

// *The Church sends weak men so that all sinners may be comforted, knowing that Christ Himself works through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. The office of pastor is not for dominating, but for delivering, not for personal glory, but for freeing consciences with the Gospel of Christ.* //

New & Upcoming



Sept. 30

VOTER'S MEETING

Sept. 30, **6:00pm**, in the Worship & Event Center. Agenda items include a review of the proposed Constitution updates and a vote to proceed forward, an update from the Call Committee for a new pastor, discussion on the upcoming Capital Campaign, and a year-to-date financial status update.



Sept.– October

TOGETHER WE BUILD CAMPAIGN

Watch your mailbox in the next several days for our *Together We Build* brochure which includes information about our school building project campaign. When it arrives, please hold on to it and **pray over it**. There will be information sessions in October to learn more about

how you can participate. Even if you can't make a financial gift at this time, we ask everyone to respond by returning their card or completing the online form. Thank you for supporting our school ministry through your prayers and involvement!



October 4 & 5

CHILDREN'S HOPECHEST

On **October 4 & 5**, we will launch our Children's HopeChest partnership with the location in Arba Minch, Ethiopia. After each worship service, there will be volunteers ready to help you and your family sign up and even take your picture! Our goal is to sponsor 150 children. You can learn

more about Children's HopeChest by visiting Church Center. We can't wait to see how God works through our new friends in Ethiopia and here at St. Lorenz!



October 17

FISH FRY

It's almost time for the annual St. Lorenz School Fish Fry! Save **Friday, October 17**, on your schedule to enjoy the delicious meal, dine-in or drive through. Meals will be available from 4:00–6:30pm (or until sold out) and all proceeds will support our school. Meals are \$17. (If you

dine-in at the school dining hall, cost for children 4–12 yrs is \$12, and free for children younger than four. *All "to-go" meals are \$17*)

Would you like to be more involved than just enjoying the meal? Volunteers are needed to help make the Fish Fry a success; a variety of jobs are available to choose from. Find one that fits you. See the "Opportunities to Serve" column to the right for more details. Dessert donations are also being sought - no baking involved! Information is in the "Opportunities to Serve" column as well.

Opportunities to Serve

FISH FRY - WORKERS

The St. Lorenz School Fish Fry is looking for volunteers for a variety of jobs: Prepare food, bread & fry fish, cut pies, box meals, wash baking pans, seat and serve diners in the dining hall, bus tables, direct traffic or run meals for the drive-thru line, and certainly a few more tasks! Please visit Church Center to sign-up, or contact Erin Wascher at 989-652-6141, ext. 358, or email her at ewascher@stlorenz.org.

FISH FRY - DESSERTS

To provide a dessert donation for the Fish Fry, please sign up in Church Center, where you will find a list of requested desserts and quantities needed. You may also contact Tammy Perretti at tlynnweiss@yahoo.com or text her at 248-318-7959. Health Dept. regulations require all food to be prepared in a licensed food establishment. There are some local businesses that will provide the baked goods and deliver them to the school for you at no extra charge but you are welcome to purchase baked goods wherever you like.

PUPPET MINISTRY

The Puppet Ministry is looking for new team members—especially 7th through 12th graders! Puppeteers bring Bible stories and messages to life in a way that kids (and adults!) remember and enjoy. No experience is required—we'll provide training and *lots* of encouragement. We meet every other week. Not sure if it's for you? Come to a practice or two and give it a try!

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Cameron Sanborn: csanborn@stlorenz.org or call 989-652-6141, ext. 455.

SERVE THROUGH MUSIC

Our Wind Ensemble is looking for new members! Whether you play an instrument regularly or need to dust it off, we would love for you to join our group! Wind Ensemble meets Thursday evenings during the school year from 7–8:30 pm and plays for services and concerts throughout the year. Come share your gifts and be part of a joyful, Christ-centered music ministry! Contact director, Michael Keller at mkeller@stlorenz.org for more information.



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

Church Center may be found at stlorenz.churchcenter.com

RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER

You are invited to join Pastor Joel Eden at the Saginaw County Right to Life Annual Benefit dinner; featuring Bobby Schindler, President of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network and Associate Scholar at the Charlotte Lozier Institute. The event will be held at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw on Monday, **Sept. 29** at 6:15pm, doors open at 5:30. Complimentary event tickets are available through Christian Citizenship Ministries. Register in Church Center or by contacting the church office directly at 989-652-6141. For more information visit scrtlmi.org/events/.

COME TO CHAPEL, STAY FOR COFFEE

St. Lorenz School parents and friends are invited to attend school chapel on **Wednesday, Oct. 1**, and then stay afterward for coffee and fellowship! Chapel begins at 8:10am in the Worship & Event Center. October chapel offerings will be going to Children's HopeChest

ROCKING CHAIRS WANTED

We are looking for 4 gently used, wooden rocking chairs (not glider rockers) in good condition for our Infant Childcare Program. If you have one to donate, or know someone who does, please contact Andrea Dykman or Abby Heinlein (989-652-6142, ext. 322 or 302). Thank you for helping care for our little ones!

FOUNDATION FALL GRANT CYCLE

A reminder that Fall Grant Cycle requests for the Foundation must be submitted by **October 8**.

HOLY LAND 2026? LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

There is a pilgrimage to the Holy Land planned for November 2026, and some people giving serious consideration to making this trip! There will be a meeting in the Adult Ed room (Church office entrance) at 7:00pm on **Thursday, October 9** to finalize some planning. All are welcome to attend. If you're interested but can't make the meeting, email Pastor Brandt for a link to watch the meeting live, or as a recording. You can also request a brochure with dates, costs, and sites that we plan to visit. Send requests to: mbrandt14@gmail.com.

MEMORIAL REPORT

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

Maynard Haubenstricker	Rich Kramer
Reinhold Hecht	Al Reinert
Helen Heikkinen	Rev. Rodney Rynearson
Ron Hildner	Donna Rupprecht-Schoenow
Elberta Poellet	

Memorials were designated for the following:

Church Beautification, Media Ministry, Mission Trips, Music Fund, Operating Fund, Stephen Ministry, and Widows Ministry

Thank You

The family of Orma Kraai would like to thank family and friends for their love and condolences at her recent passing. We would also like to invite you to a Celebration of Life for Orma that will take place next summer on July 25, 2026, at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Chaska, MN. Join us in person, or in prayer.

DO YOU HAVE A CARING HEART AND A LISTENING EAR?

Stephen Ministry is a powerful way to come alongside others in their time of need. If God has gifted you with compassion and the ability to listen, we invite you to consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Reach out to the Church Office to be connected with one of our Stephen Ministry leaders to learn more.

VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

Keep up on events at our area Lutheran high school! Valley Lutheran H.S. events are listed on Church Center on the "Around the Community" page.

YOUTH MINISTRY TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for our second annual *Youth Ministry Trivia Night* on **October 25** in the Frankenmuth Credit Union Community Room! Doors open at 6:30pm, and trivia starts at 7:00pm. Form a team of 8 for \$250, or you can grab a single ticket for \$40 and we'll match you with a team. Proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry.

New this year: costume fun! Do you love to dress up? We want to see your best creations! Don't be afraid to go all out, because a prize for Most Creative Costume is on the line. More details and a registration form are available in Church Center.

LWIM FALL BAZAAR

The St. Lorenz Women in Mission Ministry is hosting a Fall Bazaar/Cookie Sale at St. Lorenz School with a vendor showcase to raise money for local missions. The bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, **November 8**, 9am-3pm. If you are interested in a vendor space, complete the registration in Church Center. For questions, please contact denisemosey96@gmail.com

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that job openings are listed in Church Center? Go to the "Around the Community" page and scroll down. Jobs are currently available at St. Lorenz, other area churches, Valley Lutheran H.S., and CrossRoads Counseling.

Gifts

- A gift to the St. Lorenz Foundation Student Aid Fund from the Hilbert & Elberta Poellet Estate.
- A donation to the St. Lorenz Foundation Vicar Fund from Curt & Marian List in honor of their 73rd wedding anniversary on Sept. 27.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Wedding:
Adam Schneirla & Pauline Tandoc on Sept. 26
Scott Barnes & Alexis Rummel on Sept. 27

Anniversary:
Curt & Marian List - 73 years on Sept. 27

Illness:
David L Bender Dean Bickel Keith Boesnecker
Wade Bue Regina Dunton Hal Eckert
Jim Gladstone Betty Kern Mel Hochthanner
Ernie Maurer Kessi Rainwater Tracey Raquepaw
Jennifer Shetlar

Death:
Guy Wesson

Military Personnel
David Green Caleb Green Conner Green
Gavin Green Derek Hart Leland Hart