

// "I just can't forgive her!!"
Perhaps similar words or thoughts are part of your life. We call this "Unforgiveness." This is an attempt to "play God" and engage in idolatry. We'll see how the Lord worked in the life of Joseph so that he could forgive his brothers. //
The Lord has grace for us, too!

New & Upcoming



February 26

TOWN HALL

Please make plans to attend our St. Lorenz Town Hall meeting on **Wednesday, February 26** at 6pm in the Worship & Event Center. The agenda will include ministry updates and a presentation from our Building Project Task Force. Light refreshments will be available. Please

register in Church Center or call the church office to help us plan accordingly.



March 1

MUSIC AT ST. LORENZ

The Valparaiso University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Marin Jacobson, will present an inspirational hymn festival at the sanctuary on **Saturday, March 1** at 4:00pm. The Chorale is recognized internationally as a premiere Lutheran collegiate choral ensemble. The program—"In

Your Light We See Light"—includes music and scripture readings from the Epiphany season performed by the choir; along with a chamber orchestra, brass players, and organist Szu-Ping Chang Wong. Violinist Dr. Diego Piedra is a featured soloist in "Winter" from Vivaldi's Four Seasons. The choir and orchestra will conclude with excerpts from J.S. Bach's "St. John Passion." A reception will follow. *Music at St. Lorenz* programs are free and open to the public.



March 8

A NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS

Did you know that a group of **58 youth** from St. Lorenz are going to the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans? We are incredibly blessed to have so many youth wanting to grow in their faith, hear incredible speakers, and worship with over 20,000 other high schoolers from

all over the country! This will be an amazing and life-changing experience for them! However, it is also costly. As part of our effort to offset the expenses of the trip, we will be holding a fundraising dinner "A Night in New Orleans" on **Saturday, March 8**, in the Bavarian Inn's Crest Room. Let's support and help the next generation grow in their faith!

"A Night in New Orleans" will transport you to the Big Easy with a themed menu, live jazz music, and our youth attendees will be serving you as the wait staff! Individual tickets are \$50, or you can sponsor a table of 8 for \$600. The event runs from 5–9pm, dinner will begin at 6:00pm. Tickets are available in Church Center or call church reception to reserve your spot; **last day to register is Monday, March 3**. Please contact Ben Sievert with any sponsorship questions: bdsievert@stlorenz.org

Volunteer Opportunities

FRANKLIN AVE DINER

It will be St. Lorenz' turn to bless our neighbors at the Franklin Avenue Mission on Tuesday and Thursday, **March 11 & 13**. Volunteers are needed to help.

Sign up in Church Center or call Beppie 989-392-1857, or Laura at 989-652-8228, for more information.

VBS PLANNING IS UNDERWAY

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) team is already planning for a great week of fun for the kids! We are looking for someone to be the Decorations Advisor, and a second person to be the Craft Leader. The **Decorations Advisor** will work with Vicar Joshua in designing and creating the structures, landscape, and images that will help draw VBS students into the experience of the program.

The **Craft Leader** will gather and organize materials for the craft times with the children, and see that the craft helpers are instructed and prepared for the projects. This position will also have you spending time with the kids as they work on their crafts. Please contact Vicar Joshua if you are interested in either position. 989-652-6141, ext. 130, or vicar@stlorenz.org.

Save the Date!

May 4

RETIREMENT AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

Mr. Tom Knoll will be retiring at the end of this school year after 43 years of service. Mr. Phil Haubenstricker will be celebrating his 25th year in ministry. Come and celebrate as we show our appreciation for these wonderful servants!

A dinner is being planned at the Bavarian Inn Lodge on **Sunday, May 4**, at 12:30 pm. Mark your calendars! More details will be coming soon.



church center

Church Center may be found at
stlorenz.churchcenter.com



Bulletin submissions and other communication requests should be sent to bulletin@stlorenz.org by noon, **Tuesdays**.

FELLOWSHIP TIME AT THE SANCTUARY

Next **Sunday, March 2**, there will be fellowship time between the worship services, with coffee and donuts being served. Come and join us! In the church parlor (lower level) from 8:45am-9:45am.

SHOE DRIVE

The Jr. Rotary Shoe Drive is off to a great start! Our goal is 2,500 pair of shoes, so keep bringing those unused shoes in! The Shoe Drive continues through March and is a fundraiser for the Youth Ministry attending the LCMS Youth Gathering this summer.

ST. LORENZ SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

Bring your family for an exciting Science Fair and STEM Night on **March 13** where K-8 students share the projects they have been exploring and creating! For even more fun, STEM stations will be set up in the Learning Center for the whole family to experience and explore!

WIM PRAYER RETREAT

Ladies - mark your calendars! St. Lorenz Women in Mission (WiM) will host a Prayer Mini-Retreat on **Saturday, March 15**, from 8:30am-noon. We all know we should pray, but we can often struggle with the focus and discipline to maintain a diligent prayer life. We will discuss and practice different prayer types, and send you home with tools to help make your prayer life more consistent. Cost is \$10. Register in Church Center, or call or text Patty Worden at 989-395-1724. (pre-registration is not required but is appreciated)

LWML BOOKSTORE NEWS

Confirmation items are now available: invitations, boxed and individual confirmation cards, and confirmation gifts - including Bibles. We also have a new supply of boxed cards. We are located in the church basement. You can use the self-serve checkout. Stop in and browse!

STUDENT AID

In the current offering envelope packet, you will find an envelope labeled *Student Aid*. This fund helps to support college students who have plans to be future church workers. If you no longer receive envelopes, you can still help support students by writing a check to St. Lorenz and noting 'Student Aid' on the memo line. You may also donate online through the church website or Church Center and select the fund "Student Aid-College."

COMMUNITIES UNITED IN PRAYER

Prayer Warriors – Please join us for the Communities United in Prayer (CUP) gathering on **Friday, February 28**, from 12:00-12:45 pm in the Frankenmuth Credit Union community room. All are welcome to attend as we pray for our local community, state and nation; united in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. For questions, contact Patty Worden at 989-395-1724.

VALLEY LUTHERAN

Would you like to keep up on events at Valley Lutheran High School? You can read this month's newsletter at vlhs.com/vvfeb2025 or check out their blog at vlhs.com/blog/. You may also follow on Facebook: facebook.com/ValleyLutheranSaginaw. Let's continue to support our local Lutheran high school, and its staff and students!

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH FOR AFRICA

"Building Up the Kingdom in Joy" is a one-day conference, by Christian Outreach for Africa (COFA) held on **March 8** and hosted by St. Luke's in Haslett, MI. This event will highlight what God is doing in South Africa, with mission friends from South Africa sharing their inspiring stories and vision. It's a great opportunity to learn, connect, and discover how you can be part of this mission! The conference runs from 8:30am-2pm. Register at africaoutreach.org/2024-building-the-kingdom.

Gifts

- A thank offering in honor of Donald Bruns' 90th birthday on February 17 from his children: Sharon Dunsmore, David & Janet Bruns, and Michael & Rhonda Bruns.
- A donation to Girls of Grace in honor of Hildred Bernthal's 100th birthday on Feb. 22, from Kurt & Sally Eischer.
- A donation to the St. Lorenz Foundation in honor of Hildred Bernthal's 100th birthday, from Marilyn Bernthal.
- A donation to the Willing Workers in memory of Roy Eischer's 100th birthday on Feb. 28, from Kurt & Sally Eischer.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Baptisms:

Daxton James Ford and Jayde Lin Ford

Birthdays:

Hildred Bernthal - 100 on Feb. 22
Edna Galsterer - 104 on Feb. 23

Illness:

Russ Andrews	Dean Bickel	Wade Bue
Marilyn Faerber	Brenton Hecht	Betty Kern
Valerian Nowak	Alex Palmer	Tracey Raquepaw
Jennifer Shetlar	Alan Weiss	David Wilcox

Death

Jean Bestervelt
Floyd Schmitzer, husband of Dorothy Schmitzer

Thanksgiving:

For God's grace, goodness, and protection of Mark Brandt, who is recovering from a heart attack.

Military Personnel

Nathan Moulton-Army Reserves Nick Moulton-Navy
Sean O'Connor Max Robertson-Air Force

FINANCIAL REPORT	Jan. 31, 2025	Ministry Plan	Jan. 31 2024
	Actual YTD	YTD	Actual YTD
Ministry Council would like to provide our members with financial reports on a regular basis. Questions on our financials? Contact Jeremy Frank at the church office: jfrank@stlorenz.org or (989) 652-0786.			
Operating Fund Income	\$ 404,785	\$ 453,585	\$ 433,298
Operating Fund Expenses	<u>564,924</u>	<u>563,317</u>	<u>507,669</u>
Income Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (160,139)	\$ (109,732)	\$ (74,371)
			Capital Improvement
Fund Balances	Operating	Missions	
1/1/2025 Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143,607
Income	404,785	15,616	7,941
Disbursements	<u>(564,924)</u>	<u>(15,029)</u>	<u>(1,039)</u>
1/31/2025 Balance	\$ (160,139)	\$ 587	\$ 150,509

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