

UPDATE #63
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For more detail on the topics listed here, please watch the archived broadcast from today at www.stlorenz.org It's under the "Media" tab, "Connect Services." Broadcasts from previous dates are all archived there.

Registering for worship

We continue to ask for your kind cooperation in registering in advance for worship so that we can be certain we have enough room for everyone to be seated safely. It takes less than a minute to register. You may do so from the home page of our web site: www.stlorenz.org

Do we really need all the precautions we have in place for worship?

I don't know. We continue to pay attention to and to learn from the latest health updates. We will adjust our procedures accordingly. Currently FACE MASKS and SAFE DISTANCING seem to be the most effective ways to limit the spread of the virus.

Shouldn't we have more precautions than we have in place for worship?

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Don't let Satan used COVID-19 to cause division in churches.

It is easy to become frustrated and/or discouraged over the precautions for worship and for other events. We continue to encourage everyone to kindly consider how her or his actions can show love for others.

175th Anniversary History Lesson

June 17, 1845 was the date the Frankenmuth colonists first set foot in Michigan. Using Rev. Herman Zehnder's book, Teach My People the Truth, we spent the remainder of the broadcast reviewing some of the events that took place as the immigrants reached New York harbor and then travelled to the Saginaw Valley. We will share more information about this next week, probably on Tuesday.

We spent some time in the broadcast recounting some contentious issues between Pastor Craemer and the St. Lorenz members. By the time he left Frankenmuth to become a professor at the Ft. Wayne Seminary, pastor and people had grown to love one another deeply. We concluded our time mentioning St. Lorenz pastors who have served beyond the local parish: (these are ones I know of; there may be more).

St. Lorenz Pastors in service to the Church at Large

August Craemer – Professor and then president of the Ft. Wayne seminary
Ottomar Fuerbringer – Michigan District president
Ludwig Fuerbringer – Professor and then president of the St. Louis seminary
Emmanuel Mayer – Michigan District president
John Deterding – Michigan District first vice-president
Bill Hoesman – Michigan District president
Mark Brandt – Michigan District first vice-president

Edwin Weber (son of the congregation) – Michigan District president

Planned topics for the next couple of broadcasts:

Friday, June 19 In preparation for my sermon this weekend on “Husbands and Wives,” we will spend some time looking at the account in Genesis 2 of the creation of Adam and Eve.

Monday, June 22 We will address some more “Ask the Pastor” questions. For questions addressed this past week, view the archived broadcasts under the “Media” tab, “Connect Services,” on the St. Lorenz web site: www.stlorenz.org They are also archived in the St. Lorenz app under “Media,” “Watch Live Connect.”

A final note and plea

Today I had a conversation with an older member of our congregation who does not have internet, doesn't receive email, and had no idea that we are on Cable Channel 191 or that worship services have begun again. Because of that, she was feeling quite cut off from her church. Please ask neighbors, friends, relatives if they are aware of these broadcasts.