St. Lorenz
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

CHURCH ELECTIONS
DECEMBER 5 and 6, 2026

- Voting for our elected positions will occur before and after services on Saturday, December 5, and on Sunday, December 6. Voting areas will be in the Sanctuary lower level and the Worship Center lobby.
- Ballots will be available for all communicant members who are at least 18 years of age. Assistance will be provided for any who need help. Absentee ballots are available by request Monday, November 30, until Friday, December 4, at 4:00 P.M. in the church office.
- For more information or questions, please contact the Church Office at 989-652-6141.

ITEMS ON THE BALLOT

MINISTRY FINANCIAL PLAN

The 2027 Ministry Financial Plan was presented in detail to the Voters' Assembly on November 4th. Those in attendance recommended that the Plan be adopted as presented. The proposed Plan calls for a balanced budget in the Operating fund and overall, with a 6.4% increase over the 2026 Ministry Financial Plan

MINISTRY COUNCIL NOMINEES
(Vote for 2)
***Denotes incumbent**



Robert Anderson

Spouse: Stephanie

Children: 2 - Charlotte and Avery

Occupation: US Senior Manager at Alter Domus

Church Activities, Past & Present: I was a member of Cornerstone Lutheran Church in Carmel, Indiana before moving to Frankenmuth in 2018 and joining St. Lorenz Lutheran Church. I regularly attend worship with my wife Stephanie (Rummel) Anderson and two daughters, Charlotte and Avery.

Positions or Offices Held, Past & Present: I have not held any formal positions or offices in the Church, but it would be an honor to serve on the Ministry Council.

Comment: Currently I work as a US Senior Manager at Alter Domus and have my CPA license. I married my wife Stephanie here at St. Lorenz in 2011 and we have two beautiful daughters, Charlotte and Avery, who attend St. Lorenz School. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Ministry Council. I want to support the life of our Church, care for our people, and use the gifts God has given to me to strengthen our shared mission and grow together in faith.



Ryan Bender

Spouse: Jamie

Children: 2 – Maxwell and Isaac

Occupation: Invoice Reconciliation Manager at Morley Companies

Church Activities, Past & Present: Usher, Communion Assistant, Youth Bible Study - Small Group Leader, Stephen Minister

Comment: As a lifelong member of St. Lorenz, I've been blessed by this congregation and its members who have been instrumental in my faith walk. By God's grace, I look forward to continuing this journey, eagerly serving His church wherever He leads me.



***Cindy Keinath**

Spouse: Allen

Children: Three adult children

Occupation: Owner/Manager of Frankenmuth Jellystone Park

Church Activities, Past & Present: Current St. Lorenz Ministry Council member, Past High School Bible Study Lunch Coordinator for 7 years, Past Substitute Finance committee, St. Lorenz School Room Mom.

Community Activities, Past & Present: Current Frankenmuth Growth and Development Foundation board member, Chamber of Commerce Board member, Marketing & Christmas Committee for Convention & Visitors Bureau, Past Convention & Visitors board member, promotions committee and legislative committee, City of Frankenmuth Street Traffic and Calming committee, Jaycees of Frankenmuth - numerous committees and chairperson of projects including Volkslaufe and Membership Chair.

Positions or Offices Held, Past & Present: Current Chairperson Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce, Convention and Visitors Chairperson, ARVC MI Chairperson, MARVC Membership Chairperson.

Comment: My faith, family and community have always been of great importance to me, and I am committed to supporting and contributing to the growth and well-being of St. Lorenz Church.



Ben Kolhagen

Spouse: Janelle

Children: 3 - Macey, Micah, and Madden

Occupation: Manufacturing Engineering Manager

Church Activities, Past & Present: Current member of the sanctuary media team and an usher.

Comment: Professionally, I have guided teams through complex technical challenges with focus on strategic initiatives. I am passionate about fostering collaboration, driving innovation, and delivering solutions that align with organizational goals. Personally, I invest my time in the community by coaching youth baseball and basketball teams. I enjoy mentoring youth athletes to develop character, teamwork, confidence and focus on faith. Thanks for your consideration.