



"Did not our hearts burn within us?"
These were the words of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. After walking with Jesus and having the Scriptures "opened" to them, they were filled with a "burning joy." Join them as we explore the appointed Bible reading from Luke 24:13-35.



Opportunity to Serve

VBS - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We're going to need some extra help to make VBS a great experience for our children!

We are looking for adult volunteers to join us and have many roles to choose from – such as leading a group of students, helping in our Marketplace, or even acting as a Roman Soldier. We also have a lot of opportunities for junior high and high school students to serve as volunteers. Sign up to help with *any* of these roles in Church Center.

Help will also be needed to help transform the space into "ancient Rome!" Please contact Vicar Karl Camp at vicar@stlorenz.org or call the church office at (989) 652-6141 if this is where you'd like to be involved.

INTEREST FORM

If you haven't yet, please update your interest form for 2026 by going to the Home page in Church Center, or scanning the QR code. This brief form asks a few quick questions and is designed to help better connect people with ministries that fit their current interests and/or needs.

It will also help ministries find *you* when looking for someone with your skills/gifts.



New & Upcoming



April 19

EXPRESSIONS OF FAITH

On Sunday afternoon, our confirmation students will present their "Expressions of Faith" projects, performances, or speeches at 1pm and 2:30pm in the Worship & Event Center. This is an opportunity for our young friends to share what their faith in Jesus Christ means to them along with their selected Confirmation Bible Verses. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers for this special faith formation event!



April 16-22

CHILDREN'S HOPE CHEST MATCH EVENT

We currently have a team in Ethiopia for the Match Event for Children's Hope Chest. The children in Arba Minch are selecting who they'd like to be their sponsors! We excitedly await the team's return to reveal the selections made. Please pray for safe travel and meaningful connections as we continue this impactful partnership.



VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School (VBS), happening June 22-26! This year's VBS will send the kids to ancient Rome and experience what life was like for the early Christians as we spend time in *Rome (with) Paul and the Underground Church*. Through Paul's story, we'll learn what it means to live with courage and share our faith—even when it's not easy. Go to Church Center to find out more and to sign up your child/children. Please **register by May 11**—we'd really love for your kids to be part of the fun!

Update

Thank you to all who attended the Voters Meeting on April 13. Those in attendance chose to extend a call to the candidate recommended by our Call Team for the Associate Pastor of Outreach. Please continue to pray for God's guidance for our future staffing as we await a reply.

VISIT THE COMMUNITY PAGE

of Church Center for area events, Valley Lutheran highlights, and links to activities and opportunities that may be of interest to you

Worship Attendance

	Feb. 28/Mar. 1	Mar. 7/8	Mar. 14/15	Mar. 21/22	Mar. 28/29
6:30pm	113	166	172	155	129
8:00am	165	183	155	303	225
9:30am	299	365	294	305	280
10:45am	558	484	476	518	508
Total	1,141	1,262*	1,150♦	1,281	1,142

*Includes German Worship - 64

♦Includes Monday Chapel of Hope worship - 12

An additional 41 people at Winter Village and local care facilities received communion



All communication requests for church and school should be sent to bulletin@stlorenz.org. Deadline each week is Tuesday by 12 noon.



church center

Church Center may be found at
stlorenz.churchcenter.com

SPA NIGHT AND PURSE EXCHANGE

All ladies are invited to a "spa night" and purse exchange hosted by our Women in Mission on **April 20** at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary Lower Level. Enjoy relaxing hand massages, nail painting, and meaningful conversation about the inner beauty God has created within each of us. We'll also have a fun purse exchange game! Bring a gently used purse to pass along, and consider including a Bible verse or short prayer to bless the woman who receives it. We hope you'll join us for this special evening of connection and encouragement!

CHAPEL OF HOPE

The monthly Chapel of Hope communion service will be held on **Monday, April 20** at 10:00am. Please call the office by 9:30am on Monday the 20th if you plan to join us, 989-652-6141. Valet parking is available for those who wish to make use of it.

JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

All current 5-8 grade students are invited to the Michigan District Jr. High Youth Gathering, happening July 28-30 in Frankenmuth. This three-day event brings together over 500 students from across the state for worship, games, service projects, large group sessions, and time at the Bavarian Blast Waterpark. **Registration includes two steps:** sign up through Church Center, then complete the Michigan District Gathering form using the link sent in your confirmation email. **(Special early-bird pricing ends on April 30)** For more information or assistance, please contact Ben Sievert, Director of Youth Ministry, at bdsievert@stlorenz.org.

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 support the Puppets by purchasing at the school or church office, or by calling 989-652-0773. Purchase by **May 1**, and spend by June 7.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Mary Bierlein on **Sunday, May 3** during the 9:30am worship service. A recognition program and meal in Mary's honor will be held at 12:30pm in the Church Parlor (lower level). We hope that you can attend and be part of the celebration for this servant of our congregation! If you would like to attend the dinner, **please sign up** on Church Center or call the Church Office by **April 26**.

Gifts

Donations in honor of Bob & Doris Schlaefke's 70th anniversary on April 7:

- from Vera Bamberg to Church Beautification
- from Nona Gibbs to Banner Making
- from MaryAnn Rummel, and from Ed & Jane Beyerlein to the Media Ministry

MISSION MARKET

Check out the Mission Market for 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

The LWML Bookstore currently has confirmation gifts and cards. We have a new selection of boxed cards, and Bibles in both ESV and NIV translations - including large print - are also in. Signed copies of Alice Smith's latest book are available. Stop in and browse! Pay with the self-service envelopes. All profits go to missions. The bookstore is located in the lower level of the Sanctuary

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Gather with the Frankenmuth Community on the front lawn of the City Hall (240 W. Genesee St.) on **May 7** at noon as we come together with community leaders and others for prayers for our nation, music and testimonies.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Do you work for St. Lorenz or in ministry? The Church Extension Fund (CEF) Housing Loan program is specifically designed with the ministry worker in mind. If you are purchasing or refinancing the place you call home, the CEF Housing Loan Program could be a great option for you. CEF also offers auto loans and line of credit loans. Contact St. Lorenz's CEF rep, Dan Bekemeier at dbekeman@charter.net to learn more, or go to the CEF website, churchextensionfund.com/.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Baptisms:

Walter Russell Struble Amira Blair Edmondson
William Michael Bekemeier

Wedding – Luke Scharrer & Abby Humpert on April 18

Illness:

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

Death:

Maureen Caliman Ruth Knoll Heidi (Weber) Sych
Mike Cavanaugh (Heather Robertson's brother)

Emergency Personnel/First Responders

Aaron Bartels Jacob Bierlein Stacy Corlew
Ethan Crichton

(All with the Frankenmuth Fire Department)

Children's Hope Chest

Traveling to Ethiopia for our Match Event: Alicia Hart
Karl Weiss Pastor Bob Smith
Tim Bernthal Mariann & Mark Keinath

Other

The Confirmation Class of 1966, celebrating 60 years this weekend with a reunion.
The call to our Associate Pastor of Outreach candidate.

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Prayer Requests

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