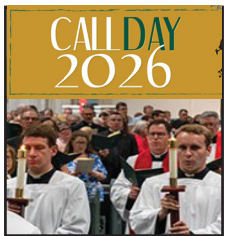


// *As we continue to "Rejoice in the Resurrection," we have the opportunity to consider the disciple, Thomas. Even though he is called "Doubting Thomas," after he sees the Risen Christ he is a changed man! The Holy Spirit changes us as well as we encounter the same Risen Christ!* //

New & Upcoming



April 26

CALL DAY AT CONCORDIA ST. LOUIS

This past Tuesday was "Call Day" at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. We are overjoyed to report that seminary graduate Eddie Krez has been assigned to serve St. Lorenz Church as our Associate Pastor of Outreach. We are thankful for the Lord's provision and excited to welcome

Eddie to our pastoral team! Please keep Eddie in your prayers as he prepares for the transition to Frankenmuth. We also want to thank and recognize the Call Team for the time, prayer, and care they put into this process, helping lead us to Eddie.

VICAR CALL DAY RESULTS

St. Lorenz will not be receiving a vicar this upcoming school year. Knowing that there were many congregations requesting vicars, and a limited number available, the ministry team was somewhat prepared to learn this. We trust God's timing, knowing that He will continue to provide for our congregation's needs.



May 3

MINISTRY MILESTONES

Sunday's 9:30am worship will recognize staff members with Milestone Ministry anniversaries in 2026. We are so grateful for these devoted servants of Christ and the work they do for the children in our school and our childcare, for our church and congregation, and for God's

kingdom beyond our community! Names of those being recognized are listed in the service outlines; the 10:45am worship outline is available to view in Church Center.



May 10

GERMAN WORSHIP

Our monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. Our sermon series "Open Arms" continues with a focus on Jesus' invitation, with open arms, to come before Him in contrition and repentance. The service features German liturgy and

an English sermon, and scripture readings by our St. Lorenz School German language students.

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.

Gifts

- A donation to the Church Operating Fund in celebration of 50 years of marriage from Dennis & Marilyn Krauseneck.
- A donation to the Grandparenting Legacy Summit from Lois Eischer in celebration of her 96th birthday on May 6.

Check It Out!



church center

Visit the [AROUND THE COMMUNITY](#) page in Church Center

Find out about events at area churches (like the Mother's Day BBQ at St. Michael's!), a golf tournament for the Luke Clinic, job openings, classes, volunteer work, and goings-on in the area and at Valley Lutheran High School..



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. Deadline each week is Tuesday by 12 noon.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Gather with the Frankenmuth Community on the front lawn of the City Hall (240 W. Genesee St.) on **May 7** from noon to 1:00pm. Join local leaders as we gather in worship and prayer to Jesus for seven key pillars of our nation: Government, Military, Arts & Media, Business, Education, Church, and Family. Come and go as your schedule allows, and bring a lawn chair, if desired. In case of bad weather, the event will move indoors.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

This year's Vacation Bible School (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. We'd really love for your kids to be part of the fun! Go to Church Center to find out more and to sign up your child/children. Please **register by May 11**.

MOM2MOM SALE

The Moms Ministry at St. Lorenz invites you to shop gently used baby and kids clothing, toys, and gear at our Mom2Mom Sale at the Churchgrove Park on May 14 & 15. All items will be unmarked and not individually priced—simply pay what you can or wish to, to support the ministry. More than anything, we want to help moms and families! Shop Thursday from 8:30am–6:30pm and Friday from 8:30am–4:30pm. **Donations** of baby and kids clothing, toys, and gear **will be accepted Wednesday, May 13 from 11:00am–8:00pm**.

WIDOWS MINISTRY

Widows of all ages, in honor of Memorial Day, come join us for a tour of the Michigan Heroes Museum on **Wed., May 13** at 11:00am. Optional lunch following our tour at the Dead Creek Saloon. The cost to tour the museum is \$5. Feel free to invite other widow friends. If interested, sign-up with Janet at 989-551-9233.

Bible Studies

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

In May, we will study *The Promise and Power of Easter* by Christine Caine and Lisa Harper. Christianity is unique in that it centers on a Savior who suffered and died for humanity's salvation. True devotion isn't about outward behavior but understanding the significance of the Cross. We'd love to have you join us for this four-week Bible study! We meet at the Rock from 9:15-10:45am. Books will be available at class.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Is your student headed to Camp Lu Lay Lea this summer? The St. Lorenz Lutheran Laymen's League is excited to offer a limited number of \$50 camp scholarships. Applications are available on Church Center, or you can contact the church for more information.

PART-TIME MIDDLE SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER WANTED

St. Lorenz School is still in need of a middle school English teacher for 2026–27. For more information and to submit a resume, please contact school principal, Leah Knoll, at lknoll@stlorenz.org.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

There are now 1,800+ North America radio stations airing **The Lutheran Hour**, with an average of 1 million listeners each week. In the Saginaw area, it airs at 8:30am on WSAM-1400AM. You may also listen on-line at lhm.org, where a rotation of classic broadcasts are featured.

LARGE PRINT FOR WORSHIP SERVICE

A reminder that the Order of Worship for traditional worship services is available each week in large print – just ask an usher if you'd like one!

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Births – A son to Sam and Elishia Licavoli

Baptism – Vincent Charles Duso

Birthdays:

Lois Eischer - 95 on May 6

Dorothy White - 88 on May 9

Anniversary:

Tony & Connie Schultz - 50th on May 1

Dennis & Marilyn Krauseneck - 50th on May 9

Illness:

James Ahlbrand	Dean Bickel	Mary Bierlein
Wade Bue	Smokey Frank	John Kaczynski
Betty Kern	Donna Little	Ernie Maurer
Edwin Rupprecht	Ken Schroeder	Jennifer Shetlar
Lisa Kalfyan (Erica Sowinski's grandmother)		
Brooke Petty (Mary Laux's granddaughter)		
Pastor Brant Engel, Sr. Pastor - St. Paul, Flint		

Death:

Ruth Maurer

Churchwork Friends:

Pastor Matt Heise Pastor Andrew Howe

Kevin Kuske Pastor Ed Keinath

Scott & Dora Hyslop Pastor candidate Eddie Krez

Ministry Milestones:

Mary Bierlein on her retirement and St. Lorenz staff members celebrating Ministry Milestones

FINANCIAL REPORT	Mar. 31, 2026			
	Actual YTD	Ministry Plan YTD	Mar. 31 2025 Actual YTD	
Ministry Council would like to provide our members with financial reports on a regular basis. Questions on our financials? Contact Jeremy Frank at the church office: jfrank@stlorenz.org or (989) 652-0786.	Operating Fund Income	\$ 1,510,876	\$ 1,515,215	\$ 1,435,919
	Operating Fund Expenses	1,703,275	1,726,953	1,682,256
	Income Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (192,399)	\$ (211,738)	\$ (246,337)
	Fund Balances	Operating	Missions	Capital Improvement
	1/1/2026 Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,810
	Income	1,510,876	61,600	75,715
	Disbursements	(1,703,275)	(57,778)	(25,558)
	3/31/2026 Balance	\$ (192,399)	\$ 3,822	\$ 149,967

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