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The account of the Tower of Babel reminds us of the consequences of sin—separation and division between people.

But Christ has come to restore ALL nations and people to Himself through His grace.

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New & Upcoming



August 16-18 SUMMER SERMON SERIES

We'll conclude our sermon series **"Foundations of Our Faith"** this weekend with a focus on the account of the Tower of Babel.

Join with our church family at any worship service as we walk through this series together. You can find more information, and resources for your family, in Church Center by selecting "More" and then selecting "Genesis Sermon Series."



August 17 FOUNDERS DAY

On August 18, 1845, fifteen settlers from the Kingdom of Bavaria, Germany, moved into their new Michigan home on the banks of the Cass River and called it Frankenmuth - "Courage of the Franconians." Thus began the settlement of Frankenmuth and the mission work of St. Lorenz Church.

The Heritage Team has planned a "Founders Day" with several ways to observe and commemorate this occasion! See the column on the right for details.



August 24 MISSION FEST

Mission Fest worship and activities will be held in the St. Lorenz Churchgrove on **Sunday, August 24**. The theme for weekend services will be **St Lorenz: Past, Present and Future!!!** Mission Fest is a chance to explore and celebrate the local, national, and international missions

supported by St. Lorenz. Come and enjoy:

- A delicious chicken barbecue meal (\$13 per plate)
- Displays and booths from various mission partners.
- Children's games, inflatables, and hands-on activities to teach them about mission work.

Barbecue meals will be available to enjoy as a sit-down meal, or take-out. Bratwursts and hot dogs will be sold á la carte by the Puppet Ministry. Mission Fest is a wonderful way to show others how beautiful it is to live with Jesus!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR MISSION FEST

Sat.	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Sun.	8:00am	Sanctuary
Sun.	10:45am	Churchgrove
Mon.	6:30pm	Churchgrove
(No 9:30 Sunday worship)		



August 27 TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday evening, **August 27**, at **6:00pm** in the Worship & Event Center. At this meeting, we will have a presentation from Eric Hill on the formation of a Safety and Security ministry team, information on our Constitutional Update from Barb

DeSimpelare, and a brief update on our Pledge Drive for the potential school office and classroom expansion. An RSVP is appreciated, but not required. You may register on Church Center, or call the church office.

This Weekend

FOUNDERS DAY

St. Lorenz will mark the 180th anniversary of our church and city's founding in 1845 by Pastor August Craemer and 14 other German immigrants. All are invited to the Open House held from 9:00am to 1:30pm. The Open House activities will be directly across from the church sanctuary on Tuscola St. where the initial clearing and settlement of Frankenmuth began.

SPECIAL THANKS

to Eva Horner and the Heritage Team for all their work promoting and preparing for our first ever

FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION!

thank
you!

- Prior to each service, photos of our St. Lorenz/Frankenmuth founders will be shown on the screens.
- Immediately after the 9:30 service, flowers will be placed on the graves of those Founders who are buried in our cemetery.
- The Heritage Committee is hosting the open house. Guides will be at the historic sites across the street from the church: the museum, log cabin (replica of our first parsonage), bells from 1845, and original cemetery.
- Chippewa tribe member, Michael Scott, will be stationed at our Indian memorials to talk about Native American history and traditions.
- A Find-A-Grave volunteer will assist in locating any particular grave site.

Founders Day Fundraiser

Also on Sunday, August 17, high school student Anthony Plana will run 180 laps around the outside of the church on Tuscola Rd. as a fundraiser, beginning at 10:30am. Stop by to support his run!

- You may contribute \$1 per lap for as many of Anthony's laps as you wish to sponsor. A donation table will be outside the church on Sunday. You may also bring or mail a donation check to the church office, or donate through the Church Center app. Please designate donations for the "Heritage Committee 180th Anniversary."
- Proceeds will support the St Lorenz museum.
- 180 laps is about 26 miles!
- People are welcome to join Anthony by running or walking for one or more laps.



Church Center may be found at
stlorenz.churchcenter.com



All communication requests for church and school should be sent to bulletin@stlorenz.org. Bulletin items need to be submitted by noon, Tuesday.

MONTHLY CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE

The monthly Chapel Communion service will take place on **Monday, August 18**, at **10:00am** in the Chapel of Hope. If you plan to attend, please call the church office at 989-652-6141 by 9:30am, Monday the 18th to register. Valet parking is available to those who wish to make use of it. St. Lorenz also hosts a Chapel Communion service at Winter Village at 1:30pm that afternoon. No registration is necessary for the afternoon service.

DINNER AND A MOVIE

The OWLs Ministry is offering dinner and a movie on **Tuesday, August 19**, at the Worship Center. Doors will open at 3:30pm for fellowship, a Bavarian Inn chicken dinner will be served at 4:00pm. The movie "I Heard the Bells" will start rolling at **5:00pm** and is perfect for older kids. Come enjoy the "dog days of summer" in the cool, air-conditioned auditorium. The movie is free and open to everyone. The meal is \$10.00, prepaid in the church office.

WIDOWS MINISTRY

Widows of all ages, come join us for a bonfire by the wooden cross at St. Lorenz's Churchgrove Park on **Friday, August 22** at 6pm. We'll roast hotdogs, and marshmallows for s'mores. Bring a lawn chair, your own beverage and \$5.00 for the food. Invite a widow friend to join in the fun! Sign-up with Janet at 989-551-9233; let her know how many will be coming and if you need a ride. In case of rain, we'll meet under the covered pavilion nearby. Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITIES UNITED IN PRAYER

Prayer Warriors – Please join us for the Communities United in Prayer (CUP) gathering on **Friday, August 22** from 12:00–12:45pm in the Frankenmuth Credit Union community room (lower level). All are welcome to attend as we pray, united in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior, for our local community, state and nation. For more info, contact Patty Worden at 989-395-1724.

FILL A BLESSING BAG FOR MISSION FEST

As part of Mission Fest, we're partnering with Wellspring Lutheran Services to fill "Blessing Bags" for families in need. You can pick up a supply list—available in the Sanctuary, Worship Center lobby, church office, and in Church Center — and then purchase some of the requested items. Fill a paper grocery bag with the items and return it to the drop-off tables in the Sanctuary, Worship Center, or church office—or bring it to the children's game area at Mission Fest on **August 24**. Questions? Contact Barb at 989-652-3475 (call or text).

MEMORIAL REPORT

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

Bill Abraham	Maynard Haubenstricker
Delores Bauer	Donna (Schmitzer) Hecht
Helen Heikkinen	Sally White
Elberta Poellet	Philip Zehnder

Memorials were designated for the following:

Church Beautification, Blanket Making, Music Fund, Mission Trips, Media Ministry, Wind Ensemble, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Operating Fund, St. Lorenz School, St. Lorenz School - Student Aid, Student Aid, Youth Ministry, St. Lorenz Foundation, St. Lorenz Vicar Fund

Thank you and Congratulations

to Mrs. Mary Bierlein who is retiring from full-time teaching after 34 years at St. Lorenz! We will celebrate her retirement in May 2026.

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

Please contact the church office to schedule your rooms for your upcoming fall studies. Thank you!

ARE YOU GRIEVING A LOSS?

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people *understand* the difficult emotions of grief. In this 11-week session, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Your loss does not have to be recent. The fall session will begin Sept. 2 and will meet from on Tuesdays from 6-8pm. Register through Church Center or call Heather at 989-652-0771, **by August 25** as space is limited.

WHITE AS SNOW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Ladies, we invite you to join us for the fourth-annual *White as Snow* Women's Conference on Saturday, **January 24, 2026!** Start the new year by spending a day igniting your faith! Our theme verse is 2 Timothy 1:6 - "Kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you." Early bird registration is now available on Church Center under Sign-ups.

Gifts

- A donation to the Media Ministry for Fred & Judy Kern's 60th anniversary on August 14, from Delores Eischer.
- A donation to Music at St. Lorenz for Judy & Fred Kern's 60th anniversary, from Martin & Laureen Gugel. A second gift to Music at St. Lorenz in thanks for his recovery and pastor visits, from Martin Gugel.
- A donation to the Student Aid Fund for college and seminary students preparing for church work careers in honor of John and Carol Schreiner's 61st anniversary on August 15, from Diane Streich.
- A donation to the Altar Guild in honor of Nancy Bartlett's 80th birthday on August 16, from Dale & Nancy Bartlett.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Births

A daughter to John and Lindsey Buckley

Birthday

Nancy Bartlett - 80 on Aug. 16

Wedding

Keith LaVielle & Hannah Hayes on Aug. 16

Anniversary

Harold & Esther Bergdolt - 63rd on Aug. 18

Illness:

Dean Bickel	Keith Boesnecker	Betty Kern
Wade Bue	Orma Kraai	Ernie Maurer
Kessi Rainwater	Tracey Raquepaw	Jennifer Shetlar
Melvin Hochthanner		

Death:

Jameson Doud - St. Michael-Richville student

St. Lorenz Church and School Staff

Kaydence Pashby	Judy Passon	Lisa Perry
Sharon Prested	November Rawas	Dan Reinert
Jodi Reinert	Heather Robertson	