

// Jesus said, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." With these simple words Jesus avoids the "trap" set for Him by His adversaries. He also provides guidance for us as we seek to be good citizens of both earth and heaven, and find our way through what may be complicated issues of Church and State. //

Highlights

Together We Build Project

VOTING OCTOBER 24 & 25

TOGETHER WE BUILD



Next weekend, all members age 18 and older are encouraged to vote before or after services. The ballot includes a proposal to begin construction on the school addition. Please take time to review the updated material, including a sample ballot, and learn more about the proposed project.

If you're unable to vote in person, absentee ballots will be available at the Church Office beginning October 19 and must be returned by 4 PM on October 23. An online ballot is also available by request if needed.

The Together Pledge campaign has also reopened. If you didn't have a chance to pledge last fall, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a pledge by December 31. Visit stlorenz.org/together for project updates, voting details, and pledge information.

Trivia Night - Final Call

OCTOBER 24 AT 6:30 PM



Final Call for Trivia Night! Get your team together for our Third Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on October 24 at the Frankenmuth Credit Union Community Room! Enjoy an evening of friendly competition, prizes, and snacks while supporting our youth ministry. Guests are welcome to bring their own beverages. An eight-person team is \$250,

or register individually for \$40 and we'll help you join a team when you arrive. This event has sold out in past years, so visit Church Center for details and register today!

St. Lorenz Fish Fry

OCTOBER 30 FROM 4 - 6:30 PM



Come hungry and join us for the annual St. Lorenz Fish Fry on Friday, October 30 from 4 - 6:30 PM, or until sold out! Enjoy dinner and fellowship in the Dining Hall or use the drive-thru for convenient pickup. For dine-in, park by the school gym and playground. For drive-thru, enter by the Worship & Event Center off Genesee St. Takeout meals are \$18

\$18; dine-in meals are \$18 for adults, \$12 for children ages 4-12, and free for children under 4. Proceeds support our church and school! Can you help? See the reverse side to learn more about how you can help support!

Ministry Spotlight



Women in Mission (WIM) recently completed its ministry charter. WIM has been part of St. Lorenz for many years, we're glad for the chance to share more about who they are and what they do!

Their purpose is to engage and equip women to serve Christ through mission, fellowship, and outreach. Together, women grow in faith, build friendships, and help meet needs in our community and beyond.

From September through May, the group gathers for service projects, guest speakers, and fellowship. Gatherings might include learning about a mission organization, attending a retreat, or a craft evening.

Through prayer, volunteering, collecting needed items, and fundraisers, they support local and global missions. They also collect "mites," small monetary gifts that help fund District and National mission grants through Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML).

Learn more about Women in Mission under Groups in Church Center or just come to their next gathering!

UPCOMING WOMEN IN MISSION EVENTS

All are welcome at these events—men, too!

Prayer Walk: Join us Monday, October 26, from 6:30–8 PM for a prayer walk around the halls to bless our school. Meet in the School Dining Hall entrance.

Christian Book Collection: We're collecting used Christian books during October to be sold at the Fall Bazaar. All proceeds will go to missions. Drop boxes located in the Sanctuary Lower Level, Worship & Event Center lobby (near restrooms), and the church office.

Fall Bazaar: November 14, from 10 AM–4 PM, for locally handmade items and baked goods. Also, used Christian books! Enter through the school dining hall. Admission is \$2. Vendors spots are still available.

Elli's House: Join us Monday, November 16, at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary Lower Level for a conversation about human trafficking, faith, and restoration. Deb Ellinger, will share how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus to those who are vulnerable and exploited. Everyone is welcome, but parental discretion is advised.

Serve with Us

SERVE DINNER AT 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 1:30-6 PM on October 20 & 22. Visit Signups on Church Center to learn more.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We still have several appointments available and we'd love to fill them all! The blood drive will take place on Wednesday, October 21 from 12 - 6 PM at the Worship & Event Center. Register for an appointment at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

FISH FRY CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS AND PIES!

There are several ways to lend a hand and enjoy fellowship with our church and school family:

- **Volunteer:** Jobs are available for a variety of abilities and schedules. Join us as we work together for the Lord!
- **Donate pies:** Pies must be prepared in a licensed food establishment. Zehnder's Bakery, Bavarian Inn, Kern's Sausage, and Kroger accept orders and offer free delivery for the Fish Fry. Pies purchased elsewhere will need to be delivered by the donor.
- **Give a monetary gift:** Make checks payable to St. Lorenz with "Fish Fry" in the memo, or give online through Church Center.
- **Dine and share:** Come enjoy a meal, invite your friends and neighbors, and help spread the word!

Visit Church Center for volunteer and pie donation sign-ups, online giving, and more information. Thank you for supporting the Fish Fry!

JOB OPENING: FACILITIES AND GROUNDS TEAM

Our St. Lorenz Facilities & Grounds team is hiring a full-time Lead and a part-time Technician to support the care and maintenance of our church and school. Visit stlorenz.org/employment for job descriptions and information on how to apply. Applications requested by October 30.

SANCTUARY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Do you regularly worship in the Sanctuary? Take the next step and sign up to serve! It's a wonderful way to use your gifts and to help people experience the love of Jesus during worship. Contact the Church Office or visit Church Center to learn more about serving.

IDAHO SERVANT TRIP—SUMMER 2027

Current high school students are invited to join the Youth Ministry from July 25-30, 2027, for a week in Idaho of serving others, sharing the love of Jesus, growing in faith and fun! Visit Church Center for more information.

MEMORIAL REPORT

Memorials for the following individuals were received during September:

Bruce Caliman	Lillian Keinath
Eric Daenzer	Erik Kern
Miriam Ehlert	Curtis "Curt" List
Eugene "Smokey" Frank	

Memorials were designated for the following:

Church Beautification, Male Choir, Media Ministry, Music Ministry, VBS, Operating Fund, Knit & Crochet Ministry, St. Lorenz School, Treble Choir

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Wedding

Colin Worden & Kayley Squires on Oct. 17

Anniversary

Harold & Marie Baker-65th on Oct. 21

Illness

Dean Bickel	Sue Boerger	Liam Cody
Debbie Geyer	Martha Huber	John Kaczynski
Betty Kern	Margery Knoll	Donna Little
Ernie Maurer	Steve McCallum	Beverly Nobis
Brooke Petty	Kevin Pierce	Dayna Ratliff
Randy Schiefer	Jennifer Shetlar	

Liz, wife of Dr. Elry, currently serving in Guatemala

Death

Duane Faerber
Dr. Kathleen Murphy, sister of Ellen VanWormer
Rich Gwizdala

St. Lorenz Church and School Workers

Pamela McLeod	Kenzie McWilliams
Sirena Miller	Andrea Mose
David Mueller	Dawn Mueller
Mary Naples	Sarah Opperman

Special Prayers

Our Women in Mission Ministry
Our staff, students, and families traveling to Washington D.C. and to the Ark and Creation Museum

On the Calendar

Oct 19:	Chapel Communion at 10 AM
Oct 20:	Blanket Making Ministry 9 AM - 12 PM
Oct 20 & 22:	Serve at FAM Diner
Oct 21:	Blood Drive
Oct 23:	Moms Ministry Meetup
Oct 24:	Trivia Night Fundraiser
Oct 25:	Churchgrove Park Closes for Season
Oct 26:	Take a Peek at Valley Lutheran
Oct 26:	Prayer Walk
Oct 30:	St. Lorenz Fish Fry
Nov 7:	Tenth Avenue North Concert
Nov 14:	Fall Bazaar
Nov 16:	Chapel Communion at 10 AM
Nov 16:	Women in Mission Gathering
Nov 19:	OWLS Gathering



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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or download the app

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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.



All church and school communication requests must be submitted by 12 PM on Tuesdays to bulletin@stlorenz.org.