



*For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life
through Christ Jesus our Lord.*
(Romans 6:23, NLT)



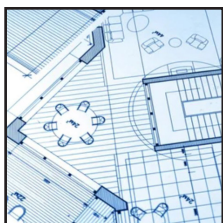
New & Upcoming



Sermon Series

ENEMIES OF THE CROSS

In our weekend sermon series, we will be reading and reflecting on Jesus' encounters with His opponents as He focuses on why He came and who He came to save. As Jesus accomplishes His work for us on the cross, what is God accomplishing in us this Lenten season? This weekend, we focus on **the enemy that is us!**



April 6

BUILDING PROJECT INFORMATION

Find out more about the proposed renovations and additions planned for St. Lorenz School on the weekend of April 6. Representatives from the Building Project Committee will be available during the sanctuary Coffee Hour, 8:45–9:45am, and in the Worship & Event Center lobby at the 10:45 service to speak with, and answer any of your questions about the project



May 4

RETIREMENT AND 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mr. Thomas Knoll will be retiring at the end of this school year after 43 years of service. Mr. Philip Haubenstricker will be celebrating his 25th year in service at St. Lorenz. On Sunday, **May 4**, there will be a recognition program and dinner at the Bavarian Inn Lodge at 12:30pm; doors

will open at noon. Register to attend in Church Center or at the church reception desk before April 28. Price for adults is \$30. Let's celebrate and show our appreciation for these wonderful servants!



VBS

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Registration is now open for this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS), happening June 16th–20th! This year's VBS will send the kids on an *Epic Australian Adventure*, where they'll go on an unforgettable journey with Jesus. Go to Church Center to sign up your child/children.

Adult volunteers will also be needed to help make this an amazing experience for the kids! If this is an area you'd like to assist with, register your interest in Church Center on the Home page under *Serve*.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP during Lent

Midweek Lent worship will be held at the Church Sanctuary on Wednesdays at **9:30am** and **6:00pm**

(There will not be a meal this week; it is spring break for our school students.)

View worship times, sermon series information, and the menus for Wednesday Lenten suppers, in Church Center under "More > Lent"

Opportunities to Serve

BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED

Women in Mission will host a Bake Sale on **April 3**, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, and **April 4**, 8:00am – 3:00pm. Please help by providing your favorite cookies, muffins, coffee cakes, or pies. Drop off your baked goods on **April 3rd, 9:00am to 1:00pm** in the Adult Education Room. If you have any questions, contact Denise Mosey at 989-737-8432.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Ever thought about serving in another country? Our mission team is looking for a couple of nurses for our upcoming trip to Guatemala July 2-10, 2025. If interested or have questions, please call or email Karen Zehnder at 989-412-3205 or rummelstudio@gmail.com.

Thank You

Wow! What an incredible night we had at the "Night in New Orleans" fundraiser! A huge **thank you** to all our participants, generous donors, volunteers, and the Bavarian Inn staff for making the event a huge success for our youth. Together, we were able to raise just over \$4,000 for those attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. We are so excited for our youth to experience this life-changing and faith-building event, and we can't thank you enough for supporting us!

Ben Sievert
Director of Youth Ministry



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



church center

Church Center may be found at
stlorenz.churchcenter.com

GIRLS OF GRACE DANCE CONCERT

The annual Girls of Grace Dance Concert is a much anticipated event! This year's concert, entitled "My God Can!" is inspired by Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Concerts will be on **April 12 & 13** in the St. Lorenz Worship & Event Center. As the performers share a message of God's love for you, our hope is that this powerful message fills the stage and your hearts! Invite a friend! Tickets are \$10 and are available in Church Center or by calling the church office.

MUSIC AT ST. LORENZ

Music at St. Lorenz is very excited to have Martin Jean, concert organist, at St. Lorenz for a performance on **Sunday, March 30**, in the Sanctuary at 4:00pm! This is the last concert of the 2024-25 Music at St. Lorenz season.

LWML BOOKSTORE NEWS

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

ABELE GIFT CARDS

Seventh grade students and Puppets for Christ are once again selling \$20 gift cards to Abele's Greenhouse to raise funds for their respective groups. Two ways to purchase: Contact a 7th grader or a Puppeteer, or call and leave a message on the Puppets for Christ hot-line: 989-652-0773.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in the Worship & Event Center lobby on **Wednesday, April 16** from noon to 5:45pm. Please choose a time to come and donate the gift of life - your healthy blood - to someone in need of it! Go to redcrossblood.org and use zip code 48734 to search, or call 800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

CAMP LU LAY LEA

It's not too early to think about summer camp and summer jobs! Camp Lu Lay Lea is a Christian summer camp for kids ages 8-14. We are located on picturesque Henderson Lake in Lupton MI, which provides a beautiful backdrop for camp activities! For camper registration and summer employment opportunities, please visit our website at campplulaylea.org.

A limited number of \$100 scholarships for first-time attendees and additional \$50 scholarships are available toward camp fees. Please complete the application form in Church Center; find it on the Home page under *Weekly Updates*.

MEMORIAL REPORT

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

Betty Auernhamer	Pat Otter
Zach Finta	Al Reinert
Marvin Howe	Andrew Shomaker
Emily Maurer	Vivian Trinklein

Memorials were designated for the following:

Banner Fund, Breakthrough Bible Class, Churchgrove, Church Beautification, Media Ministry, Mixed Choir, Music Fund, Music at St. Lorenz, Stephen Ministry, Student Aid Fund, Wellspring: Bethesda Project, Operating Fund

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

Scholarships are available to those going into church work. Applications are available at the church reception desk; there are four sources offering financial aid. **All applications are due back by April 1.**

COMMUNITY PRAYER

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

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

In 2024, our school received \$6,364 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding! Eligible members of Thrivent Financial who have available Choice Dollars® have until **March 31** to direct them. Please consider directing your Choice Dollars® to St. Lorenz Church and/or school. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more; or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

HOLY LAND INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On **April 27**, at 2:00pm in the Adult Ed rooms, Pastor Mark and Karen Brandt will host a meeting to explore the possibility of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land early in 2026. If there is enough interest expressed at that meeting, they will begin to make arrangements for people to register. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like more information, please contact Pastor Brandt at: mbrandt14@gmail.com. All inquiries are welcome.

2025 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

Would you like to provide flowers for the altar vases? You may select a date to do so in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special anniversary, birthday, etc. The 2025 Altar Flower 'calendar' is up in the church narthex (lobby area), on the east wall of the center entrance. Just sign-up on any open date; you will be contacted as the date draws near about the details. Donations to the Altar Guild are also accepted to help pay for flowers when no one has signed up. Contact Lori Warnemuende at 989-652-2999 with any questions.

HAS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CHANGED?

Have you gotten rid of your landline? Have you added a mobile phone number? Please let the church office know by calling 989-652-6141. Thank you for helping us keep your information current!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Baptisms:

Jasper Solomon Jones
Maggie Grace Fleming

Illness:

Dean Bickel	Barbara Buckley	Wade Bue
Marilyn Faerber	Brenton Hecht	Melvin Hochthanner
Betty Kern	Valerian Nowak	Kessi Rainwater
Tracey Raquepaw	Jennifer Shetlar	Alan Weiss

Military Personnel

Antonio Santiago IV-Army Nt'l Guard
Joseph Schaffer-Air Force
Micah Schiefer-Air Force Reserves
Shaun Schrubbe-Army

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