

in the foyer. Please sign up for 3 weeks (2 weeks if you take a holiday). If you haven't taken a holiday in a few years, please take a turn. Holidays for 2027 are Palm Sunday week, (which includes Maundy Thursday and Good Friday), Easter, and the week of Christmas. We welcome anyone new to our group. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Donna Bierlein at 989-233-9323.

Job Opening: Job Opening: Parish Music (part time position). Interested candidates should call/text Lisa Schultz at (989) 529-1710..

What is the St. Michael's Lutheran Church Endowment? An endowment is like a permanent savings account for a church or charity. The original money is never spent; instead, it is invested to make more money, and the earnings are used to pay for needs of the church. The more investment, the more returns are dispersed. A gift given to the Endowment Fund is a FOREVER gift. Question? Contact Pam Bierlein, Jean Rodammer, Jeff Hecht, Dave Rodammer or Kevin Kern.

Notes from the School

Come and support your Raiders next week!
Boys Soccer.....
Mon. Oct 5th.....@ Immanuel/Trinity 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 8th & 10th.... TCLL Tournament @ St. Lorenz
Girls Volleyball.....
Mon. Oct 5th..... vs. Immanuel/Trinity 4:30 p.m.
Oct. 9th & 10th..... TCLL Tournament
Cross Country.....
Mon. Oct 5th.....Red October Run @ Mayville
Sun. Oct. 11th..... State Meet @ New Boston

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "Covered" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler; Proper Attire

Required: how God covers us with the robe of Christ's perfect righteousness. Matthew 22:11-12

Attendance

September 27th.(175th Celebration) 868

Prayers

Health

*Don Basel; Matt Brown; Dana Buchinger;
Gretchen Comstock; Michelle DeCoe;
Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Diane Karst;
Jim Karst; Margaret Schemm; Mike Weiss*

Mission

Rev. Matthew and Kali Wood serve on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Indonesia, based in Medan, the LCMS Asia region as an area facilitator with responsibilities in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia and Australia, and also works with local church leaders to develop ministry strategies to connect local church partners with LCMS districts, circuits, congregations, Recognized Service Organizations and individuals.

Prayer of the Day

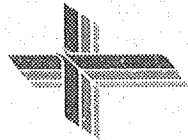
"Gracious God, the strength of all who put their trust
in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Because we can do no good thing
without Your help, grant us Your grace so we may keep Your Commandments
and please You by our words and actions;
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."



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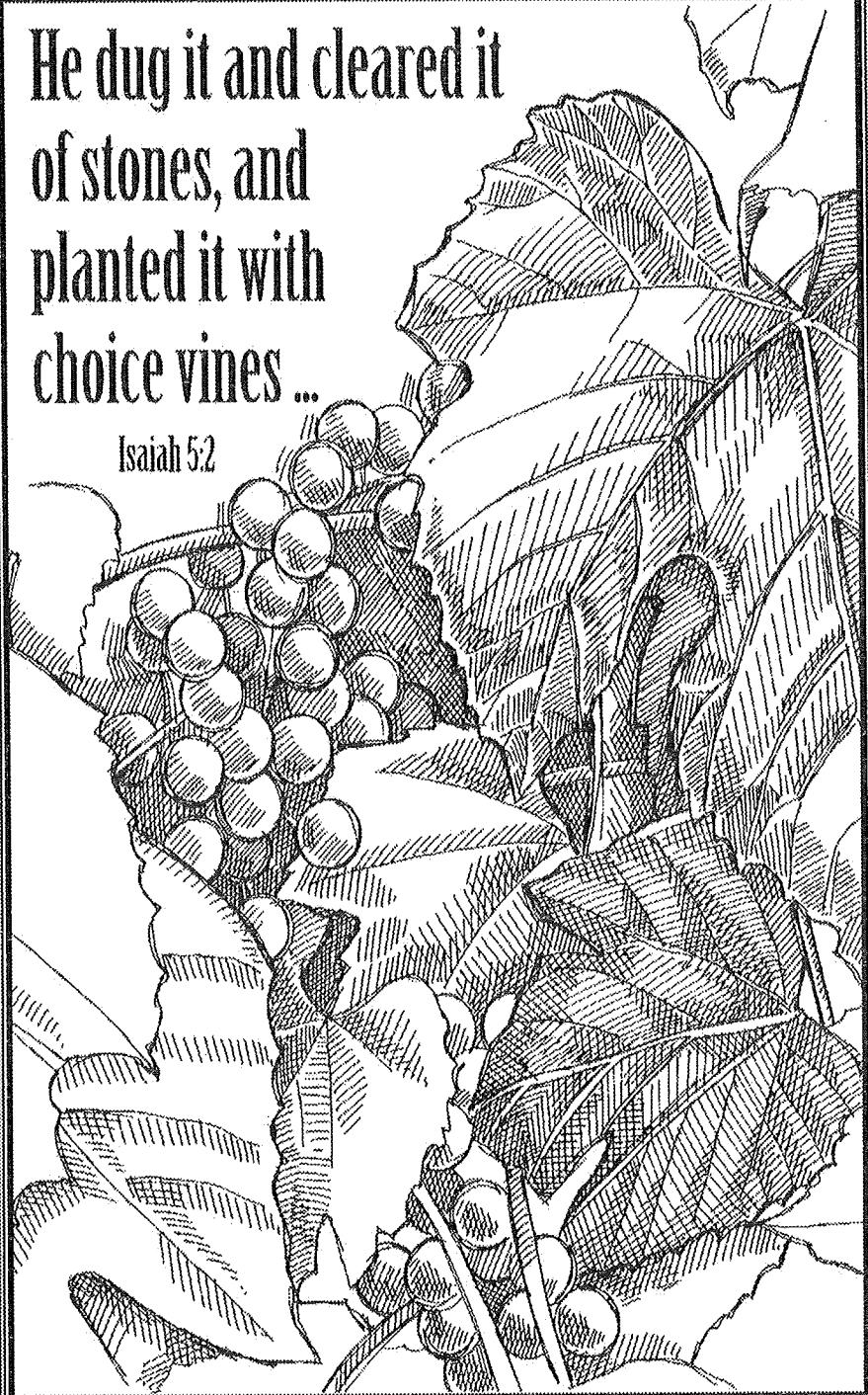
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"The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod"



**He dug it and cleared it
of stones, and
planted it with
choice vines ...**

Isaiah 5:2



Nineteenth Sunday After
Pentecost
October 4th, 2026

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns 609, 544, 912
10:30 Hymns 609, 544, 570, 420, 912
Wed. Hymns..... 890, 691

Sermon

"Redeemed for Fruitfulness"
Pastor Mark Auernhamer

Scripture Readings

Is. 5:1-7: I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it. The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Philip. 3:4-14: Though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Matt. 21:33-46: Jesus said,“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he

said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Serving in Worship Today

Elders Kevin Kern; Ben Bekemeier,
Mark Schiefer, Jason Hecht
Organist Donna Haubenstricker
Usher Ron Spiekerman; Paul Kern
Altar Guild Mary Reinbold, Delores Landskroener
Financial Secretary Becky Squanda
Acolytes Cambel Rodammer, Sutton Keinath

Wednesday

Elders Rodney Hecht
Pianist. Heiki Palm
Usher Paul Kern

This week at St. Michael’s

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Mon Mary Martha 7 p.m.
Tue Elders 7 p.m.
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed Sisters of Ruth 10:30 a.m.
Communion 7 p.m.
Thurs ECC 6:15 a.m.
Next Sun. Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.

Portals of Prayer: The new edition for October - December is available at all the exits.

Church Council Monday, Oct. 12th at 7:00; Voters after worship October 25th. Nomination of Officers is on the agenda.

Mary Martha will assemble health and school kits on October 5 at 7 pm to be delivered to Orphan Grain Train-Michigan in Sebewaing. Willing hands are welcome to help complete this task. Come and enjoy fellowship while serving the Lord.

Sisters of Ruth will be going to the CountryView Store in Snover on Wed. October 7th. We will meet at the church and leave at 10:30 a.m., and have lunch at the store. If you have any questions, please contact Luann.

Jameson’s Halloween Town of Lessing Oct. 10th, 4-7 in the park by the school. \$10/ child. More information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

It’s LLL Greenery Sale time! You can order the beautiful Grave Blankets \$50, and Wreaths \$30, call or text Bruce 989-798-8073 or Jim 989-670-1710.

Altar Guild: Sign up for 2027 will begin Sunday, October 11th. The calendar will be on the table