

// This weekend, we celebrate the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and how God used Martin Luther to help refocus the church on the central teaching of our faith: that we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus apart from works of the law! //

New & Upcoming



Caring Tree

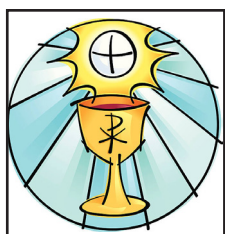
October 25 & 26

CARING TREES

The Caring Trees are up at both the Sanctuary and the Worship & Event Center! Please consider taking a tag from the tree to support this year's Christmas Shop.

Then take your unwrapped gift with the tag to the church office by December 1st. Thank you for your generosity as

we share the love of Jesus this Christmas!



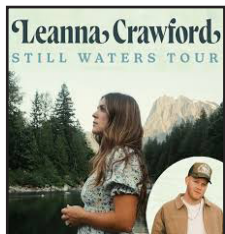
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FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend, some of our 8th grade students will receive Holy Communion at St. Lorenz for the first time.

They have demonstrated both a desire to receive Holy Communion and a faithful understanding of what this sacrament is and why we need it. We rejoice in their

desire to be nourished in their faith through this holy meal. Please continue to pray for our confirmation age students as they grow and mature in Christ.



November 8

STILL WATERS TOUR - LEANNA CRAWFORD

On **Saturday, November 8**, we welcome Leanna Crawford to the Worship & Event Center for an evening of music and ministry! Join us for an unforgettable evening and be inspired and uplifted by Leanna's heartfelt voice. Her latest single "Honest" has been resonating with listeners

nationwide and her mega hit "Still Waters (Psalm 23)" reached #1. It will be a night filled with songs infused with Leanna's personal reflections and experiences — songs that speak honestly about doubt and insecurity, as well as the hope Christ offers in our darkest moments. Joining Leanna is special guest, Cade Thompson, bringing his uplifting energy and contemporary sound to round out a powerful night of worship and encouragement! Doors open at 6:15pm, and the concert begins at 7:00. Tickets are available through the link in Church Center.



Oct. 24-Nov. 4

ST. LORENZ LOGO APPAREL & SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE

If you would like some St. Lorenz School theme items, Spartan spirit wear, or items with the St. Lorenz logo, they are currently available to order through the Grasel Graphics storefront. Please visit stlorenzoctober25.itemorder.com/shop/home/. (These items will make excellent

gifts!) Production time and delivery details may be found there as well. The storefront is open until November 4.

Opportunities to Serve

SWEET TREATS DONATIONS NEEDED

The Women in Mission are seeking donations of cookies, candies, and specialty treats for our Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 8. Goodies may be dropped off on **Friday, November 7** between 9:00am and noon in the Adult Education Room. No need to tray them—we'll take care of packaging and presentation! Thank you for sharing your time and baking talents to support our mission outreach. Questions? Contact Denise Mosey at denisemosey96@gmail.com

FRANKLIN AVE DINER

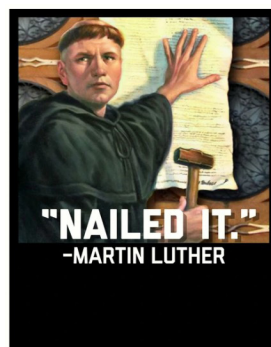
St. Lorenz will be serving dinner at the Franklin Ave Diner on **November 11 & 13**. Have you served at Franklin Avenue Diner? For 10 years now, St. Lorenz has faithfully been helping cook, serve, clean up, and visit. We invite you to join us to learn more about this amazing ministry for our neighbors in Flint. There are various shifts available from 1:30-6pm. Sign up on Church Center. You may also call Beppie, 989-392-1857, or Laura, 989-652-8228, for more information.

TOGETHER WE BUILD UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended the information sessions this past week! The overall atmosphere has been very positive and supportive thus far. Now it is time to turn in your pledge card, or fill out the online pledge form at stlorenz.org/together/. Pledge deadline is November 2. Even if you do not plan to formally pledge an amount, turn in your pledge card or register your household online. Our hope is to have 100% of our members respond! We are grateful for your prayers and support!



Reformation



church center

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.

For additional details about St. Lorenz activities, visit stlorenz.churchcenter.com or download *Church Center* from your app store.

BOOK COLLECTION

During the month of October, the Lutheran Women in Mission are collecting Christian-related books, prayer books, devotionals, etc. at drop boxes located in the Worship Center and the Sanctuary. The collection runs until November 2. The books will be sold at the Fall Bazaar in November, with proceeds going to missions.

LWML FALL BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

A reminder that the Women in Mission will host a Fall Bazaar on **November 8**, from **9am-3pm** at St. Lorenz School. Vendors will be selling handmade items, baked goods, woodwork, arts and crafts, gifts and local items in the dining hall, early childhood gym, and the hallways in between. All proceeds go to missions.

"WELCOME TO ST. LORENZ" CLASS WITH PASTOR BRAD

"Welcome to St. Lorenz" class is part of the process for all who are considering making St. Lorenz their church home and being received into membership. It will provide an introduction to our congregation and school through a blend of Bible study, discussion, and introduction to our values, vision and mission. If you are becoming a member through Adult Confirmation, Affirmation of Faith, or transferring in from another LCMS congregation-this class is for you! When: **Saturday, November 15**, 9am-noon Where: Worship & Event Center Lobby.

*Breakfast will be served and childcare is available for those who need it. There is no cost for this class, but *please register by November 7* in Church Center or call Heather at 989-652-0771, so that we have enough materials ready, food prepared, and childcare providers ready to assist.

JOB OPENING: DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

After 25 years of faithful service, Analisa Fejedelem, our Director of Information Technology, will be retiring in January 2026. We are **deeply** grateful for her dedication and the many ways she has supported St. Lorenz Church and School through her leadership in technology and systems management.

We are now seeking a qualified candidate to serve as our next Director of Information Technology. This position oversees the technology needs of both church and school, ensuring systems run smoothly to support our ministry and education programs. Visit stlorenz.org/employment for details.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are challenging when you're grieving a loss. "Surviving the Holidays" is a one-evening session that will provide encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. We consider it a privilege to host this "Surviving the Holidays" Event. Our prayer is that no matter where you may be on your grief journey, or where you find yourself in terms of your spiritual walk with the Lord, that this event will be a blessing to you. Jesus knows the sorrows you may be experiencing and He offers a reason for hope and healing. "Surviving the Holidays" will be on **Wednesday, November 19**, 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Worship & Event Center. This evening is designed for adults. There is no cost for the event and you will receive a Grief Share "survival guide."

Register on Church Center or by calling Heather in the church office by **November 12**, 989-652-0771. Those registered will also receive an online invitation from Grief Share for access to online tools for this event.

PAPER DRIVE

The next Youth Paper Drive will be on **Saturday, November 8**. The 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.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Larry List has served as the Church Extension Fund (CEF) representative for St. Lorenz for many years and we are thankful for his dedicated service! Dan Bekemeier has volunteered to step in as the new CEF representative and will be regularly sharing investment and savings opportunities with St. Lorenz members.

Join thousands of Michigan Lutherans who experience the benefits of a Church Extension Fund investment; knowing their money is being used to help God's Kingdom grow by helping build churches and schools that preach and teach the Gospel! For more information, contact Dan at 989-488-9170 or call the CEF offices toll-free at 800-242-3944. churchextensionfund.com/

CALLING ALL FUTURE GIRLS OF GRACE!

Future Girls of Grace is for girls grades 1-3 who would like to praise the Lord with dancing! A workshop will be held for any interested girls on Friday, **January 16** from 12:30-3pm in the Worship & Event Center. Participants will be led by our older Girls of Grace dancers in learning a worship dance that they will present in a worship service, a school chapel, and the Girls of Grace concert in April. Registration fee is \$25 and includes a Future Girls of Grace t-shirt. To register, and for more details, visit Church Center sign-ups. **Registration closes Dec. 11.**

Gifts

- A donation to the Together We Build campaign as a thank offering for their 50th wedding anniversary on October 25, from Len & Connie Nuechterlein
- In memory of Dave Wigley, who passed one year ago on Oct. 27, 2024, a donation has been made to the Men's Bible Study and Stephen Ministry - two associations that brought him great joy - from his children David Wigley and Mary Ann Kaufman

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Baptism:

Eli Michael Allington
Camden Michael Peters

Anniversary - Len & Connie Nuechterlein - 50 on Oct. 24

Illness:

David L Bender	Hal Eckert	Ernie Maurer
Dean Bickel	Nona Gibbs	Jennifer Shetlar
Keith Boesnecker	Jim Gladstone	Kessi Rainwater
Wade Bue	Betty Kern	Tracey Raquepaw
Ken Schroeder	Tooney Sprowl	Marla Hoffmann

Thanksgiving - Anthony Gutkowski

Death:

Jim Novis
Jaimi Hegenauer

Other Prayers:

Those 8th graders taking their first communion this weekend
Together We Build capital campaign

Church Offices/Mailing Address	School Address	Contact	Prayer Requests
850 West Genesee Street Frankenmuth, MI 48734	140 Churchgrove Rd Frankenmuth, MI 48734	www.stlorenz.org tel: 989-652-6141	stlorenz.org (top right of page) or pray@stlorenz.org

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