St. Lorenz
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Showing how beautiful it is to live with Jesus
THE SEASON OF PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 14 & 15, 2026

"This weekend, we take Jesus at His word on the wisdom of money...saving it, sharing it, and spending it. While we cannot take it with us when we die, the Lord expects us to put it to good use in our lives!"

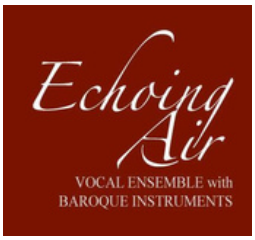
Welcome, New Members!

Everyone, please join us for coffee, a donut, and fellowship with our newest members from 8:45 to 9:45 AM in the Sanctuary Lower Level, and before the 10:45 AM service in the Worship Center Lobby!

Highlights

Music at St. Lorenz presents Echoing Air

NOVEMBER 15 AT 3 PM IN THE SANCTUARY



The Music at St. Lorenz season opens on November 15 at 3 PM in the Sanctuary with Echoing Air's *Ein Feste Burg* (A Mighty Fortress). The ensemble will perform sacred works from the Lutheran tradition with voices and period Baroque instruments, including music by Heinrich Schütz and Dieterich Buxtehude. All of the Music at St. Lorenz events are free and open to all. View the season schedule at stlorenz.org/music.

Local Light the Night

NOVEMBER 17 IN DOWNTOWN FRANKENMUTH



Join us in downtown Frankenmuth on Tuesday evening as St. Lorenz participates in this special community celebration of the Christmas season! A traditional German lantern walk will begin near the ice rink around 7 PM, with St. Lorenz students helping lead the way with handmade lanterns. The walk finishes at the Chamber of Commerce where our Praise Team will lead carols and Pastor Brad, Pastor Eddie, and other local clergy will share the biblical Christmas story. The tree lighting follows at 7:30 PM. Visit the Chamber of Commerce website for more.

Together We Build Campaign

HELP CLOSE THE $650,000 PLEDGE GAP



Work has begun on the first-grade expansion and school office, with the goal of having both ready for the start of the 2027–28 school year. To reach our campaign goal, we still need $650,000 in pledges. If you haven't pledged yet, please take time to pray about what you would be able to commit. If you've already pledged, thank you! You may start giving toward your pledge at any time through Church Center or marking it for "Together We Build" on your giving envelope. Visit stlorenz.org/together for pledging information and project updates.

And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. Nehemiah 2:18

This Week

CHAPEL OF HOPE COMMUNION

Join us for Chapel Communion, Monday, November 16 at 10 AM in the Chapel of Hope. To register, call the Church Office before 9:30 AM that morning. Valet parking is available. There is also a service at Winter Village in the afternoon at 1:30 PM.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Human trafficking is happening in our communities and we have an opportunity to help. Come learn more on Monday, November 16, at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary Lower Level from Deb Ellinger, Director of Elli's House (a non profit serving homeless and runaway women in Detroit) as she shares the realities of human trafficking. Learn to recognize signs of trafficking and exploitation, dispel common myths, and learn ways God's people can respond. Everyone is welcome.

OWLS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Older, Wiser, Lutherans (OWLs) age 60 and older are invited to join us on Thursday, November 19, 11 AM to 1 PM in the Worship & Event Center. Doors open at 10:30 AM. Enjoy Bible study led by Pastor Dave Winningham, lunch, and special guest Brandi Buck, Director of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging. Please RSVP by November 17, through Church Center, by emailing frontdesk@stlorenz.org, or by calling the church office at 989-652-6141.

SOUTH AFRICA MISSION & SERVICE TRIP

Interested in joining the Mission and Service Trip to Middelburg, South Africa, in May 2027? Come to an informational meeting on November 22 at 12:30 PM in the Worship Center Lobby to learn about the itinerary, discuss costs and answer questions.

YOUTH MINSITRY FAMILY NIGHT

All families of 6-12 graders are invited to join us for our upcoming Family Night at 6 PM on November 22. We'll provide a variety of soups and breadsticks, and we ask each family to bring a dish to pass. Enjoy delicious food, games, time to socialize, and a family-centered devotion as we grow together in Christ. Please register your family on Church Center so we can accurately plan food. We look forward to seeing you there!

School Staff News

STEPHANIE BAARCK ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

After 37 years of faithful ministry service, Stephanie Baarck, our current Assistant Principal and middle school math teacher, has announced her retirement at the end of the 2026–2027 school year. We are grateful for the many ways Stephanie has cared for our students, families, and school over the years. We wish her God's blessings as she finishes her final school year at St. Lorenz!

DAN FELTEN NAMED ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce that Dan Felten, currently a 6th grade homeroom teacher, has been named Associate Principal and Athletic Director. After 28 years of teaching at St. Lorenz, Dan will transition into this new role at the end of the school year. We look forward to welcoming him to the administrative team as he continues serving our students and school in this new capacity.

JILL BRONNER ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Jill Bronner has also announced her retirement at the end of the 2026–2027 school year. Over the past 20 years, Jill has faithfully served in a variety of roles, most recently as part of our Student Services team. We are thankful for her dedication to supporting our students and the many ways she has blessed our school community!

NOW HIRING: STUDENT SERVICES AND HOMEROOM TEACHER

St. Lorenz is looking to fill two positions for the 2027–2028 school year: a role on our Student Services team that also includes supporting middle school math classes, and an additional homeroom teacher. For more information, visit stlorenz.org/employment or contact lknoll@stlorenz.org.

ANNUAL GERMAN CHRISTMAS SONG FEST

Join us on December 29 at 3 PM in the Sanctuary for the Weihnachts-Singfest, a service of German hymns and readings celebrating the birth of our Savior! As part of this year's service, we'll recognize the 175th anniversary of our neighbors at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville. Richville, originally called Frankenhilf, was the fourth sister colony alongside Frankenmuth, Frankentrost, and Frankenlust. All are welcome!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Prepare your heart and mind for the Advent season at this annual ladies' event on Sunday, November 29, at 6:00 PM in the Worship & Event Center. Enjoy songs, candlelight, delicious desserts, and fellowship. This event is free and open to all ladies. Sign up through Church Center to attend. There is still room for more table hostesses! Consider inviting a friend who has never attended or hasn't joined us in recent years. She'll be glad you asked!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Support our neighbors in need through our Outreach Ministry by donating Kroger or Meijer gift cards or with cash or check to purchase gift cards. Secure donations boxes are at the church office, in the Sanctuary by the cornucopia, and in the Worship Center Lobby now until Thanksgiving.

BREAKFAST COOKS ON TUESDAYS

We are looking for more volunteers to help cook breakfast for our High School Bible Study on Tuesday mornings. Volunteers arrive at 6:15 AM to cook pancakes, eggs and sausage, as well as set out all supplies. You are welcome to stay and enjoy the Bible study, or head out once breakfast is ready at 7 AM. Contact Ben Sievert at bdsievert@stlorenz.org or call 989-652-6141 to learn more.

CALLING ALL FUTURE GIRLS OF GRACE!

Girls in grades 1-3 are invited to join us for the Future Girls of Grace workshop on Saturday, January 9, from 2–5 PM. Dancers will be able to participate in a worship service, a school chapel, and the worship concert in April. Visit Signups on Church Center for details, and register by December 11.

CHRISTMAS ITEMS AT THE BOOKSTORE

Visit the self-service Bookstore in the Sanctuary Lower Level. New items are in for the season including children's books, jewelry, and reasonably priced boxed Christmas cards with meaningful messages.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Baptisms

Kyle Elwell
Faith Alice Renner
Eve Savage
Mia Marie Savage

Illness

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

St. Lorenz Church & School Workers

Dave Palmreuter
Megan Parent
Kaydence Pashby
Carly Pomaville
Mia Prieur
Trinidy Paquette
Addison Pashby
Judy Passon
Sharon Prested
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Special Requests

For the 67 new members being welcomed into our church family this weekend

On the Calendar

Nov 15:	Music at St. Lorenz Concert
Nov 16:	Chapel Communion Service at 10 AM
Nov 16:	Elli's House Speaker
Nov 17:	Blanket Making Ministry 9 AM - 12 PM
Nov 17:	Local Light the Night
Nov 18:	School Music Concerts 1:30 & 6:30 PM
Nov 19:	OWLs Bible Fellowship
Nov 20:	Moms Ministry Meetup
Nov 22:	Youth Ministry Family Night
Nov 29:	Advent By Candlelight
Nov 29:	German Christmas Songfest
Nov 30:	Log Cabin Ribbon Cutting 2 PM

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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Contact
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989-652-6141

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.