

# ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 21/22, 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

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE - April 28 & 29:

Saturday - Church .....	6:30 p.m.
Sunday - Church .....	8:00 a.m.
Sunday - Church .....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday - Connect - Gym .....	11:00 a.m.

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE - April 14 & 15:

Saturday Worship .....	6:30 p.m. ....	145
Sunday Worship Services - .....	Cancelled due to weather	
Chapel Communion.....	11:00 a.m. ....	<u>18</u>
		Total: 163



## A Celebration and a Roast to Remember!

**Monday, April 23rd** is the last day to RSVP to celebrate with Mrs. Dawn Mueller and Pastor Joel Kaiser for their service in ministry for 25 years. Following their celebration, per Mike's request, Mike's colleagues, friends, and family will honor him with a "well-deserved" send off. This will all take place on **Sunday, April 29th** at the 9:30 a.m. service with a celebration to follow at the Bavarian Inn Crest Room. **Fellowship will begin at 12:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m.** with a presentation to follow. **Tickets are available for \$20 per adult, \$10 children 12 & under, from the church office through April 23rd.** Everyone is invited so please come and join in thanking and honoring these three very special honorees!

## Spring Thing

St. Lorenz grades 1-3 look forward to presenting "In the Image" for this year's Spring Thing. Join us on **Friday, April 27th, at 1:30 or 7:00 p.m. in the gym**, to see how we are all created differently – but still all created in the image of God.

## Music at St. Lorenz St. Lorenz Wind Ensemble

Join us on **Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m.** for an afternoon of instrumental fireworks with our very own **St. Lorenz Wind Ensemble**, directed by Michael Keller. This multi-generational ensemble exists with the goal of praising God with our abilities through music. Our concert this year features masterworks that have stood the test of time, such as Alfred Reed's *Hymn Variants*, John Zdechlik's *Chorale and Shaker Dance II*, and Samuel Barber's *Commando March*; and light-hearted works such as Harold Walters' *Instant Concert* and Stephen Bulla's *Bond... James Bond*. Joining us for our concert will be the St. Lorenz Junior High Wind Ensemble to do a combined piece with the adult ensemble.

## The Next FAM Opportunity

**"But be sure to fear the LORD and faithfully serve him. Think of all the wonderful things he has done for you." 1 Samuel 12:24 NLT.**

The next time St. Lorenz and St. Michael are up to serve the meal at Franklin Ave Mission will be **Tuesday and Thursday, May 8th and 10th.** Again all jobs will be needed from greeters, children's ministry, servers, table hosts and cleanup crew. You can sign up on sign up genius, or contact Beppie Schroeder, [beppie.schroeder@gmail.com](mailto:beppie.schroeder@gmail.com) or call or text 989-392-1857. We strongly encourage anyone who has not come down to experience the mission for him or herself, to come and join us as we 'walk together' with the other churches, to serve **"the least of these,"** and in so doing will serve your Lord and Savior, Jesus.



## Shipwrecked VBS 2018

Shipwrecked VBS is all about being rescued by Jesus! At VBS this summer, your child will explore and experience the saving power of Christ. Your child will learn new songs about Jesus, experience the Bible in stories that come to life, and enjoy fellowship with their friends. VBS at St. Lorenz will be held **June 18th - 22nd**, from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Early registration will be \$25 per child or \$45 per family (ends May 20th). Late registration will be \$30 per child or \$50 per family (begins May 21st). VBS is for children preschool-5th grade. Register online at [www.stlorenz.org/VBS](http://www.stlorenz.org/VBS). We can't wait to experience this Jesus centered island with your children! Any questions about VBS? Contact Vicar Rodriguez: [vicar@stlorenz.org](mailto:vicar@stlorenz.org) or Mandy Liddle: [mliddle@stlorenz.org](mailto:mliddle@stlorenz.org) (Article continues on page 4).



## Can I make a gift of stock?

Of course! check with your individual broker and tax consultant to determine the best way to make the transfer of appreciated stock. The foundation also can provide access to brokers who can assist with a stock donation. [www.stlorenzfoundation.org](http://www.stlorenzfoundation.org)

**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

**Pastor's Sunday Morning Bible Class** meets at **9:30 a.m.** in the Adult Ed Rooms. The Sundays in April will feature a DVD series on the Book of *Revelation*. The discussions will be led by members of our Pastoral Team.



**Spring Plant Card Sale**

The St. Lorenz Puppet Ministry and the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class are selling Abele Gift Cards for bedding plant and other garden materials. Please contact a puppeteer or 7<sup>th</sup> grader to purchase a \$20 Gift Card. You may also call 652-0773 to purchase from the Puppet Ministry. Sale ends **May 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**Thank You**

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, acts of kindness, food, cards, flowers and encouraging words shown to us, our daughter, Jennifer Burback and her family during her battle with breast cancer. We have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and support we have received and continue to receive during this difficult time. Thank you again and God's blessings. He is Risen. He is Risen, indeed. Alleluia!!

*Mark & Julie Palmreuter*

**Summer Fun With FROG'S**

Don't delay, come and play!  
 We'll have lots of fun in the sun;  
 So many trips that you'll want to do flips;  
 Field trips, visitors, games and more –  
 You'll have so much fun you'll run through the door!  
 FROG'S is fantastic, super and great;  
 Bring in your forms.....**don't be late!**

**NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION**



**LLL-LHM** - In February, the St. Lorenz Lutheran Laymen's League (LLL) provided information on the organization known as Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). Did you know that LHM outreach efforts reach 70 million individuals worldwide? This occurs by the way of The Lutheran Hour and programming in more than 50 countries. Results of their efforts are many and can be viewed at the LLL display in the church parlor (N.E. corner) or by visiting [lhm.org](http://lhm.org).

The latest donor report (Mar. 2018) indicated that 176 St. Lorenz members made a donation in support of LHM in the last 12 months. **THANK YOU.** Other private individuals have pooled resources to fund a generous **\$100,000 Matching Grant** that can double your next gift of support. If anyone, current or new donor, would be moved to donate at this time, you can use the envelopes at the display and indicate "Matching Grant" on the envelope or go on line at [lhm.org/GiftMatch](http://lhm.org/GiftMatch). The deadline for the matching grant is May 31.

Your LHM ambassador has made arrangements with LHM headquarters to reduce the number of future mailings from LHM to a maximum of 4 instead of 8. To do so you **must** indicate that to me at [bob26851@hotmail.com](mailto:bob26851@hotmail.com) by April 30.

**You are invited to join us at the next Fellowship of Christian Men**

(FCM) breakfast on **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00 a.m.**, at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth. The cost for the breakfast is \$7. If able, please RSVP to [fc.m.muth@gmail.com](mailto:fc.m.muth@gmail.com) to help prepare Zehnder's for an approximate number of attendees.

Rev. Dr. Fungchatou Lo's topic will be "Equipping the Hmong Christians in Southeast Asia to Proclaim the Gospel to the lost at any costs." Please join us along with a male neighbor, co-worker, family member, and/or friend. It is a great way to start the day! If you have any questions, please contact Dan Bade at 989-233-5735 or Al Nuechterlein at 989-652-9732.



**Ladies, Let's Celebrate Spring!!**

St. Lorenz's Widows Ministry would like to invite all single ladies to a Potluck at the Rock on **Sun., May 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.** Please bring a dish to pass, hot or cold, sweet or savory for everyone to enjoy. Coffee, cappuccino and table settings will be provided. Feel free to bring another single gal friend with you. Please R.S.V.P to Margaret at 652-8916 by Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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!***

**Blanket Making** for Lutheran World Relief is in need of large cotton pieces of material for bottoms of quilts.

**LWML Bookstore... Has Remake**

Stop in and see the new look! In addition to a remake, we will have some new inventory. Watch the bulletin for upcoming open house in May with refreshments and door prizes!

**CHARTER CABLE CHANNEL 191 BROADCAST SCHEDULE**

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

**GIFTS**

**In Honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1943 St. Lorenz Confirmation Class:**

St. Lorenz Vicar Fund

**In Honor of Gladys Ehrlinger's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday:**

Facility Expansion - Roy & Lois Eischer

**In Honor of Victor Loesel's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday on April 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Music at St. Lorenz - The Philip & Lisa Loesel family

## It's Dinner and A Show!!

Come show your support of Holy Cross Lutheran School 2nd/3rd Grade teacher Heidi Kern in her battle against breast cancer at our Spaghetti Dinner & HCLS Student Talent Show fundraiser on **Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall (600 Court Street, Saginaw). Dinner is spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, rolls, dessert and a beverage. Adult tickets are \$10, student tickets (age 5-12) are \$7, children aged 4 and under are free. Advance ticket purchases began Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> and are available at the door. Questions, please contact First Grade teacher Jolene Glaser [jolene.glaser@hcls.org](mailto:jolene.glaser@hcls.org).

## INFORMATION TO SHARE

Speaker Emeritus:  
Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus



### “What’s in a Name?”

(Acts 1:42)

We live in a disposable age. If something wears out, breaks down or is lost, we replace it. But who or what can replace Jesus? Who else can save us?

Broadcast Sunday on WSAM 1400 AM 8:30-9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., 660 Sandusky. Xero copy, 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

“Having already swallowed death down along with humankind’s guilt and buried it beneath His resurrection, Jesus Christ has no death left in Him and allows none near His own. Bravely and gratefully we keep sharing what He continues showing us, that all persons are worth it despite the cost and opposition, every one precious for His grace’s sake and not dependent upon appearance or age or ability.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life*  
**-A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life**  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)



## National Day of Prayer

Many Christian’s are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year on the first Thursday in May.

As citizens and residents of the United States and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed our President’s call to stand in the gap for our nation. Who but God’s people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions!

This year’s theme is:



As the 2018 National Day of Prayer on May 3<sup>rd</sup> approaches, plan now to join thousands of individuals, churches, and communities across the nation in prayer for our leaders and country.

**Meet at the pole in front of the Frankenmuth City Hall noon, Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Come early to enjoy special music by David Britton. Chairs will be available or bring your own chair. The St. Lorenz Chapel will be open in the event of inclement weather.

### 2017 Annual Reports

are available in the Church Parlor or at the Church Reception Desk.

### Found

A **Men’s Dress Coat** has been found in the church. It is dark gray and has a MSU stocking cap in the pocket. If this is yours please call the church office at 652-6141 or come in to collect it. Thank you.

## YOUTH

- **Mark your calendars** so you won’t forget **Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – National Day of Prayer** – breakfast served at the Rock for all high school Youth – student led prayer – free t-shirt – sticky buns. More details to follow.
- **FCA** - Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Friday morning at McDonald’s at 7:30 a.m.
- **Bible study lunches** -- Sophomores and Juniors meet on Mondays -- Freshmen and Seniors meet on Wednesdays.

**A great big thank you** to all who braved the weather last Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, to help at the Franklin Avenue Mission Clean and Green. It was much appreciated. May God bless the work of your labor.

### Attention Wellspring Auxiliary Members

The Wellspring Lutheran Home Auxiliary is hosting their spring meeting on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at the Wellspring Lutheran Home in the lower level. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with business meeting convening at 10 a.m. The speaker for the meeting will be Dave Gehm. A bake sale will be held.

### Ministry Council And Voters

**Minutes** are posted in mystlorenz under the “Files” tab in the Global group. Hard copies are also available upon request.

**Bible Study Breakfast** this Sunday morning. Breakfast will be served so the body, mind and soul will all be fed.

### Needed at FAM:

**Men’s:** shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, hoodies, spring jackets. All sizes. Jeans, all sizes. **NO PANTS BESIDES JEANS.**

**Big Men’s:** sweatpants and shirts.

**Women’s:** tops size LARGE and UP ONLY. Sweatpants and stretch pants.

**Women’s NEW** socks.

**Women’s** plus size undies 9-13.

**Sneakers of all sizes**, men’s, women’s, and children.

We are having a **towel drive** in the month of April. **NEW** or **LIKE NEW** towels and washcloths.

Personal care items are always in demand.

*Thank you for your continued support of FAM.*



## SUBMIT YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Email your prayer requests to [nanzee1@aol.com](mailto:nanzee1@aol.com) or call Nancy at 818-497-3843

### DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT PRAYER?

Here are just a few of the questions that are answered in Section II of Pastor Bob Smith's latest book, **Keep Me and Keep All**.

1. How can I concentrate more on prayer?
2. Why do we pray in Jesus' name?
3. Is it true that God listens most if you pray for yourself, instead of another praying for you?
4. Is it true that God answers all prayers?
5. How come God sometimes doesn't answer prayer?
6. What do you do when it looks like none of your prayers are heard?
7. Can prayer really heal people?
8. How do I know if God is talking to me?
9. How can God hear everyone at the same time?
10. What do you do if your heart isn't in prayer?
11. What does it mean to pray in the Spirit?
12. Can God understand all languages?
13. What is the role of the Bible in prayer?
14. Is there actually a formal prayer?
15. What are some major obstacles to a life of prayer?
16. Is it necessary to pray for every little decision?
17. Does a good prayer have any requirements?
18. Can you just picture the prayer or do you have to be verbal?
19. Is prayer in groups as important as praying individually?
20. How can prayer help with my relationship with God?
21. What is the point of praying in tongues?
22. What can prayer do for me spiritually and mentally?
23. When people are praying out loud, how should others listen?
24. If I have not prayed before, what could you recommend me to do?
25. How long should prayers be?



### Shipwrecked VBS 2018

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Be a part of Shipwrecked VBS! As a VBS volunteer you can live out the theme "Rescued by Jesus" as you share the message and fun with kids! If you can help, we have many ways to be involved. For more information, e-mail Stephanie Ittner: [stephanieaittner@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieaittner@gmail.com) or register online to volunteer at [www.stlorenz.org/VBS](http://www.stlorenz.org/VBS). Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries us through life's storms!

### Camp Concordia

Did you know that four children from St. Lorenz will be attending Camp Concordia (the Lutheran overnight children's camp) for a week this summer? For sixty summers, hundreds of parents have trusted Concordia with their children. They'll bring home a growing Christian faith, new-found friends, increased self-confidence and skills, lived-out values, and a suitcase-full of life-long memories! Check out the opportunities available for grades K-12 at [www.CampConcordia.org](http://www.CampConcordia.org) or call 616.754.3785 and join us.

### Dishes in the Church Parlor

We have an abundance of dishes and punch bowls that have been left behind from various events in the church parlor. If they aren't picked up **in the month of April** they will be donated. *Thank you!*

### Justified Quartet is coming to Trinity St. James Lutheran!

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.**

Open to the public

Love offering will be accepted

CDs will be available for sale

Trinity St. James Lutheran Church

119 E. Munger Road, Munger 48747

### Saginaw Rescue Mission Bulletin Bits

has expanded our vocational training program! We currently offer classes that train our guests in the areas of custodial services and food services. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jenny Deweese at 989-752-6051, ext. 122 or [volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org](mailto:volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org).

*Thank you!*

### Examine the Evidence...

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

The hand of our Creator can be seen in the design of the giant fungus Armillaria. **This huge organism has been measured covering 38 acres and weighing as much as a blue whale.** Scientists estimate that some of these organisms have been alive for 1,500 years (based on their current rate of growth). Like most fungi, the Armillaria is made up of tiny tendrils growing almost invisibly underground. The tendrils push small fruiting honey mushrooms above ground as evidence of the larger organism alive below the surface.

Armillarias are usually found in the hardwood forests of North America. The giant fungus is territorial, which means that no two individuals will share the same area. Fungi are critically important components of forest ecology which decompose dead wood, releasing nutrients needed by other plants. In the decomposition process, the fungi also produce carbon dioxide, which is then used by plants to produce oxygen needed by humans. It takes great faith to believe this organized system of maintaining forest ecology, each part dependant for life upon the other parts, could have evolved by chance random mutations over huge periods of time.

### 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.

	<b>Mar 31, 18</b>	<b>Ministry Plan</b>	<b>Mar. 31, 17</b>
	<u>Actual YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
<b>Operating Fund Income</b>	\$1,030,281	\$1,126,150	\$ 966,679
<b>Operating Fund Expenses</b>	<u>1,216,348</u>	<u>1,269,117</u>	<u>1,119,186</u>
<b>Income Over (Under) Exp.</b>	<u>\$ (186,067)</u>	<u>\$ (142,967)</u>	<u>\$ (152,507)</u>
		<b>Capital</b>	
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>Improvement</b>
1/1/2018 Balance	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 149,071
Income	1,030,281	74,019	30,281
Disbursements	<u>(1,216,348)</u>	<u>(69,890)</u>	<u>(11,834)</u>
3/31/2018 Balance	<u>\$ (186,067)</u>	<u>\$ 4,129</u>	<u>\$ 167,518</u>