



ST. LORENZ

LUTHERAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 26 & 27

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*Did you know God's word is **deconfusing**? It brings clarity when Satan likes to bring confusion. It brings faith when we bring everything **except** faith. Blessed is the man who delights in the instruction of the Lord!*

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Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, Nov. 30th
Wednesday, Dec. 7th
Wednesday, Dec. 14th

9:30am, 5:00pm, & 7:00pm
in the Sanctuary



NEW AND UPCOMING



NOVEMBER 27

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SONGFEST

The 30th annual “Weihnachts-Singfest” of favorite German hymns and readings for Advent and Christmas will be held on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 3:00pm in the church sanctuary. We will also recognize the 175th anniversary of Frankentrost’s founding in 1847. The Songfest is organized by the Frankenmuth German Club (Seven Smart Club). Please join us!

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VISIT OUR ST. LORENZ HERITAGE SITES

On Sunday, Nov. 27 at 4:00pm, our church museum, log house, historic 1845 bells, and Chippewa memorials will have Heritage Committee guides stationed at them to share the story of our congregation’s pioneer faith and mission work. All these sites are right across the street from the church. Both new and long-time members will be inspired!



DECEMBER 4

CHRISTMAS WITH CLOVERTON/LEANNA CRAWFORD

The “Christmas with Cloverton & Leanna Crawford” concert is only a week away! December 4th at 6 pm. in the WEC; doors open at 5:00. This promises to be a magical, festive concert, with special guest performance by our own *Girls of Grace* Dance Ministry! Tickets are \$20 each, general admission. This was a sold-out event last time they were here. Tickets are available before and after Connect worship, at the Church Office, on the St. Lorenz app, or at stlorenz.org.



DECEMBER 10 & 11

CHRISTMAS @ ST. LORENZ

Our 72nd Annual Christmas Concert is coming up! The theme “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” will focus on the true joy of Christmas: Christ our Savior! Join us on Saturday, December 10 at 6:30pm and/or Sunday, December 11 at 3:00pm in the church sanctuary. The concert will include vocal choirs, hand bells, wind ensemble, organ, and joyous congregational song; all under the direction of our new Parish Music Director, Myles Hayden. Come early to enjoy 30 minutes of pre-concert selections by the wind ensemble. The public is invited. There is no admission fee.

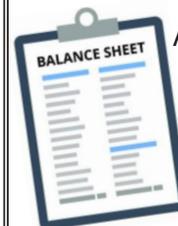


SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SERVING AT FAM

St. Lorenz will be helping to prepare and serve the meals at Franklin Avenue Mission on Nov. 29 & Dec 1. You may sign up on SignUpGenius.com (use “Izeddies@sbcglobal.com” to search) or call or text Beppie at 989-392-1857. We are going into the 7th year of serving the people at FAM. If you have never been there, or it’s been awhile, come and join us; you will be glad you did!

FINANCIAL END-OF-YEAR UPDATE



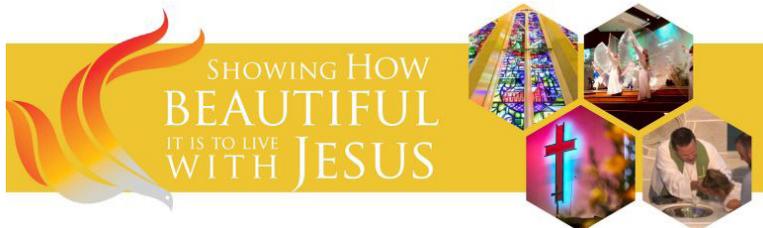
As we near our fiscal year end, we will continue to provide updates regarding the projected financial needs to carry on our ministry at St. Lorenz.

Based on anticipated expenses in the Operating Fund, we will need receipts of approximately \$1,020,000 to finish this year in the black. Additionally, Missions and Capital Improvements will need \$145,000 and \$25,000, respectively, to reach our annual goals. These amounts may appear to be daunting, but rather than be discouraged, please continue to reflect on God’s blessings in your life and respond to His great love in kind. We thank God for the gifts we receive to conduct our ministry and show how beautiful it is to live with Jesus.

Bulletin submissions should be sent to



bulletin@stlorenz.org
by noon, **Tuesdays**.



Church Elections

A preview of the information for the upcoming Church election is available for viewing on the St. Lorenz Church website, stlorenz.org, or in-person at the church office reception desk. Voting will take place the weekend of December 3 & 4. Absentee ballots will be available from Nov. 28–Dec. 2 at the Church office reception desk; 8:00-4:00pm each day.

Caring Tree

The Caring Tree ornaments have all been taken! A reminder that unwrapped gifts need to be brought in to the church office by **this Thursday, December 1.**

St. Lorenz Newsletter

Articles from organizations, ministries, and individuals are requested for the next quarterly edition of the St. Lorenz Newsletter. (Jan-Feb-Mar 2023) Let people know what your ministry or group has been up to! Please send via email to newsletter@stlorenz.org **by the end of the day on Monday, November 28th.** JPG pictures may be sent via email or submitted separately. Contact Nancy Honold at 989-992-6487 with questions.

Author's Night with Ken Horn

The St. Lorenz Stephen Ministry will be hosting a presentation by Ken Horn this Monday, November 28th at 6:30pm in the WEC, at their ongoing education meeting. Ken is the author of a new book, "Letters To Heaven;" in it he shares his story of a grandfather's love, loss, how he was guided through the grief process, and how he rediscovered his faith through it all. This event is open to everyone, so please join us!

Connect Christmas Choir

We would like to invite you to join the Connect Christmas Choir for this year's Connect Christmas Service on December 18th at 10:45 am. If you like to sing, there's a place for you in this group, regardless of your music reading ability. Rehearsals have already begun, but there's still room to join! Contact rcody@stlorenz.org for more information!

Bakeless Bake Sale

Everyone's "dough" is needed for the "Bakeless Bake Sale" to support activities for the residents of Wellspring Lutheran Home. Make checks payable to St. Lorenz ("Bake Sale" noted on check) and mail to Marilyn Bernthal, 227 Frank Road, Frankenmuth, 48734 **by December 10th.** This event is sponsored by the LWML and Thrivent Financial.

BIBLE STUDIES

Senior High Girls Small Group

New and open to all girls grades 9-12. We will enjoy music, conversation, support, journaling, hot beverages, love, and Jesus! When: Saturdays, 10-11am at the Rock, beginning December 3rd.

We'll be reading "Light In The Darkness" by Justin Rossow. I will have books available, but if you already own a copy of the book, please bring it. Please contact Erica Eden for more information or any questions: 734-927-2998 or eeden@stlorenz.org.

If You Are Hospitalized

If you are hospitalized, it is most important that you or a family member call Heather (pastor's secretary) at 989-652-0771. This will ensure that a pastor knows you are a patient, and may stop in to visit (as allowed). Due to privacy regulations, we are no longer able to rely solely on information received from the hospitals regarding patients. Thank you for helping the pastoral team to serve you better!

High School Church League Basketball

Basketball league is starting soon. This is a co-ed league, so all are welcome to play! Come to basketball open gyms: Sunday November 27, 6-7:30pm
Monday November 28, 7-8:30pm.
Games start the second weekend in January and will run till the end of February. It will cost \$25 to play; more details to follow once the teams are formed.

Do You Knit or Crochet?

Knitters and crocheters are needed to make baby blankets. These blankets are gifted with the Faith Chests given to baptized infants at St. Lorenz. Yarn and patterns are provided. Call Nancy at 989-652-2017 if you are interested.

Job Opportunities

►St. Lorenz is taking applications for a **custodial position at the church.** The position is 25-30 flexible hours/week. Job description and applications can be picked up at the church office, and questions about the job may be directed to Phil Haubenstricker at (989) 652-6142, ext. 452.

►**Teaching Positions** St. Lorenz School will be looking to fill vacancies on the faculty for the 2023-24 school year. Current positions are **Junior High Language Arts** and **Physical Education, but could also be lower grades.** Synodical training is preferred. Congregation members are encouraged to submit names of qualified candidates to Principal Leanne Davis **no later than December 9** at 989-652-6142, ext. 314, or ldavis@stlorenz.org. May God truly bless this process as we seek His guidance and will for our school.

"A Journey to Bethlehem"

Widows, come celebrate Advent by 'journeying to Bethlehem' via Immanuel Lutheran Church-Frankentrost on Saturday, December 3rd. If you would like to join us, please sign up with Margaret at 989-652-8916, **by Wednesday, November 30th**, so we know how many drivers will be needed to carpool. On Saturday, we will meet in the St. Lorenz School parking lot near the gym @ 4:45pm. (Don't forget to check the weather that day so you can dress accordingly; we will be outside for much of our "Bethlehem Journey.")

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Baptisms:

Noelle Christina Sharman
Crew Davis MacKay

Illness:

Bill Abraham
Irma Nuechterlein

Death -The family and friends of:

Dorothy Bierlein Douglas Mohney
Robert Offenborn Jr. John Schultz

Other Requests:

Those who serve our country: Parker Pasco, Max Robertson, Antonio Santiago IV, Joseph Schaffer

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.