

// In our text today Jesus is with his disciples in the final days before his crucifixion, and he warns them about the future. Jesus assures them that the Holy Spirit will be with them through their trials. This same Holy Spirit is with us through our trials. //

New & Upcoming



November 17

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

This weekend we are welcoming 64 people into membership here at St Lorenz during the 9:30 and 10:45 services! What a blessing! After the 9:30 service, we'll enjoy a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts in the church Parlor. In the Worship & Event Center, we will have fellowship

time (with donuts!) in the lobby before the 10:45 worship. **Welcome new members - we are delighted to have you join our family of faith!**



November 23

EVERY HOUR TOUR

Next Saturday, **November 23**, at 7:00pm, Josh Baldwin and David Leonard will be in the Worship and Event Center headlining the *Every Hour Tour!* Seats are still available and you won't want to miss this night of great music! Get your tickets in person after the 10:45 worship,

at the school or church offices, or in the Church Center app. Tickets are only \$25/person, or \$50 for the **special VIP pass**.



November 9-24

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The annual St. Lorenz Thanksgiving food drive will again be helping local families. As we did last year, we are requesting donations of Kroger or Meijer gift cards of any amount or check/cash donations which will be used to purchase gift cards. Your donation can be placed in the

designated boxes at the church office, at the Sanctuary by the cornucopia, or in the Worship & Event Center lobby by **November 24th**. Please make checks payable to St. Lorenz and put 'Thanksgiving food drive' on the memo line. Thank you for your continued generosity.



December 1

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, **December 1**, 6:30 pm we will host our 25th *Advent by Candlelight*, a quiet and happy evening when we pause to remember that Jesus is born *for us*.

Volunteer hostesses transform the lobby of the Worship & Event Center into a festive space filled with women,

lovely tables, and the glow of candles. After an hour-long program, we share a dessert and visit. A free will donation will be collected to support young adults as they 'age out' of the foster care program. **Reservations required.** Visit Church Center for more information, to register to attend, or to host a table. You may also call the church office to make your reservation.

Volunteer Opportunities

FRANKLIN AVENUE DINER

Our next opportunity to serve at the Franklin Ave. Diner will be December 3 & 5. Please sign up in the Church Center app and select the area you'd like to serve in. Call Beppie, 989-392-1857, or Laura, 989-652-8228, if you'd like more information.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Do you love Christmas?

Do you love to sing?

If you answered "yes" to both of those questions, then sign up to be a part of the Christmas Choir for our special 10:45am Christmas service at the Worship & Event Center on Sunday, **December 22!**

Be a part of this festive choir as we join the worship team in compliment to their singing. No previous choral experience is needed, but a joy and comfortability with singing is helpful. We'll be singing a mixture of modern songs and classic Christmas carols. **Sign up deadline is December 1.** Rehearsals will be December 8th and 15th, immediately following the 10:45am service. Sign up on the Church Center app (under the "More" tab, then select "Community Outreach") or let Thomas Winterstein know of your interest. (If you signed up last year, you do not need to sign up again, as you are already on the roster!)

MEMORIAL REPORT

Memorials for the following individuals were received during the month of September:

Beverly Bender	Lloyd Hecht
Ricky Bierlein	Ralph Parlberg
Steve Bierlein	Winifred Saeger
Sherry Bissell	Chip Sassone
Donald Finger	Louie Weiss
Susan Rummel	Dean

Memorials were designated for the following:

Cemetery Reimbursement, Church Beautification, Churchgrove, Girls of Grace, Media Ministry, Music Fund - Treble Choir, Operating Fund, Prayer Trail, School Band, Social Ministry, Stephen Ministry, St. Lorenz Foundation, St. Lorenz Foundation - Vicar Fund



MONDAY CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE

On Monday, **November 18**, the monthly Chapel Communion service will take place at 10:00am in the Chapel of Hope. If you plan to attend, please call the Church Office at 989-652-6141 by 9:30 a.m., Monday the 18th, to register.

St. Lorenz also hosts a Chapel Communion service at Winter Village at 1:30pm that afternoon. No registration is necessary for the afternoon service.

OWLS

We invite you to November's Bible fellowship and a traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, **November 21**, in the Worship & Event Center lobby from 11:00am-1:00pm. Alongside the delicious meal, we'll have a Bible study, acknowledgment of November birthdays, a hymn activity page, singing, and fellowship time. We'll also have details about our planned trip in July 2025, and opportunity for early registration. Special speaker, Jim Gladstone, will educate us on the 500-year history of hymns written by Martin Luther. The day is sure to be a festive celebration of Thanksgiving! **Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 19** by calling (989) 652-0797 or email klamb@stlorenz.org. Transportation is available if needed; call Arlene Cronk (989) 274-5253 to schedule.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

St. Lorenz will be hosting "Surviving the Holidays," a Grief Share sponsored seminar, this Wednesday, **November 20**, from 6pm-8pm in the Worship & Event Center. The holiday season can be challenging when you are grieving a loss of a loved one! "Surviving the Holidays" will provide encouragement, support, and tools you can use to help navigate the season. You can find a link to sign up on the Church Center app, or call Pastor Kaiser at 989-652-6141 for more information.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, **November 20** at 6:30pm, the Heritage Committee is meeting in the St. Lorenz Museum (across the street from Church), to work on its "Heritage Preservation Project." You are welcome to attend! Questions? (989) 262-8282.

C.U.P.

Prayer Warriors – Please join us for the Communities United in Prayer (CUP) gathering on Friday **November 22** from 12:00 - 12:45 pm in the FCU community room.

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SONG FEST

The 32nd annual "Weihnachts-Singfest" of German hymns and readings for Advent and Christmas will be on Sunday, **December 1st**, at 3:00pm in our church sanctuary. Preservice music begins at 2:45. This year's Singfest uses parts of a children's German Christmas program from the 1930s. Rev. David Winningham will share his trumpet talents and Hope Strieter will accompany us on harpsichord for 'Stille Nacht.' The Song Fest is organized by the Frankenmuth German Club (Seven Smart Club) and hosted by St. Lorenz.

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES BEGINS NOVEMBER 30

"Red Letter Advent" will be our sermon series during the month of December! Written by Zach Zehnder (the author of *Red Letter Challenge*) and wife Allison Zehnder, *Red Letter Advent* is a 25-day challenge designed to help you unbox the four gifts of the Advent season: hope, peace, joy, and love. Books will be available at the church office for \$10, beginning next week.

CARING TREE - EXCITEMENT FOR THE NEW CHRISTMAS SHOP

"Every year, I seem to struggle with the expense of the Christmas season. I know that Christmas is about our Savior coming to this earth to grow up and take on the sins of the world, but my human pride will sometimes sneak in and make me feel unworthy of raising my five grandchildren. I wanted to let you know that I did receive my letter explaining how the new program will run, and how excited I am that, this year, I will have the ability to go shopping for my grandchildren at the Christmas Shop! I look forward to seeing how this new program works out for the families that will once again be blessed with another year of support and love from our family and friends at St. Lorenz."

– Caring Tree Gift Recipient

Please contact Jodi Reinert at jreinert@stlorenz.org with any questions or concerns about the new Christmas Shop.

Bible Studies

NEW BIBLE STUDY FOR SUNDAY MORNING!

Beginning Sunday, November 24, at 9:30am, Vicar Joshua Steele will lead a study on "THE LORD'S PRAYER." The study will be held in Adult Education Rooms as we take a "break" from our on-going study of "The Chosen." It will last for approximately 9 sessions. Join us for what promises to be an engaging look at "The Prayer that Jesus taught us to pray"!

STUDY ON THE TABERNACLE

An afternoon Bible study on the Tabernacle will be held on **November 24** at 2:00pm. Suzanne Hall, a board member of Lutherans in Jewish Evangelism, will lead the study. We'll meet in the church Parlor (downstairs). Bring a Bible. Handouts will be available. For more information, call 989-652-9807.

Gifts

- A donation to Social Ministry in memory of Harold Reiss' birthday on November 18 from Ron & Judy Bickel and Russ & Sharon VanPatten.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Baptisms:

Cativa Lou Cahoj	Bryant Duffy
Blake Rebel Gundlach	Ciera Gundlach
Grayson Carter Gundlach	Cody Hollon
Khloe Marie Hollon	

Anniversary – Robert & Kathy Schollmeyer – 40th on Nov. 16

Illness:

Betty Auernhamer	Dean Bickel	John Compton
Brenton Hecht	Stephanie Hecht	Betty Kern
Alex Palmer	Rodney Rynearson	Jennifer Shetlar
Eugene "Smokey" Frank		

St. Lorenz Church & School Workers

Peter Bender	Michelle Block	Shannon Blue
Perry Bresemann	Jill Bronner	Karrie Burgess
Sandy Cadle	Staige Cadle	Scott Calkins
Kyleigh Clapsaddle		

New Members

The 63 new members joining our family of faith this weekend at the 9:30 and 10:45 services.

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