

// As the saying goes, "The truth hurts." Jeremiah was called by the Lord to preach the truth—the painful truth about the people's sin, and the painful truth about their future. Jeremiah "paid the price" for speaking the truth. We are called to speak and live the truth as well—will it hurt? //

Highlights

Patriotic Praise Worship Service & Picnic

SUNDAY, JULY 5 AT 10:00 AM AT HARVEY KERN PAVILION



Join us for our Community Patriotic Praise & Worship Service on Sunday, July 5, at 10:00 AM at Harvey Kern Pavilion, with preservice music beginning at 9:30 AM. After the service, stay for a free picnic, fellowship, and family activities including face painting, balloon animals, and more! Donations will benefit the American Legion Post 150. Shuttles will be available to and from parking areas.

There will be no worship service on Saturday, July 4 or any of our regular services on Sunday, July 5. We will still gather on Monday, July 6, for our 6:30 PM service in the Churchgrove.

Rebecca St. James as Keynote

THE 5TH ANNUAL WHITE AS SNOW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE IN JANUARY 2027



The keynote speaker for the fifth annual White as Snow Women's Conference on Saturday, January 23, 2027 is GRAMMY®-winning singer-songwriter, bestselling author, speaker and actress Rebecca St. James! The theme for 2027 is "Contentment". Come discover the promises of Philippians 4:12: "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation." Registration opens Wednesday, July 1 at stlorenz.org/womens-conference.

German Worship

JULY 12 AT 11AM IN THE SANCTUARY



On Sunday, July 12th, our monthly German worship service will be held at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Our sermon series "Open Arms" will focus on Jesus' invitation to receive His gift of the Lord's Supper, which enables and equips us for our faith journey. May we be blessed as we reflect on our "Communion" with Jesus and each other. The service features German liturgy and an English sermon by Pastor Bill Hoesman.

Serve With Us

Patriotic Praise Set Up Help

We are still in need of volunteers to help make this community event possible, especially with set up on Saturday at 2:00 PM (new time!). Many hands make light work, and we would be grateful for your help! This is also a great way to volunteer alongside your children. Sign up on Church Center or contact the Church Office.

Franklin Avenue Mission

Have you served at Franklin Avenue Diner yet? 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 available for our neighbors in Flint. There are various shifts available from 1:30-6pm on April 7 and 9. Sign up on Church Center. You may also call Laura, 989-652-8228, for more information.

Tour Guides

The Heritage Committee is looking for friendly people to serve as tour guides at our museum and log cabin open houses. You do not need to be an expert—just willing to learn, welcome visitors, and help share the history of St. Lorenz! Sign up on Church Center or email bandfan50@hotmail.com.

Ministry Update

Safety & Security Ministry

With the completion of the work of the Safety and Security Task Force as directed by the Ministry Council, we are in the beginning stages of developing a Safety and Security Ministry Team led by congregation members Shane Paten and Lance Peterson. The work of this team will be to recruit, train, and resource Safety and Security Leaders who will be present at each of our weekend worship services. While we are already working behind the scenes, our goal is to launch this new ministry team in January of 2027.



HAPPY RETIREMENT TO CATHY HAUBENSTRICKER

With gratitude for her faithful service, we share that Cathy Haubenstricker will retire from her role as Bulletin and Service Folder Coordinator on June 30. Cathy has served in this position since 2020, faithfully preparing worship materials and supporting the weekly rhythm of worship life at St. Lorenz. Before stepping into this role, Cathy also served St. Lorenz as an office volunteer and as a member of our childcare team.

We give thanks for Cathy's dedication, care, and steady service to the ministry of St. Lorenz over the years. Please join us in thanking Cathy and wishing her God's continued blessings in retirement!

WELCOME, HANNAH HAYDEN!

We are pleased to welcome Hannah Hayden to the team as she transitions into Cathy's role. Hannah brings ministry experience, a heart for service, and a desire to support the work here at St. Lorenz. Welcome, Hannah!

10:45 AM WORSHIP MOVES TO CHURCHGROVE

On Sundays in July (12, 19, and 26), the 10:45 AM service will move to the Churchgrove to accommodate a renovation project in the Worship Center. You are encouraged to bring a chair or use the provided benches.

ROAD WORK NEAR THE SANCTUARY

Beginning in July, road construction will take place on Mayer Rd. and on Tuscola Rd. near the Sanctuary. Please allow extra time when coming to the Sanctuary and consider using Dehmel Road to access the parking lot through the cemetery or by using the south entrance off of Tuscola Rd.

BLOOD DRIVE ON JULY 22

Give Blood. Give Hope! St. Lorenz is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive and you're invited to help save lives in our community. Wednesday, July 22, from 12:00-6:00 PM in the Worship & Event Center Lobby. Schedule your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Thank you for helping to save a life!

BEST PRACTICES FOR MINISTRY - HEARTLAND

Best Practices for Ministry - Heartland is a free conference designed for pastors, teachers, church workers, ministry leaders, volunteers, and anyone serving in the church. With keynote speakers, nearly 50 breakout sessions, and time for encouragement and fellowship, this is a great opportunity to grow and be refreshed in ministry. The conference takes place August 9-11 right here at St. Lorenz. Please register by June 30 at stlorenz.org/bpmh.

VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Lorenz Lutheran has grant funds available to support students attending Valley Lutheran High School. Students interested in applying for a grant should contact Renee Rodammer at 989-652-0797, or email rrodammer@stlorenz.org for a grant application. Deadline is July 31.

FINANCIAL REPORT	May 31, 2026	Ministry Plan	May 31, 2025
	Actual YTD	YTD	Actual YTD
Operating Fund Income	\$ 2,587,697	\$ 2,609,343	\$ 2,409,345
Operating Fund Expenses	2,842,550	2,854,131	2,793,656
Income Over (Under) Expenses	\$ (254,853)	\$ (244,788)	\$ (384,312)
Fund Balances	Operating	Missions	Capital Improvement
1/1/2026 Balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,810
Income	2,587,697	116,245	96,651
Disbursements	(2,842,550)	(108,598)	(25,622)
5/31/2026 Balance	\$ (254,853)	\$ 7,647	\$ 170,839

Ministry Council would like to provide our members with financial reports on a regular basis. Contact Jeremy Frank with any questions: jfrank@stlorenz.org or 989-652-0786

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Birthday

Pat Locke-75 on June 29

Wedding

Chase Husock & Emma Berdolt on June 27

Anniversary

Stephen & Kay List-55th on June 25

Illness

Dean Bickel Wade Bue John Kaczynski
Betty Kern Donna Little Pastor Mike Fitzgerald
Ernie Maurer Duane Reinert Gary Rummel
Kevin Pierce Jennifer Shetlar Randy Schiefer
Brooke Petty (Mary Laux's granddaughter)

Death

Rev. Kenneth Schroeder

Military Personnel

Tyler Evans Andrew Fejedelem
Evan Glowiak David, Caleb, Conner, and Gavin Green

Youth

Our high school youth and their chaperones headed to the Youth Gathering on Mackinac Island.

Gifts

- A donation for LWML Mites from gifts Marilyn Bernthal received for her 90th birthday.
- A donation to Student Aid for church workers, in honor of Rev. Andrew Howe's 10 years in the ministry, from his parents, James & Gale Howe.
- A donation to the Vicar Fund in memory of Dr. Richard Kalmbach's 80th birthday on July 7 by his wife, Irene, and family

On the Calendar

July 4: No Saturday Service
July 5: No 8 AM, 9 AM, or 10:45 AM Services
July 5: Patriotic Praise & Picnic (see front side)
July 12 / 19 / 26: 10:45 AM Worship in Churchgrove
July 12: 11 AM German Worship
July 18: Log Cabin & Museum Open House
July 20: Chapel Communion Service at 10 AM
July 22: Red Cross Blood Drive

This is just a snapshot of what's on our calendar. For more ministry events, Bible studies, details and signups, visit the full calendar on Church Center.



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Prayer Requests

Visit stlorenz.org or Church Center to submit a request

Need a pastor after hours? Call 989-652-6141 and your call will be forwarded to the on-call pastor.