

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 28/29, 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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE - May 5 & 6:

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 - April 21 & 22:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	205
Sunday Worship Services -	8:00 a.m.	238
Sunday Worship Services -	9:30 a.m.	381
Connect Worship.....	11:00 a.m.	566
		Total: 1,390

God's Blessings on your Retirement Mr. Bender and on your 25 Years in Ministry Pastor Kaiser and Mrs. Mueller

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 signupgenius.com, or contact Beppie Schroeder, 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.



Today! 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.

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!

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No Independence Village Bible study this month. Pastor is at a conference.



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. We can't wait to experience this Jesus centered island with your children! Any questions about VBS? Contact Vicar Rodriguez: vicar@stlorenz.org or Mandy Liddle: mliddle@stlorenz.org

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 or register online to volunteer at www.stlorenz.org/VBS. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries us through life's storms!

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. We will be concluding the DVD series on the Book of *Revelation*. The discussions will be led by members of our Pastoral Team.

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



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 6th 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 5th.

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, May 3rd, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Feel free to invite one or more of your widow friends to join the fun. If you have any questions, please call Marie at 652-8407.

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.

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. 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 by **April 30**.

Music at St. Lorenz-- Ascension Day Vespers Thursday, May 10 - 7 p.m.
Featured works in this year's exciting combination of the St. Lorenz Choir and Exultate Deo, directed by Robert Sabourine, include Buxtehude's *Du Friedenfuere*, herr *Jesu Christ* and Bach's *Magnificat* in D. Join us in celebrating the coronation of our risen and ascended King!



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

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Bye Bye, Winter!
Spring is on its way; it's a time for all nature to wake up and begin a new growth spurt! Spring often puts a new energy into our lives, too – but what if you feel stuck in a gloomy 'winter-mode'? If you seem unable to break out of a season of emotional hibernation, it may be something that a Stephen Minister can assist you with. They will help you see the Son that brings light and life; just what you need to begin thriving again!

To request a Stephen Minister, please call:
Dennis Weirauch 989-652-6954
Jeannette Stange 989-652-0567
Pastor Fenske 989-652-6141
To learn more about Stephen Ministry, visit our website stephenministry.stlorenz.org

**Christian Book Club
May Selection**
"Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus"
by Nabeel Qureshi

In "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus", Nabeel Qureshi describes his dramatic journey from Islam to Christianity, complete with friendships, investigations, and supernatural dreams along the way.

Join the Christian Book Club as we meet to discuss this book on **Monday, May 21, 9 - 11 a.m.** in the Board Room at St. Lorenz School. Everyone is welcome. For questions and information call Diane Schiefer at 989-906-2877.



**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.

Thursday
Worship Service.....7:00 p.m.

Saturday
Worship Service.....6:30 p.m.

GIFTS

In Honor of his 80th Birthday on April 30th:
Franklin Avenue Mission / "Here We Stand" - Melvin Hochthanner

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 4th** 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 15th and are available at the door. Questions, please contact First Grade teacher Jolene Glaser jolene.glaser@hcls.org.

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Michael Newman



"The Answer to Unhappiness"

What do you really want? What does your heart yearn for most? A blogger recently asked her readers the question: "if you could say in one word what you want more of in life, what would that be?" Can you guess the number one answer? It was happiness. (Acts 8:26-40)

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 see the unborn... vulnerable, helpless, 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. His hands that were pierced and His body that died and rose again were formed in a womb, giving value to all who have resided there." Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life-A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org



National Day of Prayer

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This year's theme is:



As the 2018 National Day of Prayer on May 3rd 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 3rd. 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.

FAM

Due to the extreme generosity of all the churches involved with the FAM Clothing closet, we are packed with donations. So until further notice the **only donations we are accepting will be:** personal hygiene items and new or like new men's and children's tennis shoes. All sizes.

Thank you for your continued support of FAM.

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!

Clean & Green

Due to the inclement weather on St. Lorenz's work day for Clean and Green at the Franklin Avenue Mission, the group was unable to do much outside work. Another work day has been scheduled for **Saturday, May 5th** from 8:30-3:00, to do chain saw work and pick up debris. Only 2 out of the 10 lots were able to be worked on. Please contact Chris Waites at 989-860-2451 or at cjw@instrumdesign.com if you can help. This is a great way for those who would like to help at the mission but are unable to during the week.

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

Submit Your Prayer Requests

Send to nanzee1@aol.com or call nancy at 818-497-3843

We know that our prayers to God are really just having a conversation with Him. What an honor and privilege it is to be able to talk to the Creator of the Universe! But, have you noticed that too often it's a one-way conversation? Do we just babble on monopolizing the conversation without taking time to listen?

Try this: Dear Lord, give me wisdom and guidance that I would move beyond my own personal needs, fears, and desires to look at the needs around me. How can I be Your hands and feet in this hurting world, Lord? **(Pause and take time to listen. Let God speak to your heart as He brings someone or some situation to mind.)** Place on my heart, Lord, the name of someone who is not saved or who is hurting right now to whom You wish me to speak. (Take time to listen) Teach me how to speak boldly but with love. (Listen) Place on my heart the desire to dig deeper into Your Word, that I might hear Your voice more clearly. (Listen)

YOUTH

- Don't forget this **Thursday, May 3rd – National Day of Prayer** – breakfast served at the Rock for all high school Youth – student led prayer – free t-shirt – sticky buns. Times are 7:00 – 7:50 am.
- **Frankenmuth Ironman** – we need volunteers for this one day event, **Sunday, May 6th**. There are two shifts – one morning and one afternoon. For more details and to volunteer, call or text Chuck at 989-996-0088.
- **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.

Found

You might not need it anymore this year but how about next year? 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.

You are invited to join us at the next Fellowship of Christian Men (FCM) breakfast on Saturday, May 12th 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 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.

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.*

CAMP LU LAY LEA There are still some \$50.00 scholarships available for any St. Lorenz student (age 8-14) to enjoy a week of positive, constructive, interesting and challenging things to do at camp along with plenty of fun. These scholarships are made available by the St. Lorenz LLL. Registration can be done online at www.campplulaylea.com Information is also available on postcards at the LLL display in the church parlor. As of last Friday, camp registration is at halfway to capacity, with week 4 already full.

HAPPY THOUGHT - How long a minute is, depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

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 or call 616.754.3785 and join us.

Article for Bulletin?
Email it to: bulletin@stlorenz.org
by **Wednesdays at 9 a.m.**

Last Chance--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 4th 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

Community Village, a partner ministry of Saginaw Rescue Mission, will be hosting the annual Strawberry Festival on **June 19th**, serving homemade strawberry shortcake with ice cream. Family fun such as face painting, a cake walk, and children's activities will also be available. Many volunteers are needed to make this day a success. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jenny Dewese at 989-752-6051, ext. 122 or 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

Sulfate-reducing bacteria love metal. Using complex chemistry, they are capable of dissolving objects made of metal. **These bacteria can make a sixteenth-of-an-inch hole in an inch-thick pipe within six months.** Even stainless steel and titanium can't stand up to them. The sulfate-reducing bacteria often attach themselves to the inside of a pipe or tank and seal off their colony from the liquid inside. Once sealed off, the bacteria start to form hydrogen gas. Sealed under a miniature biosphere, the hydrogen accumulates and is absorbed by the metal. The absorbed hydrogen begins to corrode the metal, making it brittle. Isn't it interesting that this so-called simple organism can produce complex chemical reactions that can eat away man's strongest metal alloys? **Simple organisms are anything but simple!**



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.

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