour of trial and He speaks of their crown.

To the Christian who conquers, Christ will make him a pillar in the temple of God and will write on him the name of God [Rv. 3:12].

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 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.

YOUTH

- **FCA** this Friday at McDonald's - 7:30 a.m. Open to all high school Youth.
- **Bible study lunches** - Sophomores and Juniors will meet on Mondays and Freshmen and Seniors meet on Wednesdays.
- **Open Rock / Open Gym** - March 16th. 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 10th from 8:00 a.m. until noon** at the Rock. Let Chuck know if you can help unload papers.
- **Friday, March 9th - Jr. High Mega Activity** - Details and permission slip available in the Jr. High wing. Tickets go on sale Monday morning in the Jr. High Wing.
- **Saturday, March 10th - 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, **March 7th** we are asking our Sophomores 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 ASAP.**
- **Our 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 10 spots available at this time, so let Chuck know ASAP if you are planning to go with the Youth to Benton Harbor.

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.

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!

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 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.

Christian Book Club (CBC)

March Selection

"Street God" by Dimas Salaberrios

Street God is the true story of one man's against-all-odds journey from the streets to the altar and back again.

His street name was Daylight. But he was a nightmare. On the streets of New York, darkness and violence reigned. Dimas "Daylight" Salaberrios popped his first pill when he was eleven years old, and just days later, he was selling drugs to his schoolmates. By fifteen, he was facing time at the notorious Rikers Island Prison. It was never safe to turn your back, and Dimas saw only one chance to survive: to become a street god. He would be the richest, most powerful ruler in the hood . . . or die trying.

But in one terrifying moment, with a gun pointed at his head, Dimas had to decide: How far would he go? Was he finished taking reckless chances to rule as a god of the streets? Would he dare to entrust his life to the real God—an even riskier path? Because that God would send Dimas back down the darkest streets he'd ever known on a rescue mission after those still in danger.

Everyone is welcome. For questions and information call Diane Schiefer at 989-906-2877.

Chicken Barbecue

Sunday, March 11th

11:15 a.m. Drive-Thru Take-Outs and
11:30 a.m. Dining Room

Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church Men's Club. Menu: Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Corn, Cole Slaw, Cupcakes, Beverage. Donations Adults \$9, Children (6-12) \$5, Children 5 & Under Free. Immanuel Lutheran School, 8220 Holland Road, Saginaw. *Supported by Thrivent Financial.*

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.*

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.

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.

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 or 652-0786.

| | <u>Jan. 31, 18</u> <u>Actual YTD</u> | <u>Ministry Plan</u> <u>YTD</u> | <u>Jan. 31, 17</u> <u>Actual YTD</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|
| Operating Fund Income | \$ 304,390 | \$ 322,335 | \$ 302,303 |
| Operating Fund Expenses | <u>419,361</u> | <u>428,680</u> | <u>368,936</u> |
| Income Over (Under) Exp. | <u>\$ (114,971)</u> | <u>\$ (106,345)</u> | <u>\$ (66,633)</u> |
| | | | Capital |
| Fund Balances | Operating | Missions | Improvement |
| 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> |

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.

