

// Jesus teaches some complicated things sometimes, but did you know he once said, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple"? As we begin our "Rejoice Always" sermon series, we'll talk about rejoicing as a disciple of Jesus and unpack these confusing words of his. //

New & Upcoming

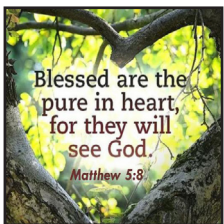


Sept. 6-7

REJOICE ALWAYS! SERMON SERIES

This weekend we're beginning a six week sermon series aligned with our school theme for 2025-2026: "Rejoice Always!" Based on the Apostle Paul's words in Philippians 4:4-9, we will take a look at how Paul's encouragement to

rejoice in all circumstances, remain consistent in prayer, and focus our minds on true and pure things is reinforced throughout the Scriptures. We will see time after time how God has kept and continues to keep His people in peace and joy as they follow His lead.



Sept. 14

GERMAN WORSHIP

Next Sunday, the monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00am in the Church sanctuary. The sermon series "A Beatitude Attitude" continues, concentrating on Jesus' spoken Beatitude "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." ("Selig sind, die reinen Herzens sind;

denn sie werden Gott schauen"), a focus on people's life motivations and the results. The motive(s) of those "pure in heart" stand in stark contrast to the mixed motives of the world. German teacher Bärbel Stürmer and her 8th-grade students will read the scripture lessons. Let us reflect on the fact that true spiritual fulfillment comes from a heart that is clean and blameless, with the ultimate reward of seeing God!



Sept. 18

OWLS

We are excited to share that the OWLS Bible Fellowship is starting a new season! All OWLS - Older, Wiser Lutherans age 60+ - are invited to join us on Thursday, Sept. 18, in the Worship and Event Center lobby from 11:00am to 1:00pm; doors will open at 10:30am. Activities will include

a Bible lesson (Bibles will be provided), singing, and plenty of fellowship. Our special guest speaker is Noelle Byerly from the Frankenmuth Police Department, who will discuss scams and frauds targeted at seniors. Lunch will be catered by Bavarian Inn. This event welcomes everyone, so feel free to bring a friend or neighbor! **Kindly RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 16**, by calling the church office, 989-652-6141, or RSVP on Church Center. Transportation can be arranged; please contact Arleen Cronk at 989-274-5253.

Sept. 20 & 21

FOUNDATION WEEKEND

The St. Lorenz Foundation warmly invites you to join them after worship on Sept. 20 & 21 for delicious baked treats and to learn more about the Foundation, now celebrating its 30th year! Come meet Foundation board members after the 6:30pm service or between the 8:00 and 9:30 services in the Sanctuary lower level, or before the 10:45 service to learn more about their work.

Save the Date
Voter's Meeting - Sept. 30

Thank You

A most heartfelt thanks to all who attended Mission Fest two weeks ago. Mission Fest, in conjunction with the 180th anniversary of the founding of our congregation, was a huge success! We had 21 missions/ministries sharing displays along with a fantastic message of St Lorenz: Past, Present and Future.

Many thanks to all who provided "Blessing Bags" for Wellspring foster families. Your generosity shows others how beautiful it is to live with Jesus.

We appreciate the staff and army of volunteers it takes to put on an event of this size! Mission Fest could not happen without the Churchgrove set-up and cleanup volunteers, the chicken barbecue team (who started grilling before sunrise!), the crew who cut potatoes and fried bacon to make the world's greatest German potato salad, the kitchen and dining room servers, the food-prep team, the dishwashing crew, the drive-through team, the parking gang, and the Puppen für Christus team. Thank you for a successful event planned by the Mission Fest committee. From planning to execution, you are much appreciated!

ANTHONY PLANA FUNDRAISER

For Founders Day, Anthony Plana challenged himself to run 180 laps around the outside of the sanctuary to raise money through pledges for the Heritage Committee and church museum. Anthony had a great idea, and as of Aug. 31, had raised over \$5,120 dollars! Anthony's original goal was to raise \$2500, and thanks to generous donors, he has more than doubled his goal and donations are still coming in. Anthony, St. Lorenz congregation is very grateful to you for your creative and successful idea to support the Heritage Committee's preservation work!




Church Office Hours

Mon.-Thur.
8:00am-7:30pm
Fri.
8:00am-4:30pm



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.

GIRLS OF GRACE PARENT MEETING

Calling all worship dancers in grades 4 through 12! The *Girls of Grace* parent meeting is **Monday, Sept. 8th at 6pm** in the Worship & Event Center This is a *mandatory* information meeting for this year's parents and dancers. *Girls of Grace* meet on Mondays from Sept. - May. 4th through 8th grade dancers practice from 3-5pm, and high schooler dancers practice from 6-8pm. Our *concerts* this year are April 11 & 12, 2026 *Future Girls of Grace* information for grades 1 through 3 will be released later this fall. For any questions, contact the Girls of Grace team at *girlsofgracestlorenz@gmail.com*.

LET'S GET "ARTSY"!

Widows of all ages, join us, **Wednesday, Sept. 10**, at The Rock (163 Churchgrove Rd) from **2-4pm** for a painting lesson by our own Donna Poellet! Materials will be provided; the cost is \$15. Invite other widow friends! Call or text Janet at 989-551-9233 to let her know how many are attending, or with any questions. Because we need to have supplies ready, **sign-up deadline is Sunday, Sept. 7, by 6pm**.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

On **Wednesday, Sept 10**, at 6:30pm, the Heritage Committee will meet in the Adult Education Room (near Church Office). You are welcome to attend. Topics include: Log cabin repairs, Founders Day review, and museum books.

MUSIC FOR LITTLES

Join us for an 8-week interactive musical journey designed especially for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers. Your little one will experience a morning filled with joyful, age-appropriate activities to nurture a love of music! Visit "Sign-Ups" in Church Center for more information and to register for the fall session of *Music & Movement* classes with Ashley Keller. Classes are for children aged newborn - 3 years and begin on **Sept. 13**.

PAPER DRIVE

The Youth Paper Drive is next **Saturday, Sept. 13** at The Rock. Some of our youth will be available from 9am-noon to assist with unloading. If you have papers to be recycled, please drop them off at The Rock. The trailer will be there all weekend. Please remember that we cannot accept cardboard. Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser!

CHAPEL OF HOPE COMMUNION WORSHIP

The monthly Chapel Communion service will take place on Monday, **Sept. 15** 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 15th, to register.

LWML "MEET THE VICAR" AND POTLUCK DINNER

Join us in the Church Parlor on Monday, **Sept. 15 at 6pm** for a special evening of food, fellowship, and welcome! Come meet Vicar Karl Camp, hear a bit about his journey, and enjoy a community potluck. Please bring a dish to share. We'll also be collecting gift cards to bless Vicar Karl and taking up a collection to support Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT). Everyone is welcome!

MISSION MARKET

New items have just come in! Come browse. Market is located next to the church offices and is open when the offices are open.

ST. LORENZ NEWSLETTER SEEKING ARTICLES

The next issue of the quarterly St. Lorenz Newsletter is scheduled to arrive in homes in October. Please send news about what is happening in your group or ministry, or about upcoming holiday events, **by Sept. 15** to *newsletter@stlorenz.org* (photos should be sent as attachments), or drop off at the church office.

LWML SERVANT DAY

In September, the LWML-Michigan District will participate in a *Servant Day* on **Sept. 20**, 9:30am-noon. We will be assembling school kits for Orphan Grain Train. Many hands to are needed to help with this project! We 'll meet in the church parlor for a light breakfast. There will be a devotion, and a craft to keep or give to a friend. \$5 per person. If you have any questions contact Denise Mosey at *denisemosey96@gmail.com*.

CHRISTIANITY 101

Adult Confirmation: Christianity 101 is an adult confirmation class in which the basic teachings of the Bible are taught as expressed in the Lutheran Church. The 6-week fall session of the class **begins Sept. 24** and will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Church Parlor (lower level).

There is no cost for this class but **please register by Sept. 22** so we can have your materials ready. Everyone who completes this course of instruction is eligible for membership at St. Lorenz, if desired. Register in Church Center, or call Heather at 989-652-0771.

ST. LORENZ FOUNDATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Each year, at least 5% of the St. Lorenz Foundation's funds are distributed to support ministry projects through grant requests. The Fall Grant Cycle is now open! If you have a project idea, please reach out to Pastor Brad **by Sept. 30** to discuss and prepare the application. (For inspiration, check out past grants in the 2024 Annual Report!) Applications need to be submitted by **October 8**; another grant cycle will open in the spring. For more information about the Foundation, contact Pete Bender, Executive Director. He can be reached at 989-652-0796 or via email at *pete@stlorenzfoundation.org*.

Gifts

- A donation to the Music Fund in memory of Frank Boomhower, from Rev. Patrick Boomhower

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Illness:

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

Death:

Ronald Bell (father of Lynn Maurer, Patricia Zehnder, and Julie Reinbold)
Laura A. Maurer

Church Work Friends

Dawn and Joshua Swartz
Pastor Adam Tanney
Pastor Josh Teggatz
Pastor Bill Tucker

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