

# 2013 ANNUAL REPORT



## A letter from our President

Greetings!

On behalf of the St. Lorenz Foundation, I would like to welcome you to our annual report. The St. Lorenz Foundation team is excited to share the enclosed information with you and help you see your Foundation at work.

The St. Lorenz Foundation was formed in September of 1995. For the past 18 and a half years, our team has graciously received gifts, managed those gifts and returned literally millions of dollars to the ministry here at St. Lorenz. Our Foundation was formed to provide an opportunity for the members of St. Lorenz to support our Lord's work until He returns.

The St. Lorenz Foundation team starts with our donors. For these many years, faithful individuals have shared memorial gifts, gifts of life insurance, annual remembrance gifts and estate gifts with the Foundation. The assets of the Foundation have been managed and invested to provide ongoing resources to our Church and School for years to come.

The Foundation is governed by the Board of Directors. As a separate legal entity, the Foundation serves to support St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School. We do not make gifts to other groups or organizations. In addition to the Board of Directors, two committees provide significant leadership – the Planned Giving and Estate Planning Committee and the Finance Committee. We praise God for the work of these individuals, as together we pledge to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

As you read through our report, you will note the process that is used for granting and will see a listing of the most recent grants. Many exciting ministries, such as the Vicar Program, are enhanced through the work of the Foundation. You also may note that distributions totaling more than \$200,000 were made specifically at the direction of the donors in this past year alone.

Should you be considering a gift to the Foundation and/or want a consultation, please begin by contacting our Executive Director or any member of the Foundation team.

Thanks for taking the time to read through our report. May God continue to bless you throughout this New Year.

Sincerely,



Robert Rummel  
President – St. Lorenz Foundation



**Bob Rummel**, St. Lorenz  
Foundation President

**COVER:** Faith Waites came to St. Lorenz in 2007. She wanted to learn and grow like every other student. Faith has Down syndrome, and she needed a little extra help in the classroom in the form of a classroom aide. A generous grant from the St. Lorenz Foundation helped Faith learn and grow at St. Lorenz Lutheran School.

## Financial Highlights

### Foundation Distributions:

2013

Dedicated Grants (specified by donor or board) .....	\$244,610.00
Grants (awarded by board based on requests) .....	\$305,390.00
<b>Total Distributions .....</b>	<b>\$550,000.00</b>

### General Fund Balance:

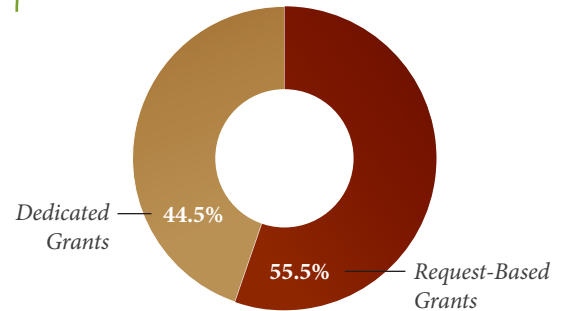
Northern Trust Investments .....	5,138,706.89
Frankenmuth Credit Union .....	\$100,412.53
Life Insurance Cash Values (Foundation-owned).....	\$380,572.80
Land Contract.....	\$34,999.00
Local Stock .....	\$44,000.00
<b>Total General Fund Balance.....</b>	<b>\$5,698,691.22</b>

### Dedicated Fund Balances:

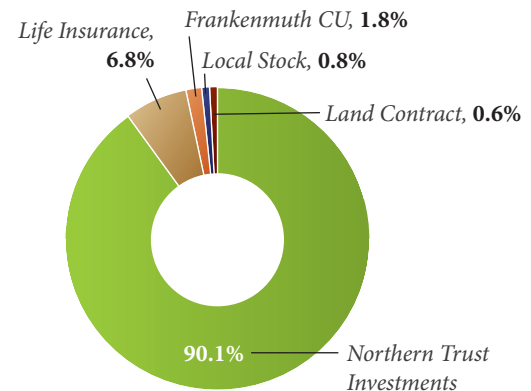
Pastoral Endowment .....	\$2,922,643.73
Vicar Endowment.....	\$629,972.14
Mission Designated (2 funds).....	\$213,308.03
Synodical Institution Student Aid.....	\$148,895.30
St. Lorenz School Family Aid.....	\$214,764.95
Communication/Operating/Caring.....	\$1,246,020.99
Pastor/Teacher Scholarship .....	\$28,842.56
Educational Enhancement Fund.....	\$199,100.34
Retired Worker Health Insurance Support .....	\$7,394.59
<b>Total Dedicated Fund Balances.....</b>	<b>\$5,610,942.63</b>

**Total of General and Dedicated Funds as of 12/31/13... \$11,309,633.85**

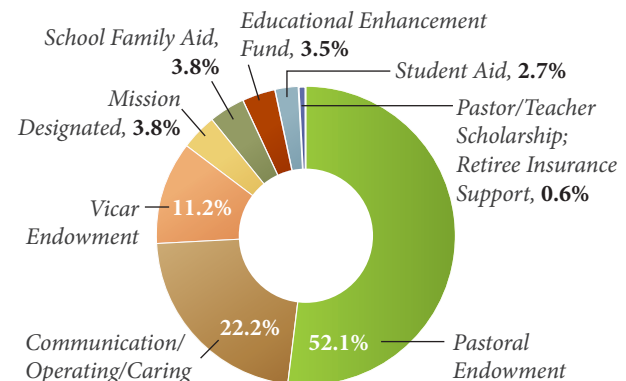
### Foundation Distributions



### General Fund Balance



### Dedicated Fund Balances







## Dedicated Projects for 2013

*Dedicated Projects are those that, through board action and donor direction, are funded every year. In 2013, a total of \$244,609 was distributed. On an annual basis, 5% of the corpus of the accounts is distributed.*

**Pastoral Endowment** – Established through a generous gift to St. Lorenz, the Pastoral Endowment contributes to the cost of our pastoral team as our team provides leadership and support to our members; in 2013, \$125,000 was distributed from this endowment.

**Vicar Endowment** – Established just a few years ago, the Vicar Endowment provided \$29,196.85 to the congregation to support the cost of the Vicar Program. The endowment has a goal of reaching \$1 million to provide for the total cost of the program for years to come. The current balance in the account is \$629,972.14.

**Missions** – Two donor-designated gifts provide ongoing support for Mission work. These gifts provided \$10,400.50 in resources as our congregation reached out to share How Beautiful It Is to Live with Jesus!

**Student Aid** – A number of families have contributed to ongoing support for those preparing for ministry at our seminaries and universities. Together, they provided \$8,671 to the Student Aid Fund for annual distribution.

**School Family Aid** – Every year, there are families that are challenged to meet the cost of sending their children to St. Lorenz Lutheran School. In some cases, it is due to multiple children in a family; in others, it is a loss of a job or other sources of income. A total of \$10,477.35 was made available to support these families.

**Communications/Operating/Caring Ministry** – Each year, this donor's gifts are equally divided into three areas: Communications (including the broadcast of our services), the congregational Operating Fund and Caring Ministry through Stephen Ministries are provided support. This year, a total of \$60,503 was made available.

**Educational Enhancement Fund** – New in 2013 is the Educational Enhancement Fund. This account will make its first distribution in 2014 and will assist rostered workers in enhancing their ministry at St. Lorenz through special educational opportunities.

**Health Insurance Support** – The cost of health insurance continues to rise. This fund provides resources to assist pastors and teachers who retired from St. Lorenz. In 2013, a total of \$360.75 was distributed.

**“Our St. Lorenz Foundation continues to be a fantastic blessing in the lives of our members and the life of our congregation. It serves our members by providing for them a way to give generously for the ongoing work of the Lord. It serves our congregation by providing a reliable source of funding to perpetuate established ministries and to instigate new and innovative ministries. In short, it does what its name says: It serves as a solid foundation on which we can build right now and well into the future.”**

— Rev. Mark Brandt

*Lead Pastor, St. Lorenz Lutheran Church*



## Grant-Funded Projects for 2013

**Dining Hall Projector** – We are blessed with a bright and cheerful Dining Hall. The new projector provided by this grant allows participants at a variety of programs to clearly view presentations of all types. **Amount: \$4,000**

**School Office Security Entrance** – In an effort to provide the safest facility possible for our children, a new entrance was constructed for our school office. The new entrance allows for parent and guest sign-in prior to entering the student learning environment. **Amount: \$10,000**

**Biblical Christian Worldview Training** – Our world is changing at a rapid pace. This grant provided resources for the faculty to engage in discussion of the Biblical Christian Worldview. Guest presentations as well as staff retreats were funded with this grant. **Amount: \$3,000**

**Families in Need** – There are many families experiencing financial need as our economy begins the process of recovery. This grant provided resources to assure that any family wanting a Christian education for their children will not be held back because of money. **Amount: \$10,000**

**Technology Implementation** – The St. Lorenz Lutheran School 1-1 program is in full swing. This grant helped make it possible for every student in sixth through eighth grades to have a mobile learning device. Student textbooks, learning activities and applications are available online. **Amount: \$15,000**

**Mission/Service Projects** – The St. Lorenz Youth Ministry provides many activities for students. They engage in service projects locally and at some distance. They also participate in Mission trips. This grant provided resources to help students participate at a reasonable cost. **Amount: \$8,000**

**“I can do more for ministry by combining my treasures together with others to make tomorrow a better place. The St. Lorenz Foundation is a great way to work with fellow members to do our Lord’s work for years to come!”**

— *Dr. Harold “Gus” Braeutigam*

*Member, St. Lorenz Foundation Board of Directors*

**Connect Service Altar/Baptismal Font** – The Connect Service is held in the school gymnasium. This grant provided the funds to purchase a new altar and baptismal font for the services. **Amount: \$3,307**

**Connect Worship Sound Upgrade** – The Praise Band assists in leading the Connect Worship Services every week. This grant provided upgrades to the audio equipment used by both the technicians and the musicians. **Amount: \$15,000**

**The Story** – During the program year 2013-14, St. Lorenz members are engaging in a reading of The Story. This grant provided resources for the planning and development of the program as well as funds for books and materials. **Amount: \$16,000**

**Pastor to the School D.C. Trip** – The eighth grade class at St. Lorenz annually takes a trip to Washington, D.C. The Pastor to the School accompanies the class. This grant provided the funds for the pastor to attend with the class without the chaperone expenses being incurred by the students. **Amount: \$2,500**



**Valley Lutheran Scholarships** – St. Lorenz is not a member of the Valley Lutheran High School Association. Association members get a reduction in their tuition. St. Lorenz elects to support students attending Valley with a \$1,000 scholarship per student per year. This grant helped make the scholarships possible. **Amount: \$25,000**

**Lighting for the Church Steeple** – The St. Lorenz Steeple marks our community a Christian community. The Steeple is a beacon to the millions that visit our community. This grant provided resources to help convert the steeple lighting system to an LED system for brighter light and lower operating cost. **Amount: \$5,000**

**Building Relationships – Staying Connected** – Developing our logo, opening *mystlorenz.org*, updating our website and more were made possible through this grant. **Amount: \$25,000**

**Scrubber for the Sparkle Team** – It is hard to imagine all of the floors that need to be cleaned and the number of hours spent by our custodial team caring for our facilities. This grant provided the resources to purchase a new scrubbing machine to help make this task a bit easier. **Amount: \$6,000**

**Altar Flowers** – Each week, our Altar Guild makes sure that the altar at St. Lorenz is enhanced with fresh flowers. Many members elect to host a given week in memory of a family member, friend or special event. This grant provided the Guild with resources to “fill in” the weeks that may not be sponsored. **Amount: \$2,500**

**Updated Door Access System** – The door access control system at St. Lorenz required updating. This grant provided the resources to redo the wiring, hardware and software for the new system. **Amount: \$35,000**

**Internet Access** – The students, teachers and staff rely on access to the Internet. With online textbooks and other Internet-based learning activities, Internet outages can cause a loss of precious learning time. This grant provided the resources to install and support redundant Internet access. **Amount: \$10,000**

**Support Staff for the Instrumental Program** – With adult Woodwinds and Brass, Junior High Band, Jazz Band, and more at St. Lorenz, the mountain of music and schedules requires significant management. This grant provided support staff resources to assist with this program. **Amount: \$10,000**

**Building Program** – The Town Hall meetings have shown the way. The Connect Service is growing. The need for facilities to support a variety of ministries is clear. This grant provided resources for the up-front expenses needed to develop floor plans and cost estimates. **Amount: \$50,000**





## About the St. Lorenz Foundation

The St. Lorenz Foundation exists to support our Lord's work through His St. Lorenz congregation. The Foundation provides a vehicle for donors to make gifts that will continue to support the work of our Lord until judgment day.

The Foundation was formed in the fall of 1995. Founding board members included Harold Braeutigam, Stephen List, Morrall Claramunt, Jonathan Zehnder, Lynn Zuellig, Arnold Middeldorf and Pastor C.W. Hoesman. The team established the Foundation to provide ongoing support for our Lord's work through St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School.

Today, the St. Lorenz Foundation receives gifts in many forms to support the ministry of St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School. The funds are invested through the use of professional investment managers and monitored by a Finance Committee and the Board of Directors. Each year, the Foundation distributes a minimum of 5% of the corpus to support the grant requests forwarded by the congregation.

The St. Lorenz Foundation is limited to receiving grant requests from St. Lorenz Lutheran Church and School. The Board of Directors has established clear Management Principles that guide the granting process. Grant requests are processed by the Planned Giving and Estate Planning Committee and forwarded to the Board of Directors for action. Grant requests are not accepted from individuals or organizations outside the congregation.

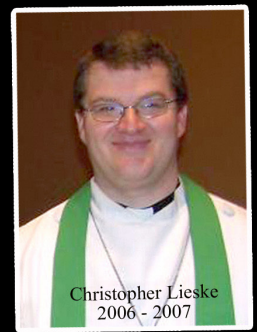




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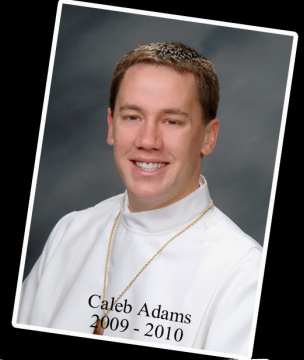
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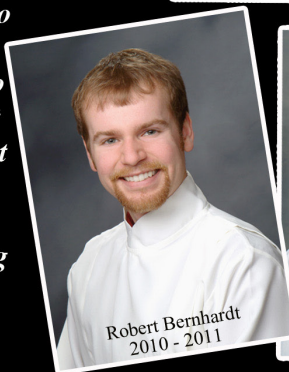
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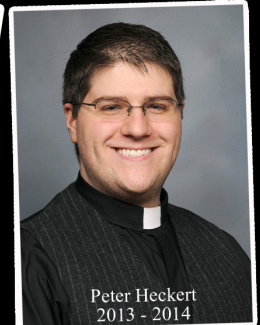
Robert Bernhardt  
2010 - 2011



Nycholas Greig  
2011 - 2012



Joel Eden  
2012 - 2013



Peter Heckert  
2013 - 2014

*Whoever speaks, as one who  
speaks oracles of God;  
whoever serves, as one who  
serves by the strength that  
God supplies—in order that  
in everything God may be  
glorified through  
Jesus Christ. To him belong  
glory and dominion  
forever and ever. Amen  
1 Peter 4:11*

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