

ST. LORENZ LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 5 & 6, 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
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE - May 12 & 13:

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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - April 28 & 29:

Saturday Worship	6:30 p.m.	223
Sunday Worship Services -	8:00 a.m.	288
Sunday Worship Services -	9:30 a.m.	412
Connect Worship	11:00 a.m.	422
		Total: 1,345

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 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.

Seniors Bible Study In this "Year of Luther," we continue with Part 3 of the excellent video based series from LHM titled, "A Man Named Martin: The Movement." We will look at the powerful influence that the Reformation had on every aspect of life--religion, politics, education, family life, and the world of work. The Lord has been at work through all of this so that the Good News of Jesus could be spread to every corner of the earth! Join us @ 9:30 in the Adult Ed rooms on **Monday, May 14th**.

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 Friedenfuertst*, *herr Jesu Christ* and Bach's *Magnificat* in D. Join us in celebrating the coronation of our risen and ascended King!



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

St. Lorenz on Instagram



Do you like St. Lorenz on Facebook? Now you can follow us on Instagram too, [@stlorenzfrankenmuth](https://www.instagram.com/stlorenzfrankenmuth). Check it out!



Last Week to buy your Gift Cards 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**.

SLN Articles from organizations or individuals may be submitted for publication for the July-August-September edition of the St. Lorenz Newsletter (SLN). Please send via email to newsletter@stlorenz.org by the end of the day on **Monday, May 21st**. Digital pictures may be attached to the email message or submitted separately. Contact Nancy Honold @ 989-992-6487 with questions.

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!

2017 Annual Reports are available in the Church Parlor or at the Church Reception Desk.

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*, today May 6th. The discussions will be led by members of our Pastoral Team.

Pastor's Bible Study

The interlude caused by Pastor Rynearson's illness is ending this Sunday. The lesson this Sunday will be part of the Lutheran Hour Bible Studies on *Revelation*.

Thanks to the Pastors and the Vicar for their help.

Thanks also to all for your prayers, cards and calls.

On **Sunday May 13th**, we will continue with Revelation chapter 3, verses 14 to 22. The Church in Laodicea had become lukewarm. The Lord was angry.

Rev. 3:20 is the beautiful verse on the Lord coming and knocking on the door of your heart. When you let Him into your heart, He will stay with you and bless you.

To the Christian who conquers by the help of the Holy Spirit, Christ will let him sit with Christ on His throne.

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

Everyone is welcome.

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



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

Thank You

Dear St. Lorenz Members: It is with heartfelt appreciation that we wish to thank you for the recognition we received last weekend. Each of us has experienced in various ways the amazing support of the St. Lorenz congregation throughout our ministry here. Last Sunday was no exception. The worship service was truly inspiring, and the dinner was filled with laughter and some playful teasing.

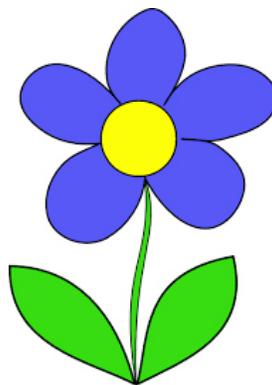
The generous gifts which we received are much appreciated. Thank you for allowing us to minister to the flock at St. Lorenz and to serve with a wonderful staff. May God continue to bless the incredible family that is St. Lorenz Lutheran.

Gratefully, Pastor Kaiser, Mrs. Mueller, and Mr. Bender

Digital Evangelism

Much of our lives are spent online today. This has both positive and negative effects. One of the positive effects is that it opens up an opportunity to pass down the faith through a new avenue. St. Lorenz has tried to use all avenues to talk about the faith.

We are going to try something new in the month of June. **We are going to release one new video a week on Facebook talking about the faith, specifically highlighting the times when theology and life intersect.** This is where you come into play. **We need YOU to help share these videos.** When the videos get released, could you share them on your Facebook page? There are probably people who are in your social network that could use the lifesaving message of the Gospel. Be on the lookout for more information to come in the future!



GIFTS

In Honor of their 50th Anniversary on May 4th:

St. Lorenz General Fund - James & Emily Maurer

In Honor of Mel Hochthanner's 80th Birthday:

Franklin Avenue Mission - Louis & Loretta Laux

Here We Stand - Ralph & Irene Haubenstricker

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry Mission Statement

The Mission Statement of St. Lorenz Stephen Ministry is this: "We are a lay ministry providing confidential, quality Christian care to all people facing life's challenges." What does this mean for you? You can expect excellence in care from your Stephen Minister. Your Stephen Minister is well trained with skills of caring. You can expect confidentiality – what you tell your Stephen Minister will never be shared with ANYONE! That Stephen Ministers are here for EVERYONE.

To request a Stephen Minister please call:

Pastor Fenske 652-6141

Jeanette Stange 652-0567

Dennis Weirauch 652-6954

Or visit our website at 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.
Connect	11:00 a.m.
2 nd 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.



The foundation is governed by a Board of Directors; a Planned Giving and Estate Planning Committee and a Finance Committee also have been established. Board and committee members can serve up to three three-year terms. www.stlorenzfoundation.org

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

INFORMATION TO SHARE

Guest Speaker:
Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer



“Love One Another as I Have Loved You”

Jesus calls His followers to be different as they deal with difficult people. (John 15:9-17)

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

“Young women within our churches are watching how we as the Christian community treat unplanned pregnancy within our own four walls. Yes, it is very important to educate our people on the dangers of abortion and the value of life. But we will fail as life advocates if we do not demonstrate compassion for those among us who find themselves caught in the web of unplanned pregnancy.”
Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans for Life-A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life www.lutheransforlife.org



Remember Bill Jack?

Once again, St. Lorenz Christian Citizenship Ministries is offering financial assistance for LCMS high school students who wish to attend **WorldView Academy this June 24-29 in Spring Arbor, MI.** During this “Year of Discipleship”, there’s no better way to up your game! Applications are available at the church office. Contact Darrin Urbytes @ 652-3422 with any questions or check out <http://www.worldview.org/camp/michigan-3/> for more information.

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.

OWLS – The next OWLS Bible Study / Potluck will be **Thursday, May 17th at 11:00 a.m. at the Rock.** We will be serving Bratwurst and German potato salad. Please RSVP those attending to jhart@stlorenz.org or 652-0761 by Wednesday, May 16.

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!

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

German Worship Service

On **Sunday, May 13th at 11:00 a.m.** St. Lorenz’s monthly German worship service will be held in the Church. The service will focus on how God provides for our future and will use our traditional German Service liturgy and include an English sermon entitled “God Presides and Provides” by Pastor Bill Hoesman. Scripture readings will emphasize how we delight in God’s word, have confidence in Christ enabling a fulfilling life and how Jesus prays for our protection. James Gladstone will perform a solo and the congregation will join in singing favorite hymns including “Wohl Einem Haus, da Jesus Christ” (Oh, Blest the House, Whate’er Befall), “Wie Gross Bist Du” (How Great Thou Art), “Was Kann Ich Doch Für Dank” (How Can I Thank Thee, Lord), and “Laß Mich Dein Sein und Bleiben” (Let Me Be Thine Forever). 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.

National Day of Prayer - to God be the Glory! Last Thursday 150 plus high school, 8th grade, and Valley Lutheran students and 20 plus adults gathered at 7:00 a.m. at the Rock for fellowship over breakfast, provided by the Bavarian Inn, and devotional prayer time for our nation. This was a shining example UNITY for this year’s theme verse - Ephesians 4:3. "Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." Our Youth leaders for this event were Austin Notter and Savanah Baker, with the keynote address by Hannah Loucks.

Today! 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.

YOUTH

- **FCA** - Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets Friday morning at McDonald’s at 7:30 a.m.
- **Bible study lunches. Three more** Bible study lunches left– Sophomores and Juniors meet on Mondays – Freshmen and Seniors (only 2) meet on Wednesdays. Be sure to get your Bible Study Bussing Release Form turned into the Rock for next year.

Fellowship of Christian Men

You are invited to join us at the next Fellowship of Christian Men (FCM) breakfast on **Saturday, May 12, 2018, 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. Dr. Fungchatou Lo. Dr Fung was born in Laos to a non-Christian family who, by the grace of God, eventually made it to America and became Christians. He has a Ph.D. in Urban Studies and in 2007, graduated from St. Louis Seminary and was ordained as an LCMS Pastor. From 2007 until 2013, LCMS World Mission sent Fung and his wife to Cambodia and Indonesia as missionaries. In December of 2013, they returned to Minnesota where he became the Executive Director for Lutheran Inter City Network Coalition – Twin Cities. They are currently back in Thailand serving the Lord where they are working to improve the theological training with Hmong pastors and leaders in Southeast Asia. Dr. Fong and his wife Kalia have two children, Gazong Faith who is 19 years old and attending Concordia University in St. Paul and eight year old son, Xozong Mercy.

His 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.

Saginaw Rescue Mission Bulletin Bits

Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan served 2,261 guests in 2017 by providing shelter, food and care for them. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries, please contact Jenny Dewese at 989-752-6051, ext. 122 or volunteer@rescuesaginaw.org. *Thank you!*

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.

"Through the Bible" and "Through Revelation"

In the 1980's the St. Lorenz Television Ministry created a series of Bible Studies led by Dr. Walter W. Stuenkel. The first series titled *Through the Bible on TV*, consisting of over 90 half-hour episodes during which Dr. Stuenkel lead the viewers through the Bible. Unfortunately the last 3 VHS tapes and the Study Guide were lost. The second series was *Through Revelation on TV* consisting of 15 half-hour episodes.

VHS copies of both Bible Studies had been stored in the church library since their creation. Although deteriorated the tapes were converted to digital and edited to reduce flaws as much as possible.

At this time the videos are only available online but the series will be available on DVD in the church library in the future.

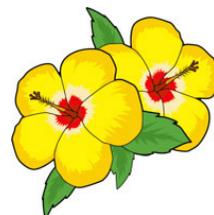
To view the episodes go to this Vimeo Link: <https://vimeopro.com/stlorenz/throughthebible>

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED it is most important that you or a family member call Gaylene (the pastors' secretary) at 652-0771. This will assure you that a pastor will stop in to visit you while hospitalized. Due to regulations, we are no longer able to rely on information received from the hospitals regarding patient information. Thank you for helping us serve you better.

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!

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.



Examine the Evidence...

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

When a predator comes close to a certain species of jellyfish, the jellyfish turns off the lights in its bell-shaped body and turns on the lights at the end of its tentacles. Then the jellyfish stretches its body as far as possible from its tentacles. As the predator approaches the lighted tentacles, the jellyfish switches off all its lights and scoots away as fast as it can. If the predator wasn't fooled and wants to continue the chase, the jellyfish switches to its backup plan. It now turns on both the blue lights in its body and the white lights in its tentacles. **When the attacker is very close, the jellyfish turns off the light in its body and takes off after detaching its still-glowing tentacles.** The tentacles continue to twist and turn in the water, distracting the predator. Jellyfish are among the most "primitive" multi-celled animals, according to evolution. Yet this clever survival strategy clearly demonstrates that **jellyfish are neither simple nor primitive.**

Another kind of jellyfish collects in swimming colonies called siphonophores. These colonies can be up to 40 feet long and function in total darkness more than 1,500 feet beneath the ocean's surface. When they link up, some of the jellyfish act as mouths, while others act as stomachs. Some take care of the swimming, while others cast out their tentacles to gather food. **When joined, they act as one huge single creature!** How did creatures capable of independent survival evolve the ability to function as part of a complex colony? Does this not demonstrate planning and design?