St. Lorenz
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Showing how beautiful it is to live with Jesus

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

NOVEMBER 21 & 22, 2026

> *"Sin has knocked everything in creation out of whack. We experience it every day. Death reigns; rulers abuse their power; God is mocked; Christians are persecuted; and the Gospel is constantly under attack. When the end comes, though, everything will be put back in place where it belongs and God will be our all in all."*

Highlights

Thanksgiving Worship

NOVEMEBER 25 & 26



Join us for Thanksgiving worship as we give thanks to God for His many blessings! Worship with us on:
Wednesday at 6:30 PM in the Worship Center
Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary
If you're traveling out of town, we encourage you to worship with us online through our website or our YouTube channel. Or, consider finding a church near where you're visiting and joining them for worship in person! The Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday. The School Office will be closed Wednesday through Friday. If you have an urgent pastoral need while the offices are closed, please call (989) 652-6141 to reach the on-call pastor.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

RETURN DONATIONS BY THANKSGIVING



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 through Thanksgiving.

Caring Trees

RETURN ITEMS BY DECEMBER 1



If you took a tag from one of the Caring Trees, please return your new, unwrapped, gift with the tag attached to the Church Office by December 1. Thank you for helping share the love of Jesus with others this Christmas!

This Week

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 MINSTRY 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 plus 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!

ANNUAL GERMAN CHRISTMAS SONG FEST

Join us on Sunday, November 29, at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary for the Weihnachts-Singfest, a service of German hymns and readings celebrating the birth of our Savior! This year, we'll also recognize the 175th anniversary of our neighbors at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Richville. Richville (Frankenhilf) was the fourth sister colony alongside Frankenmuth, Frankentrost, and Frankenlust.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Ladies, join us November 29 at 6 PM for a special evening of fellowship, music, candlelight, and delicious desserts as we prepare our hearts for Christmas! This year's guest speaker, Lori Militello, founder of Women in Touch Ministries, will share her message "Joy Has Come." All adult women and high school girls accompanied by an adult are welcome. A freewill offering will be collected to support teens in surrounding communities as they age out of foster care. Learn more on Church Center.

Together We Build – Help Us Reach Our Goal!

We invite every St. Lorenz family to be part of Together We Build! Work is underway on our first-grade expansion and new school office, with plans to have both ready for the 2027–28 school year. Construction on other areas will follow. We still need over $600,000 in pledges to reach our goal, and we need your help! Please prayerfully consider making a pledge if you haven't already. Every commitment makes a difference! Thank you to those who have already pledged. You can begin giving at any time through Church Center or by marking your giving envelope "Together We Build." Visit stlorenz.org/together to make your pledge or learn more.

OVERSIZED WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

A neighbor at Franklin Avenue Mission is in need of an oversized wheelchair. If you have one you would be willing to donate, please call the Church Office for further contact information.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND VOTING

On December 5 & 6, St. Lorenz members will vote to fill two open positions on our Ministry Council and approve the 2027 Ministry Financial Plan. Handouts with more information are available at worship services and through the Church Office. Absentee voting will be available beginning November 30 through 4:00 PM on December 4.

SIDEWALK PROPHETS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for a few more volunteers to help at the Sidewalk Prophets Christmas concert on Saturday, December 5. If you're interested in helping, visit Church Center Signups.

SERVE DINNER AT FRANKLIN AVENUE MISSION

Join us December 8 & 10, as we serve at the Franklin Avenue Diner! Shifts available from 1:30–6 PM. Learn more and sign up on Church Center

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 Church Center Signups by December 11 for details.

HELP US RECORD YOUR GIVING

When giving by check without an offering envelope, please write your giving number on the memo line. This helps us accurately record your donations. If you don't know your giving number, please call the church office at 989-652-6141 or email church@stlorenz.org.

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 at 7 AM once breakfast is ready. Contact Ben Sievert at bdsievert@stlorenz.org, or call 989-652-6141 to learn more.

EVENING RECEPTIONIST

The church office is seeking a high school or college student to work as a receptionist two evenings a week during the school year. Responsibilities include answering phones, greeting visitors, and assisting with general clerical tasks. Visit stlorenz.org/employment to learn more and apply.

2027 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2027 Altar Flower Calendar is now available in the Sanctuary narthex, by the main entrance doors. If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a special occasion, please sign up for your preferred weekend on the calendar.

SCHOOL AUCTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for Auction Ambassadors to help make our February 13 School Auction a success! Ambassadors contact local businesses and pick up donated items. We provide the business list and a simple script, so no sales skills are needed—just a friendly hello and a willingness to help! Interested? Contact Andrea Dykman at adykman@stlorenz.org or visit Church Center Signups. We'd love to have you on the Auction team!

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we invite you to spend time in God's Word with The Everlasting Light, a daily Advent devotional. Free copies will be available at Thanksgiving worship services and next weekend for anyone who would like one. Visit Church Center or stlorenz.org/advent to learn more about this year's worship series and service times for Advent and Christmas as well as special seasonal events.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Illness

Dean Bickel
Liam Cody
John Kaczynski
Donna Little
Gary Pickelmann
Jennifer Shetlar
Sue Boerger
Bill Divine
Betty Kern
Ernie Maurer
Dayna Ratliff
Judy Block
Debbie Geyer
Margery Knoll
Brooke Petty
Randy Schiefer

Military Personnel

Rob Tansley
Trey Valasek
Chad Vance
Danielle VanWormer

Gifts

- A donation was given to Together We Build in memory of Harold Riess' birthday on November 18, from Ronald & Judy Bickel and Sharon VanPatten.
- A donation to the music fund in memory of Keith Boesenecker from David Locke, a best friend.

On the Calendar

Nov 22:	Mission Trip Info Session
Nov 22:	Youth Ministry Family Night
Nov 25:	Thanksgiving Eve Worship at 6:30 PM
Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day Worship at 9:30 AM
Nov 29:	Advent By Candlelight
Nov 29:	German Christmas Songfest
Nov 30:	Log Cabin Ribbon Cutting
Dec 8 & 10:	Serve at the Franklin Avenue Diner
Dec 12:	Christmas at St. Lorenz Concert
Dec 13:	German Worship
Dec 13:	Christmas at St. Lorenz Concert
Dec 17:	OWLs Bible Fellowship
Dec 21:	Chapel of Hope
Dec 21:	Blue Christmas Worship Service

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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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.