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Living hope does not avoid the crudeness of the cross of Jesus but embraces it, realizing that the stress and strife and suffering of this life are entirely eclipsed by the power and victory of the resurrection of our Lord!

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## Highlights

### Franklin Avenue Mission

SEPTEMBER 1 & 3 - DINER, SEPTEMBER 12 - CLEAN & GREEN



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 1:30-6:00 PM on September 1st and 3rd.

Franklin Avenue Mission's "Clean & Green" Team from St. Lorenz mows the Mission grounds along with ~50 vacant lots near the Mission located on the East Side of Flint. The Mission is compensated by the Genesee County Landbank for every lot maintained by the St. Lorenz volunteers. There are 2 more Saturdays of lawn mowing, trimming, and trash pickup for this season. The remaining dates are September 12<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Please visit Church Center for more information to sign up to help with the Diner or "Clean & Green".

### Youth Ministry Kickoff

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Join us Sunday, September 13 at 5:00 PM in the Worship Center Lobby & Courtyard as we kick off another exciting year of Youth & Family Ministry! Enjoy an evening of food, games, fellowship, and fun while learning what's coming up this year and how you can get involved. This event is especially for students in grades 6-12 and their whole families are welcome to join us in the Worship and Event Center Lobby. We can't wait to see you there! Invite a friend and join us! Please register through Church Center so we can plan for the meal.



### Tenth Avenue North Concert

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7



Join us for an unforgettable evening of incredible music featuring classic favorites and new songs. This live, in-person event is your chance to experience Tenth Avenue North and Stars Go Dim up close during a powerful night of inspiration, community, and praise. Tickets are on sale now. For more information visit Church Center.

## Ministry Spotlight

### Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is one of the longest-running ministries at St. Lorenz. Its trained caregivers provide confidential, Christ-centered support to adults who are facing physical, emotional, or spiritual challenges. Each Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training and an interview process before being paired with someone in need. Their role is simple but meaningful: to listen, encourage, and walk alongside people through difficult seasons of life.



The team recently completed its Ministry Team Charter, renewing its commitment to provide compassionate, high-quality Christian care. If you're going through a difficult time and would appreciate having someone to talk with, contact the church office to be connected with a Stephen Minister.

The team is also looking for people who may be interested in becoming Stephen Ministers. Each fall, prospective caregivers are invited to learn more, and those who join receive training with a new group during the winter. If you're a caring person who feels called to walk alongside others, please contact the church office. This could be a wonderful place for you to serve.

## Save the Date

### FOUNDATION SUNDAY

The St. Lorenz Foundation invites you to save the date for its Foundation Sunday on September 20, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary parking lot. Make plans to join for a delicious breakfast and a special morning of fellowship and celebration. All are welcome.

### TOWN HALL AND CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Over the past few months, our Together We Build project team has been busy meeting and working through the details involved in adding classrooms, creating additional spaces, and renovating parts of our current school building. The next step is to share the proposed plans with you. Please join us on Wednesday, October 7 at 6:00 PM in the Worship and Event Center for a Town Hall Meeting to see the plans, hear more about the project, and ask questions. On the weekend of October 24-25, congregation members will vote after each worship service on whether to move forward with the project. More information will be shared as the date gets closer.



SVSU LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Is your college student attending SVSU? SVSU LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY: "Rooted" is our LCMS Campus Ministry at SVSU. It meets in the Alumni Lounge on campus every other Thursday from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, starting on Thursday, September 3rd. For more information, follow us on Instagram @rootedsv, or contact Pastor Dennis Matyas (St. Paul, Frankenlust) at dwmatyas@gmail.com.

If your son or daughter attends college elsewhere in Michigan and would like to connect to a local LCMS congregation please visit [www.michigandistrict.org/mission-development/campus-ministry](http://www.michigandistrict.org/mission-development/campus-ministry) for more information.

WIDOW’S MINISTRY OUTING

Widows of all ages, join us for a ride on the Bavarian Belle on Wednesday, September 9 at 11:00 AM at the Frankenmuth River Place Shops and enjoy lunch afterward at Michigan on Main. The cost of the boat ride is \$18. Feel free to invite other widow friends. If interested, sign up with Janet at 989-551-9233.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Join us as we begin our Fall Session studying the Biblical concept of RECONCILIATION! The study is titled, "Go and Be Reconciled--What Does This Mean?" As we understand what it means to "Reconciled to God" and "Reconciled to Others," we will be reviewing the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine drawn from Luther's Small Catechism. This course promises to help God's people appreciate the gift of Reconciliation which is ours in Jesus Christ, and to improve our service as His Ambassadors in everyday life. We meet in the Adult Ed Rooms from 9:30 - 10:30 AM each Sunday, beginning September 13!

ADULT CONFIRMATION - CHRISTIANITY 101

Adult Confirmation: Christianity 101 is a 6-week (12 hours) adult membership class in which the basic teachings of the Bible are taught as expressed in the Lutheran Church. 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. The Fall 2026 session will run each Thursday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 PM from September 10 through October 15. There is no cost for this class.

WELCOME TO ST. LORENZ

“Welcome to St. Lorenz” class is part of the process for all who are considering making St. Lorenz their church home and being received into membership. If you are becoming a member through Adult Confirmation, Affirmation of Faith, or transferring in from another LCMS congregation, this class is for you! The fall class is Saturday, September 12, 2026, 9:00 AM - noon in the Worship & Event Center Lobby. Breakfast will be served, and childcare is available.

For Adult Confirmation and Welcome to St. Lorenz, register on Church Center or by calling Heather at 989-652-0771.

MUSIC FOR LITTLES

Join us for an 8-week interactive music class designed for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers! Led by certified music educator Ashley Keller, each 35-minute class includes singing, movement, rhythm activities, instrument exploration, and more—all designed to nurture a lifelong love of music. Classes meet Saturdays, September 12–October 31, from 10:00–10:35 AM in the St. Lorenz School Music Room. Open to all families in the community. Class size is limited. Visit Church Center to sign up.

GIRLS OF GRACE

Calling all worship dancers! Girls of Grace dance ministry is ready to kick off another year for our 4th through 12th grade dancers. Our mandatory parent meeting is Monday, Sept 14th, at 6:00 PM in the Worship & Event Center. Please bring your dancer with you. Practices begin Monday, September 21. Fourth through eighth graders practice Mondays from 3:00-5:00 PM. High schoolers practice Mondays from 6:00-8:00 PM. Reach out with any questions to [girlsofgracestlorenz@gmail.com](mailto:girlsofgracestlorenz@gmail.com). Stay tuned for Future Girls of Grace (grade 1-3) information later this fall.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

- Baptism**  
Ainsley Anne Wolfgang
- Birthday**  
Marie List - 100 on Aug. 31
- Wedding**  
Rachel VanWormer & Travis Weiss were married on Aug. 22 at Immanuel Frankentrost  
Cody Schluckebier & Claire Katenhus on Aug. 29  
Jacob Nuechterlein & Mallory Schneider on Aug. 29
- Illness**  
Dean Bickel            Sue Boerger            Wade Bue  
Liam Cody            Debbie Geyer            Martha Huber  
John Kaczynski    Betty Kern            Donna Little  
Ernie Maurer       Kevin Pierce           Duane Reinert  
Randy Schiefer    Jennifer Shetlar  
Brooke Petty (Mary Laux’s granddaughter)
- Military Personnel**  
Pastor Eddie Krez           Emma Kribs  
Michelle Kroeger           Jackie Kwaiser  
Ruth Lagalo            Jenny Laux  
Lisa Laux                Wally Laux

Gifts

- A donation was made to the Music Fund in honor of Marie List's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 31<sup>st</sup> from Gary and Jean Peters.
- A donation to the Music fund from Larry & Sheila List for Marie List's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- A donation was given to Missions by Marie List in thanksgiving for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

On the Calendar

- Sept. 1 & 3: FAM Diner  
Sept. 1 & 15: Blanket Making Ministry 9:00 AM - Noon  
Sept. 7: Church Office Closed  
Sept. 12: FAM “Clean & Green” 8:30-11:30 AM  
Sept. 12: Church Museum & Log Cabin Tours 1 - 4 PM  
Sept. 13: German Worship  
Sept. 20: Foundation Sunday Breakfast  
Sept. 21: Chapel of Hope Communion Service  
Oct. 7: Town Hall Meeting  
Oct 10: Legacy Grandparenting Summit



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.

REMINDER!

Monday, August 31 will be the final Monday evening worship service in the Churchgrove for the summer.

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