

**Put simply, Jesus is both 100% God and 100% human. This is what we call the Incarnation, and it is puzzling.**

**How can Jesus be two things at the same time? It is an inherent contradiction! And yet, without the truth of Christ's dual nature, our very understanding of salvation is at stake.**

## WELCOME

to all the families with us on Sunday for the **PreSchool & Kindergarten Round Up and Open House**

## New & Upcoming



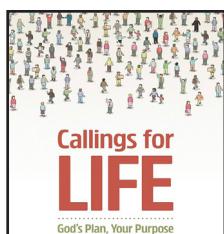
### February 18

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, Feb. 18. Worship services will be **in the Sanctuary at 9:30am and 6:00pm** and will include imposition of ashes.

All worship service information for Lent may be found in Church Center under the **More** tab. You will also find the information for Lenten Suppers there, including a weekly menu.

Lenten Suppers will be offered on Ash Wednesday, and each Wednesday during Lent. All suppers are served in the Church Parlor, located in the lower level of the Sanctuary starting at 5:00pm until the 6:00pm worship service. Meals are provided by our Youth Ministry; a free-will donation will be collected.



### Feb. 22 - March 22

#### CALLINGS FOR LIFE SERMON SERIES

During this season of Lent, we invite you to slow down and rediscover how God is already calling you—in your family, friendships, work, and community life.

Using themes from Dr. Jeffrey Leininger's book, "Callings for Life," our **weekend messages** will focus on seeing God's purpose in the ordinary rhythms of life. Copies of the book are available in the Church Office; suggested donation is \$10.

## Opportunities to Serve

### SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE WITH A "HOPE TOTE"

The Lutheran Women in Mission invite you to help share God's love with our neighbors at Rescue Ministries of Mid-Michigan. This weekend (**Feb. 14-15**), pick up an empty "Hope Tote" after worship and fill it with full-size hygiene items. Hope Totes will be available after each service in the parlor, in the Worship Center lobby, and on Monday, at the Church office.

Please return your filled tote by March 1 to the collection box near the church office. Your generosity will be a blessing to guests staying at the shelter—thank you for helping us care for our community!

### FAM DINER

Have you served at the Franklin Avenue Diner? We invite you to join us in this ministry to our neighbors in Flint, to prepare and serve an evening meal for the Diner. Our upcoming serving dates are on **Feb. 17 and 19**. There are various shifts available from 1:30-6pm for food prep, cook, servers, dishwashers, clean up, and visiting with Diner guests. Sign up for one or both evenings; go to Church Center or call the Church office.

## Gifts

- Donations to the Media Ministry for Kathy Frank's 90th birthday on Feb. 16 have been received from:
 

Tim & Charlene Zorn  
Len & Connie Nuechterlein
- A donation to the Media Ministry for Carol Bergdolt's 80th birthday on Jan. 12 from Judy Kern.
- A donation to the Girls of Grace Dance Ministry for Carol Bergdolt's 80th birthday from Bonnie Bergdolt and family.

Last week, an anonymous donor gave a financial gift to the Media Ministry for Marion Braeutigam's 93rd birthday. The donation was incorrectly attributed to someone else. We apologize for the error.

### Worship Attendance for January

	Jan. 3/4	Jan. 9/10	Jan. 17/18	Jan. 24/25
6:30pm	125	172	97	101
8:00am	159	182	200	124
9:30am	286	222	264	610
10:45am	556	610	648	534
Total	1,126	1,221*	1,254 ♦	1,369

\*Includes German Worship - 35

♦Includes Monday Chapel of Hope worship - 23

An additional 28 people at Winter Village and local care facilities received communion



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



Church Center may be found at [stlorenz.churchcenter.com](http://stlorenz.churchcenter.com)

## MONDAY CHAPEL COMMUNION

The monthly Chapel Communion service will take place on **Feb. 16 at 10:00am** in the Chapel of Hope. If you plan to attend, please call the Church Office at 989-652-6141 by 9:30 a.m., Monday the 16th to register. Valet parking is available for anyone who wishes 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.

## OWLS

All OWLs - Older Wiser Lutherans, age 60+ - are invited to join in celebrating a post-Valentine's Day on **Thursday, Feb. 19**, from 11am-1pm! As John 4:19 reminds us, "We love because He first loved us." Be sure to wear something red! A delicious lunch catered by Bavarian Inn will be served. **Please RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 17**, in Church Center or by contacting the church office. Transportation is available, please call Arleen Cronk to make arrangements, (989) 274-5253. In the event of school closure due to inclement weather, OWLs will also be canceled.

## STUDENT AID

The Student Aid Fund helps to support college students who have plans to be future church workers. To financially assist these students, we have provided an offering envelope labeled **Student Aid** in your current packet. If you no longer receive envelopes, you may still help support those students by writing a check to St. Lorenz and noting *Student Aid-College* on the memo line, or give online and select the fund "Student Aid -College."

## GIRLS OF GRACE CONCERT TICKETS

Tickets for the 2026 Girls of Grace Dance Concerts are now on sale. This year's concert, "Unashamed" is inspired by Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of Christ in me."

Concert dates are **April 11 and 12**; concert times and tickets may be found in Church Center or on our website. All performances will take place in the Worship & Event Center.

## BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE

Do you have a lot of returnable cans and bottles taking up space? Please consider donating your them to the Camp Lu Lay Lea scholarship fund! Collection bins are located at the Rock and at the entrance to the School gymnasium. For pick-up, call Dan at (989) 488-9170.

## Thank You

Thank you for supporting the **Sanctity of Life Diaper & Wipe Drive** in January. St. Lorenz, you knocked it out of the ballpark--what a tremendous success! We collected 7,475 diapers (1,581 more than last year!) and 7,234 wipes. The diapers and wipes were delivered to the LifeClinic Resource Center in Saginaw and they were overwhelmed and overjoyed by your generosity, and by the number of families that they will now be able to help; families who have chosen *life*! We also would like to thank Thrivent for their support of this event through Action cards. St. Lorenz family—**THANK YOU!** We are making a difference—one act of kindness at a time!

## Job Openings

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER

St. Lorenz Lutheran School is seeking a **part-time English teacher** for the 2026-2027 school year to instruct our middle school students. For more information and to submit a resume, please contact school principal, Leah Knoll, at [lknoll@stlorenz.org](mailto:lknoll@stlorenz.org).

### ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF OUTREACH

St. Lorenz is still accepting nominations and inquiries for the position of **Associate Pastor of Outreach**. This role provides leadership, guidance, and support for our community care, community outreach, and mission team ministries. The Associate Pastor will also provide Word and Sacrament ministry, pastoral care, and wise counsel in support of our congregational and school-related ministries. More details may be found on our website under "About." Names or inquiries may be submitted to the church office by contacting [church@stlorenz.org](mailto:church@stlorenz.org) or calling 989-652-6141.

### HELP NURTURE OUR LITTLEST LEARNERS

St. Lorenz Lutheran School is seeking caring **Preschool Teacher Aides** to support our Early Childhood Center classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve alongside dedicated teachers and help young children grow through love, learning, and faith. Positions are available for the 2026-2027 school year, with some opportunities that may begin during our current school year through May 2026.

To apply or learn more, please contact the Early Childhood Office at [adykman@stlorenz.org](mailto:adykman@stlorenz.org) or Abby Heinlein at [aheinlein@stlorenz.org](mailto:aheinlein@stlorenz.org).

### SUMMER CAMP

Camp Arcadia and Camp Lu Lay Lea are currently taking applications for Summer Camp staff. You can find out all the details for each camp by going to their websites. Camp Arcadia: [camp-arcadia.com/serve/](http://camp-arcadia.com/serve/)  
Camp Lu Lay Lea: [camplulaylea.org/staff](http://camplulaylea.org/staff)

## In Our Thoughts & Prayers

### Births

A son to Joe and Chelsea (Kueffner) Duso

### Baptism

Aurora Joy Bronner

### Birthday

Kathleen Frank-90 on Feb. 16

### Illness

James Ahlbrand	Dean Bickel	Wade Bue
Marla Hoffmann	John Kaczynski	Betty Kern
Donna Little	Ernie Maurer	Brooke Petty
Ken Schroeder	Jennifer Shetlar	

### Death

Tom Kerr-Jeanne Moore's brother

Eugene Schiefer

Annette (Daenzer) Brown-Jerry Daenzer's sister

### St. Lorenz Church and School Staff

Liz Bartels	Dave Bekemeier	Bonnie Bell
Pete Bender	Paul Benko	Carol Bickel
Madeline Bickel	Reagan Bickel	Carson Block
Michelle Block		

### Contact

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### Prayer Requests

[stlorenz.org](http://stlorenz.org) (top right of page)  
[or pray@stlorenz.org](mailto:or pray@stlorenz.org)