



# ST. LORENZ

LUTHERAN CHURCH  
AUGUST 6 & 7

“ Drawn from the Epistle Lesson-Hebrews 11, Abraham (& Sarah) is commended for having FAITH that was credited as righteousness. Are you a “Hero of Faith”? What does it take? The Lord has a message for you! ”

Pastor Joel Eden has accepted his call to serve as Associate Pastor at St. Lorenz. Keep his family and congregation in your prayers during this time of transition.



## NEW AND UPCOMING

## SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



**AUGUST 12**  
**MOPS MEET & GREET PICNIC**  
Come learn more about MOPS and MOMSNext! MOPS, which stands for **M**others of **P**reschoolers, is an international organization designed to gather and support ALL moms through local and church-based groups. Bring the kids, a light dish to share, and a friend! When: Friday, August 12th at 11am - 1pm Location: Churchgrove Park. Contact Melissa Tebedo ([Melissa.tebedo@gmail.com](mailto:Melissa.tebedo@gmail.com) or 989-239-4910) for more information, or search for our Facebook event at **MOPS Meet and Greet Picnic!**

**BLESSING BAGS MISSION PROJECT**  
For Mission Fest, we would like to fill “Blessing Bags” to distribute to needy families in cooperation with Wellspring Lutheran Services. Pick up a list for either cleaning supplies, hygiene items, or baby/child needs, purchase any combination of the items on the list and put them in a paper grocery bag and bring the “Blessing Bag” to the Children’s game area at Mission Fest on August 28th. The lists will be available in the narthex of the Church, the lobby of the Worship & Event Center, at church reception, and at the school office entrance. Gift cards for Meijer or Walmart would also be helpful - just drop them off to the Children’s game area as well. St. Lorenz will be a blessing to many through this mission outreach. Contact Barb DeSimpelare at (989) 652-3475 (cell/text) or at [bdesimpe@icloud.com](mailto:bdesimpe@icloud.com) with questions.



**AUGUST 17**  
**MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE AWARENESS**  
St. Lorenz is hosting a Mental Health & Suicide Awareness Event on Wednesday, August 17th at 7:30PM in the Worship & Event Center. Barb Smith, Executive Director of the Suicide Resource and Response Network will speak to high school students and the adults in their life - parents, grandparents, teachers and coaches. Attendees will learn how to recognize someone who may be struggling with their mental health, how to have safe and effective conversations and what resources are available to them. Anyone with a compassionate heart for our youth is welcome to attend.

## THANK YOU



**AUGUST 14**  
**GERMAN WORSHIP**  
On Sunday, Aug. 14th, St. Lorenz’s monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 am in the Church. The service focuses on how in these difficult economic times, many people are concerned with their investments, IRAs, etc. The Scripture Readings combine to focus on our most important investment concern(s): our **spiritual** investment!

- BLOOD DRIVE BY THE NUMBERS!**
- ◆ 8 Successful Blood Drives hosted at our St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center!
  - ◆ 55 Donors at our July 27th Drive!
  - ◆ 52 Units of blood collected!
  - ◆ 15 Dedicated volunteers who made this drive run smoothly!
  - ◆ 398 Units of blood collected in total from our 8 drives!
  - ◆ Countless lives helped and saved by the selfless giving of every donor!

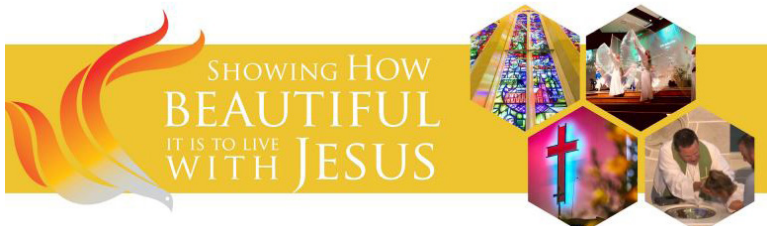


**AUGUST 9-10**  
**MI DISTRICT EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE**  
St. Lorenz School will be hosting Early Childhood Directors and Teachers in our school facilities and Worship and Event Center over a two-day period. Over 300 participants are expected to attend! Please cover everyone participating with prayer as they learn, share, and become equipped to educate God’s littlest lambs!

Endless thanks to all who help make this a positive and impactful event in our community! All glory to God!



Bulletin submissions should be sent to [bulletin@stlorenz.org](mailto:bulletin@stlorenz.org) by noon, **Tuesdays.**



**Clarify Our Calling Workshop**

Are you actively involved in organizing ministry activities or groups at St. Lorenz? Would you like to be? Do you have new ideas for things we might do differently - or better - at St. Lorenz? If you answered yes to any of these questions, we strongly encourage you to participate in the **Clarify our Calling Retreat** on August 20th in the Worship and Event Center. Facilitated by Reverend Bill Woolsey of *FiveTwo Ministries*, this retreat will kick-off our journey to chart the future of ministry at St. Lorenz. Your presence will help us be a growing congregation, faithfully reaching our community while honoring its past. **Please sign up by August 13** through *MyStLorenz* (go to "Forms"), or the St. Lorenz app. If would like to be involved, but you do not use the internet, please call the church office.

**Lutheran Life Magazine**

The church office has free copies of *Lutheran Life* magazine. *Lutheran Life* is a magazine for everyday Christians as they navigate life. In this issue, find out how to support a healthy, Christian family. Celebrate the joys, trials, vocations, and differences of your unique, God-given family.

**Euchre Fest**

Planning for the 6th Annual Euchre Fest is underway and registration is now open! It will take place on Saturday September 24th. Proceeds from this fun evening benefit St. Lorenz School students by helping to pay technology fees for the 3rd-8th grade students. There are **sponsorship opportunities available**. Businesses and organizations can have a name or logo imprinted on playing cards, score cards, pencils, or drink coozies. Please contact Charridan Wascher or Jeremy Frank if interested in this premium sponsorship opportunity; (989) 652-6141, or email [cwascher@stlorenz.org](mailto:cwascher@stlorenz.org) or [jfrank@stlorenz.org](mailto:jfrank@stlorenz.org).

**Monday Chapel Communion Worship**

The monthly worship in the Chapel of Hope will take place on August 15 at 10:00am. Please call the Church Office if you plan to attend: 989-652-6141. If you need a ride, please call 989-274-5253 by 3 p.m. Saturday the 13th.

**Scholarships Awarded**

The 2022-23 Donna Lynn Schmitzer Memorial Scholarship and the Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland Scholarship have been awarded to Lauren (Frank) Krueger, a Christian Education Leadership (DCE) student at Concordia University-Nebraska. The Ruben and Regina Kern Christian Scholarship has been awarded to Kyra (Jammer) Wade, an Early Childhood Education student at Concordia University-Ann Arbor. **Congratulations to Kyra and Lauren!**

**Valley Lutheran Scholarships**

We are pleased that so many are continuing their Christian education at Valley Lutheran! St. Lorenz Lutheran has a limited amount of funds available to support students attending Valley Lutheran High School. Students interested in applying for a grant should contact Kelly Lamb at 989-652-6142, ext. 122, or email [klamb@stlorenz.org](mailto:klamb@stlorenz.org) for a grant application. If you have questions you may contact Jeremy Frank at 989-652-6142, ext. 135, or email at [jfrank@stlorenz.org](mailto:jfrank@stlorenz.org). **Deadline is August 12th.**

**Jr. High Cross Country Practice**

Open informal Cross-Country practices have begun M-W-F for St.Lorenz School girls and boys grades 5-8. For times, locations, and other details check us out on Facebook (*St. Lorenz School Cross Country Team*).

You may also contact Coaches: Lisa Laux, Ben Sievert, Carlie Eberhard, or Bill Hart. We make this sport fun as we develop new friends and our own physical well being!

**GIFTS**

- A donation Media Ministry for Dora Haubenstricker's 80th birthday from Mildred Bickel.
- A thankoffering has been given to St. Lorenz School - Tuition Scholarships, as well as the school's athletic department, from Dean & Ruthie Elbers in celebration of their 37th wedding anniversary on August 2.

**IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS**

**Birth** - A son to Jacob and Laura (Auernhamer) Hahn

**Baptisms** - Joey James Hays and Luke David Hays

**Weddings:**

Jonathan Trombley & Delaney Storm on Saturday, August 6

Elliott Urbytes & Nicole Eden on Saturday, August 6

**Anniversary:** Gary & Pat Pickelmann- 50th on August 5th

**Illness:**

John Spencer-healing from surgery

Anne Block-thanks for successful surgery

Emily Maurer-prayers for her successful surgery last Saturday

**Death** - The family of Irene Schluckebier

**Other Requests:**

**Church Workers:** Randy Bickel, Regan Bickel, Mary Bierlein,

Pastor Todd Biermann

**Monthly Financial Report**

Ministry Council would like to provide our members with financial reports on a regular basis.

Questions? Contact Jeremy Frank at the church office: [jfrank@stlorenz.org](mailto:jfrank@stlorenz.org) or (989) 652-0786.

	June 30, 2022 Actual YTD	Ministry Plan YTD	June 30, 2021 Actual YTD
<b>Operating Fund Income</b>	\$2,508,004	\$2,593,720	\$2,405,919
<b>Operating Fund Expenses</b>	<u>2,729,088</u>	2,813,730	<u>2,642,788</u>
<b>Income Over (Under)</b>	\$ (221,085)	\$(220,010)	\$ (236,869)
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Fund Balances</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>Capital Improvement</b>
1/1/2022 Balance	\$-	\$-	\$160,824
Income	2,508,004	134,739	57,420
Disbursements	<u>(2,729,088)</u>	<u>(126,610)</u>	<u>(28,708)</u>
6/30/2022 Balance	\$(221,085)	\$8,129	\$189,536

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Need a pastor after hours? Call (989) 652-6141. Your call will be forwarded to the on-call pastor.