



*"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord"*



New & Upcoming



2nd Call Extended

PASTOR FENSKE

As a family of faith please keep the Fenske family - Pastor Shawn, Noelle, & Davionna - in your prayers for clarity and discernment. On April 6th, Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Wichita KS voted to extend a second call to Pastor Fenske to serve as their next Senior Pastor. May the Lord guide them to a clear decision as they consider the call Pastor has here at St. Lorenz, and the call he has received from our brothers and sisters in Wichita.



April 14

MONDAY CHAPEL OF HOPE WORSHIP

April's Chapel of Hope service will be held on **April 14** (one week earlier) at 10am in the Chapel of Hope, due to the Church office being closed on Monday, April 21. If you plan to attend, please call the Church Office at 989-652-6141 by 9:30 a.m., Monday the 14th, 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.



April 16

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Spring Red Cross Blood Drive will be in the Worship & Event Center lobby this Wednesday, April 16, from noon to 5:45pm. Please choose a time to come 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.



April 22

VOTERS' MEETING

Next Tuesday, we will gather together for our Spring Voters' Meeting at **6:00pm** in the Worship & Event Center. We have an important decision to make; during this meeting, we will conduct a vote to start a pledge campaign—meaning we would form a team to encourage the congregation to

pledge (not yet pay) funds toward the proposed School Building Project. The number of pledges received will help determine how we proceed with building plans. All congregation members 18 years or older are eligible to vote. Please take time to learn about the proposed project, which may be viewed in detail on Church Center under "School Building Project."

Register to attend the April 22nd Voters' Meeting on Church Center or by calling the church office.

**A Reminder that the church and school offices will
be closed on Good Friday, and Monday, April 21.**

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY

9:30am, 5:00, & 7:00pm
in the Sanctuary
Communion at all services

GOOD FRIDAY

9:30 am
in the Sanctuary.

12:00 - 3:00pm

Tre Ore service in the Sanctuary
(Tre Ore consists of seven 20-minute
segments that focus on Christ's words
from the cross.
You may stay for any or all of them.)

5:00pm

in the Worship & Event Center

7:00pm

Tenebrae service in the Sanctuary.

SATURDAY

No worship services

EASTER SUNDAY

Communion at all services
7:00 & 9:00am
in the Sanctuary

10:00am

in the Worship & Event Center

11:00am

in the Sanctuary

Service and Volunteer Opportunities

FRANKLIN AVE. MISSION DINER

St. Lorenz will be serving the evening meals at the Franklin Avenue Mission diner on April 29 and May 1. This is a wonderful opportunity to be Christ's "hands and feet!" Sign up to prepare, serve, clean up, or visit with the diner patrons. The work is not difficult, and you will be glad that you tried something new! Come be a partner with Jesus at work in Flint! Sign up for a time slot in Church Center under "sign-ups," or contact Beppie at (989) 392-1857.

VBS

Volunteers for Vacation Bible School (VBS) are needed. (Older students are welcome for this job!) This year's VBS, happening June 16th–20th, will send the kids on an *Epic Australian Adventure*! Your help is needed to make it an amazing experience for the kids! If this is an area you'd like to assist with, register your interest in Church Center under "sign-ups."



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**.

WOMEN IN MISSION

Join us for a special Women in Mission event on Monday, **April 14** at 6:30pm in the Church Parlor (lower level) as we learn about the powerful work of Impact Design through the Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan. Discover how they provide housing and support for individuals transitioning from the shelter back into independent living. We'll have an ingathering of paper products and cleaning supplies to support their mission. Your presence and contributions will make a meaningful difference—hope to see you there!

MOMS IN PRAYER GROUP

Pray for your children, grandchildren, their friends, teachers, and school events with other moms. Moms In Prayer will meet this Tuesday, **April 15**, at The Rock; in the back room from about 8 to 9am. Come when you can, leave when you need to. All are welcome! Call or text Janet Frank with questions: 989-652-9392.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED

St. Lorenz is taking applications for a full-time custodian position at St. Lorenz school. The hours would be 5am to 1:30pm. Applications and a job description are available for pick-up at church office.

COFFEE DONATIONS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Over the past few months, nearly \$300 has been generously donated during Sunday morning Coffee Hours at both the Sanctuary and the Worship Center—what an incredible show of support! This gift is making a direct impact by benefiting the St. Lorenz Youth Ministry, helping to train and equip the next generation.

Looking ahead, second-quarter Coffee Hour donations will provide support for the Restore Food Cupboard, bringing hope and nourishment to those in need.

Thank you for being a part of something bigger than coffee — your generosity is truly making a difference!

ST. LORENZ FOUNDATION GRANT OPPORUNITY

Each year, at least 5% of the St. Lorenz Foundation's funds are distributed to support ministry projects through grant requests. The Spring Grant Cycle is now open! Members and staff can submit request applications for project grants **by Monday, April 21st**. Another grant cycle will open in the fall.

For more information about the Foundation, contact Pete Bender, Executive Director. He can be reached at 989-652-0796 or via e-mail at pete@stlorenzfoundation.org.

HOLY LAND TRIP - INFORMATIONAL MEETING

On **April 27**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Adult Ed rooms, Pastor 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.

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 with a dinner at the Bavarian Inn Lodge at 12:30pm. 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 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 find out more and to sign up your child/children.

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.

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/vvapr2025 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!

MEMORIAL REPORT

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

Russ Andrews	Emily Ryers
Zach Finta	Derek Schiefer
Harvey Kern	Carl Schneirla
Norm "Joe" Krafft	Fred Trinklein
Margaret Meyer	Vivian Trinklein
Al Reinert	

Memorials were designated for the following:

Building Fund, Breakthrough Bible Class, Media Ministry, Music Fund, Music at St. Lorenz, Operating Fund, Puppets, School Band, School Technology, Stephen Ministry, Willing Workers, St. Lorenz Foundation, St. Lorenz Vicar Fund, Widows Ministry

Gifts

- A donation to the Youth Ministry as a thank offering for Kurt Eischer's successful heart surgery on April 3, from his family.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Birthday - Robert Schlaefke - 91 on April 16

Anniversary - Robert & Doris Schlaefke - 69th on April 7

Illness:

Dean Bickel	Wade Bue	Brandon Brinks
Marilyn Faerber	Brenton Hecht	Mel Hochthanner
Betty Kern	Valerian Nowak	Kessi Rainwater
Tracey Raquepaw	Jennifer Shetlar	Bethany VanWormer

Emergency Personnel/First Responders

Chris Pickelmann, Paige Raymond, Micheal Roeglin, Brandon Schmitzer-All *Frankenmuth Fire Dept.* volunteers

Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God for a successful heart surgery for Kurt Eischer.

Girls of Grace

That their concert performances will reach hearts and bring concert attendees into a relationship with Christ.