

// What must have it been like to be part of the crowd of worshipers on that first Palm Sunday? Was it exhilarating? Confusing? Chaotic? Perhaps it was a little bit of everything. And what about the crowd on Good Friday shouting, "Crucify!" What was it like to be there? How would you have responded? We will consider these questions as we ask, "Were you there?" //

New & Upcoming



April 13

VOTERS MEETING

Join us for a Voters' Meeting on Monday, April 13 at **6:00pm** in the Worship & Event Center as we consider extending a call for an Associate Pastor of Outreach and share a brief ministry update. We will present an overview of the process that led the Call Team to their recommendation

and then vote on whether to extend the call to our candidate. We also plan to share a brief update on our "Together We Build" program. **Please RSVP** in Church Center to let us know you're coming, so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

This is an important time for our church as we seek to follow where Jesus is leading us. We hope you'll come, be part of the conversation, and continue to pray for God's guidance for our future.

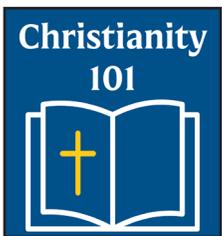


April 15

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Red Cross Blood Drive will be on **April 15** in the Worship & Event Center lobby from noon - 6:00pm. The need for blood doesn't take a spring break - be a real-life hero and help save a life! Schedule your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org, or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-

733-2767). Email Brenda at bsievert@stlorenz.org with any questions or need for assistance with sign-up.



April 16

CHRISTIANITY 101

Christianity 101 Class is an adult membership class in which the basic teachings of the Bible are taught as expressed in the Lutheran Church. If you wish to join our church and have never been confirmed Lutheran, this course is for you! Everyone who completes this course of

instruction is eligible for membership at St. Lorenz; taking the class does not obligate you to join, but enables you to do so.

This 6-week session of the class will meet Wednesday evenings, beginning April 16, from 6:00 - 8:00pm, in the Adult Education rooms by the church offices. You will be provided a course book at the first class; please bring a Bible and something to write with. There is no cost for this class but please **register by April 10**, so we have enough materials ready. If you need childcare, please register your child where indicated.

Opportunity to Serve

FRANKLIN AVE DINER

St. Lorenz will be preparing and serving the evening meal at the Franklin Ave Mission (FAM) on **April 7 & 9**. Have you served at Franklin Avenue Diner yet? We invite you to join us in this uplifting ministry to our neighbors in Flint. There are various shifts available on both days from 1:30-6pm. Sign up on Church Center. You may also call Laura, 989-652-8228, for more information.

Thank You

Thank you, St. Lorenz, for sharing Christ's love and caring for others through your generous Hope Tote hygiene donations to Mid-Michigan Rescue Ministries. Because of your kindness, 80 Hope Tote bags and 41 quilts were collected, totaling 570 pounds of donations! You have shown *how beautiful it is to live with Jesus*



The Lutheran Women in Mission

Holy Week Worship

(This Schedule may also be found on Church Center)

Maunder Thursday
9:30am & 6:00pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday
9:30am in the Sanctuary
12:00-3:00pm Tre Ore service in the Sanctuary
5:00pm in the Worship Center
7:00pm Tenebrae Service in the Sanctuary

Easter Morning
7:00, 9:00, & 11:00am in the Sanctuary
Communion will be offered
10:45am in the Worship Center
No Communion

(No Saturday services on April 4)

All communication requests for church and school should be sent to bulletin@stlorenz.org. There will *not* be a bulletin the week of April 4-10, however information may be shared through other channels of communication during that time.



church center

Church Center may be found at
stlorenz.churchcenter.com

GIRLS OF GRACE CONCERT

The Girls of Grace Dance Ministry is excited to present our annual concert entitled, "*Unashamed*" inspired by Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of Christ in me." Dates for this powerful, worship-inspired, dance and testimonial presentation are **April 11 & 12**. Three performance times to choose from! Tickets are available in Church Center.

SPRING GRANT CYCLE and ANNUAL REPORT

The St. Lorenz Foundation is currently accepting applications for its Spring grant cycle. If you have an idea for a project or ministry that could benefit from a **Foundation grant**, please contact the church office to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Brad before April 5 to discuss your idea. For inspiration and more information, visit the Foundation's newly refreshed website at stlorenzfoundation.org, where you can explore past annual reports and see examples of past projects supported through Foundation grants.

GERMAN WORSHIP

On Sunday, **April 12th**, St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. This service will continue the Sermon Series entitled "Open Arms;" focusing on Baptism- the cleansing, the refreshment, the purpose, and the power of Baptism in our daily lives. The service features German liturgy and an English sermon by Pastor Bill Hoesman. The scripture lessons will be read by German teacher Bärbel Stürmer and a number of her 7th-grade students.

HELP WANTED

Our Buildings & Grounds Dept. is looking for help with cemetery mowing. This is a part-time position. Pick up an application at the Church office. Questions about the position? Please contact Phil Haubenstricker at 989-652-6142 ext. 452.

MISSION MARKET

Check out the Mission Market for Easter and confirmation items. Lots of giftable items are available! Located next to the church offices; and open when the offices are open, plus Sundays till noon. You may use the self-checkout; the Market accepts cash, check, and credit/debit cards. All proceeds help support missions.

LWML BOOKSTORE

We now have Easter and confirmation cards, plus confirmation invitations, napkins, jewelry and other gifts. A new shipment of boxed cards - birthday, get well, encouragement, and sympathy - has arrived. We also have some ESV and NIV Bibles, including large print, at a low price. Stop in and browse. Pay with the self-service envelopes. All profits go to missions - Thank you for your continued support! The bookstore is located in the lower level of the Sanctuary.

Gifts

- A donation to Student Aid in memory of classmate Waldemar Bergdolt, from Ruth Maurer.

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Contact
www.stlorenz.org
tel: 989-652-6141

Prayer Requests
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.

OWLS

The OWLs (Older Wiser Lutherans, age 60+) will meet next on **April 16**. Check Church Center for more information. You may **RSVP** on Church Center, or email church@stlorenz.org by **April 14**.

ABELE GREENHOUSE GIFT CARD SALES

St. Lorenz School 7th graders and Puppets for Christ have teamed up for the annual Abele Greenhouse Gift Card sale. Gift cards are \$20 each and may be purchased by contacting a 7th grader, or you may support the Puppets by purchasing at the church office or calling 989-652-0773. Purchase by May 1, and spend by June 7.



HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
M-Th 9:00am - 4:30pm
Closed Good Friday, April 3
Closed Monday, April 6

MEMORIAL REPORT

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

Linda Bresemann	Eugene Schiefer
Fred Kern	Arlene Specht
Vicky List	Willis Veitengruber
Doris Reda	

Memorials were designated for the following:

Together We Build, Churchgrove, Franklin Ave
Mission, Male Choir, Media Ministry, Operating Fund,
Prayer Shawl Ministry, School Band, School Library,
St. Lorenz School, Student Aid, St. Lorenz Foundation,
Foundation - Vicar Fund

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Birthday:

Irma Reif - 97 on April 1

Illness:

James Ahlbrand	Dean Bickel	Wade Bue
John Kaczynski	Betty Kern	Donna Little
Ernie Maurer	Ken Schroeder	Jennifer Shetlar
Brooke Petty (Mary Laux's granddaughter)		

Death:

Ronald Mieske
Richard Walker

St. Lorenz Church & School Workers:

Catherine Crawford	John Deterding	Andrea Dykman
Todd Daenzer	Don Dietrich	Leah Ebmeyer
Linda Damm-Frost	Erica Eden	MacKenzie Drinan
Dru Deterding		