

// *Abram was called and blessed by the Lord so that he would be a blessing to all people of all time. This promise was fulfilled through the birth of the Messiah, Jesus. You and I have been blessed through Jesus in order that we may be a blessing to all of the people around us.* //

Highlights

Loons Night with Franklin Avenue Mission

FRIDAY, JULY 17 AT DOW DIAMOND

Come on out to the ballpark for a fun evening and support Franklin Avenue Mission as the Great Lake Loons take on West Michigan Whitecaps! The game is on Friday, July 17 starting at 7:05 pm. Doors open at 6:05 pm. \$12 for lawn seating, \$17 for reserved box seating. Part of the ticket sales benefit FAM. Get tickets by visiting: <http://www.gofevo.com/event/Franklinavenuemission>



Blood Drive

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 IN THE WORSHIP AND EVENT CENTER



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!

Foundations of Faith

SIX WEEK SUMMER SERMON SERIES

This Summer, we continue our Foundations of Faith sermon series highlighting God's work in and through the lives of His people as detailed in the book of Genesis. The story of Abraham that we will encounter is not a story about a perfect man the Lord God chose to build a nation from. Instead, it is a story about a perfect God forming a faithful people to be His witnesses and representatives among the other nations of the world. Over six weeks, our Foundations of Faith series will explore the defining moments of Abraham's journey. By examining his massive leaps of faith-filled obedience alongside his distinct, human missteps; this series will show us how to navigate the challenges and blessings of our lives of faith, trusting in the power and promises of God along the way, no matter the situation or circumstances that lie before us!

Serve With Us

Franklin Avenue Diner

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 July 14 and 16. Sign up on Church Center. You may also call Laura, 989-652-8228, for more information.

Stephen Ministry Recruiting

God has given each of us experiences that can bring hope and encouragement to someone else. Could He be calling you to share His love through Stephen Ministry?

We are beginning to gather names of those who may be interested in joining the next Stephen Ministry training class, which is expected to begin in early 2027. For more information, please contact the church office or visit Church Center.

Ministry Update

Ministry Team Charters

Do you lead a ministry at St. Lorenz? If so, please submit your Ministry Team Charter by the end of the summer. Several Ministry Team Charters—including two for brand-new ministries—have already been approved by Ministry Council. You'll find everything you need to complete your Ministry Team Charter on the Church Center homepage, including the online Charter Form and a printable worksheet if you'd rather complete it by hand. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** You won't want to miss our Ministry Team Leader Training on September 12, designed to equip and support all ministry leaders. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Jodi Reinert in the church office.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church office closes on Fridays at noon, through Labor Day, September 4th. Regular hours are Monday-Thursday 8 AM-4:30 PM.

LEGACY GRANDPARENT SUMMIT

Join us on October 10 for an event designed to equip grandparents and "grandfriends" with practical tools, encouragement, and biblical insight to help pass on a lasting faith to the next generation. Hear from trusted Christian speakers, connect with others, and enjoy lunch. Early registration open until July 31 at legacycoalition.com/summit

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.

EDDIE KREZ ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

Eddie Krez's ordination and installation will be **Sunday, August 16, during a special unified 8:30 AM worship service in the Sanctuary.** This service will take the place of our regular 8:00 and 9:30 AM services that morning. The 10:45 a.m. service will remain as scheduled in the Worship Center. More details will be shared as the date approaches.

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.

MEMORIAL REPORT

Memorials for the following individuals were received during the month:

Maureen Caliman	Ruth Maurer	Linda Schluckebier
Nona Gibbs	Clare Nuechterlein	Ed VanWormer
Emeline Goodman	Ray Rau	Betty Weiss
Howard Humphrey	Edwin Rupprecht	
Judy Kennedy	Ruth Schiefer	

Memorials were designated for the following:

Altar Guild, Banner Fund, Lutheran Women in Mission, Male Choir, Media Ministry, Heritage Committee, Music at St. Lorenz, Music Fund, Operating Fund, OWLs, School Library, School Band, St. Lorenz School, Staff Training, Student Aid Fund, VBS, Willing Workers, and the St. Lorenz Foundation.

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.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Births - A daughter to Ben and Rachel Sievert

Baptisms

Wrenely Charlotte Reisig

Brady Matthew Frank

Isabelle Lee Frank

Birthday

Gloria Olgaard - 99 on July 4

Wedding

Josh Samsell & Maggie Walk

Anniversary

Dan & Bonnie Maurer - 50th on July 10

Illness

Dean Bickel Wade Bue John Kaczynski

Betty Kern Donna Little Pastor Mike Fitzgerald

Ernie Maurer Duane Reinert Randy Schiefer

Kevin Pierce Jennifer Shetlar

Brooke Petty (Mary Laux's granddaughter)

Death

Michael Crespo John Schwaegerle

Church Work Friends

Dawn Mueller Alexandria (Schmidt) Miller

Jonathan Mueller Pastor Joel Polzin

Thanksgiving

Pastor Gary Bender on the 50th anniversary of his ordination on July 11.

Gifts

- A donation for Together We Build from Dan and Bonnie Maurer, for their 50th wedding anniversary.
- A donation to St. Lorenz from Ronald and Carol Knoll for Jamison and Karen Zehnder's 25th anniversary.
- A donation was given to the Operating Fund in honor of Mary Ann Rummel's 90th birthday from Angie Kern.
- A donation for St. Lorenz Church in memory of Viola Schain from Don and Mary Huber.

On the Calendar

July 12 / 19 / 26: 10:45 AM Worship in Churchgrove

July 18: Log Cabin & Museum Open House

July 20: Chapel Communion Service at 10 AM

July 22: Red Cross Blood Drive

July 27: Vicar Farewell

Aug. 16: Ordination & Installation of Rev. Eddie Krez

Aug. 16: Founders' Day

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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.