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***PASTOR'S PAGE...***

It's the end of October, with Halloween rapidly approaching, and when I was at the store yesterday, there were Christmas decorations everywhere! So begins November, the "holiday season", and a time when we get sandwiched between conflicting social ideals.

November has become a strange month for us in the US; it is the time when we are simultaneously encouraged to give thanks and to want more. Thanksgiving and "Black" Friday are the classic example. One goes from the archetypal large family meal and themes of gratitude to rising early and fighting others for the best "deals" on the most stuff. From thinking gratefully of all that we have been blessed with to wanting and buying more stuff, newer stuff, bigger stuff, and better stuff.

Advertising shows us first the lovely family gathering we should be having with fall decorations and people around a table with lots of food, and then bombards us with all the things we can and should be buying for those people and that they should be buying for us. Just think of all the things that you don't have, that you've been missing out on, that you *need*. Think of all of the things that it just won't be Christmas without. Advertising that prompts us to want, want, want, and to spend, spend, spend.

Now, don't get me wrong, giving gifts to those we love is great. Taking advantage of Black Friday sales is a necessity for some people to buy what they need; things that would otherwise be a hardship or impossible to obtain. This is an economic reality and important. That being said, the sudden change between "thanks" and "more" can give one whiplash.

It is hard, the competing messages of practicing gratitude v. consuming more. Consumption is an ingrained part of our culture. And yet, it is important to cultivate a practice of gratitude and hold onto it, particularly through the coming season of celebration, consumption, and, sometimes, excess. It is a good re-orienting step to ground ourselves with each day; it needn't take a long time. It can also be a helpful practice to reflect on the inter-play of our gratitude and consumption as we go about our planning and buying, perhaps raise it up in prayer. How can your practices of spending and thankfulness reflect your faith?

**ORDER FORM**  
***POINSETTIAS***  
**\$8.00 each**

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias for me. I am giving it/them:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take the plant(s) with me. \_\_\_\_\_ Please deliver the plant(s) to shut-ins.

Orders are to be into the church office by Dec 4th.  
Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each Poinsettia ordered.  
Or call church office @ 402-476-3888

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November can be challenging in other ways. It is the beginning of a season when we are constantly confronted with images and stories of these ideal family gatherings where everyone enjoys gathering around turkey and pumpkin pie, or whatever traditional foods one might have. And yet, for so many people, Thanksgiving is not like this. Some families are fractured and this time emphasizes those disconnects; some grieve the loss of someone who has died and who would formally have been an integral part of their celebrations and thanksgiving, some find themselves alone or with friends or not having those "traditions" that are projected as ideal. If this is you, you are not alone. Please don't hesitate to reach out; I would love to lift you up in prayer.

May all of us, in a month that can become a whirlwind of holiday preparation, continue to be grounded through our faith in God who is the source of our lives.

### Friedens to serve FEAST November 18th

Members of the Social Ministry Team will be serving the noon meal at \*FEAST at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 18th. Look for a sign-up sheet for food items needed in the entryway to the sanctuary. Thanks for your help!!

\*FEAST is a prison ministry program to reintegrate inmates into society through Christian fellowship with the goal of helping them become self-sufficient through a responsible Christian example. Individuals from the Community Correctional Center of Lincoln (CCCL) are picked up by volunteer members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, take part in the 10:45 am worship service then eat a noon meal with classes or other programming to follow. Family members, mentors and other volunteers also attend worship and lunch. Usual attendance is 85-90.

### Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry...Recent Updates:

If you have some expired non-perishable food items you may include these in your donations to the Food Pantry. The Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry (LLFP) will sort out what they can and can not use.

Save Best Choice Labels – these will be taken to the Lutheran Food Pantry. The LLFP gives these labels to Food Net who, in turn, uses these to buy food for the Food Net program.

### PRAYER CHAIN...



The Prayer Chain at

Friedens a vital part of the ministry we do. Caring for others in general, but especially for those in our church family, is what we are called to do. You are needed. Please call Maxine Pfrimmer (402-464-3024) and tell her you would love to be part of the prayer chain.

### Adult Choir...

Will be starting in October and we are always looking for new members. If you like to sing, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Karen Scribner at 402-499-8365.



### Youth Choir...

If you are 5 or older, we would love to have you in our Youth Choir. If you know children in that age group please invite them to come.

### Pantry Needs...

#### Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" includes:

Canned fruit, Canned peas, Cereal, Peanut butter, Pork and beans, Saltine crackers, Any shelf stable food items.

Manual can openers (gently used or new)

Personal care items (toilet paper, shampoo, bath/bar soap, lotion - even the sample size items) Money donations are always appreciated.



## DECEMBER WORSHIP

### LEADERS

#### Altar Guild

Kathy Holland & Jodi Urban

#### Head Usher

Gary Hardt

#### Communion Assistant

2 — Carolyn Hogg

16 — Sue Busker

24 — Karen Scribner

#### Lectors

2 — Linda Dreith

9 — Margaret Vogt

16 — Linda Dreith

23 — Kathy Holland

24 — Karen Rempe

30 — Kathy Holland

#### Greeters

2 — Irene Newhouse & Maria Kildau

9 — Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier

16 — JoAnn Ninneman & Jimmy Oltmer

23 — Rempe Family

24 — Deb Marr & Neoma Jones

30 — Linda Dreith & Carol Boellstorff



**Has your Email changed?** If so, please let the office know by sending an email to ...  
**Office@friedens.org**



## NOVEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (01) Bonnie Zweerink
- (02) Rick Holland
- (03) Brad & Elizabeth King (39 Yrs)
- (04) Marian Ripenburg
- (06) Charlotte Hogg
- (07) Frances Zessin
- (14) Scott & Linda Dreith (33 Yrs)
- (19) Sharon Trout
- (19) Greg & Kim Neemann (42 Yrs)
- (21) Jeremy Erickson
- (21) Adam Vollenweider
- (23) Gisela Niebuhr

**Celebrate!**  
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## NOVEMBER WORSHIP

### 2018 LEADERS

#### Altar Guild

Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier

#### Head Usher

Gary Hardt

#### Communion Assistant

- 4 — Becky Roberts
- 18 — Peggy Russell
- 21 — Maxine Pfrimmer
- 25 — Fran Zessin

#### Lectors

- 4 — Margaret Vogt
- 11 — Linda Dreith
- 18 — Linda Dreith
- 21 — Maxine Pfrimmer
- 25 — Kathy Holland

#### Greeters

- 4 — Alma Wilson & Judy Trampe
- 11 — Maxine Pfrimmer & Deb Marr
- 18 — Chuck & Lori Schwahn
- 21 — Steve & Peggy Russell
- 25 — Amy Rezny & Joyce Boerger



### NOVEMBER Opportunities to Grow in Faith

The adult forum Sunday @ 9:30 continues to have lively intergenerational explorations of the Books of Acts & the early church..

**Come join us!**

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers...** Please let the church office know if there has been a birth, baptism, marriage or death in your family that you would like to share. Let us know if someone is hospitalized or needs our prayers. With your permission, this request will be added to the list of Prayer Concerns in the Sunday bulletin. If you would like immediate prayers for the individual, the office will initiate the Prayer Chain.

HIPPA regulations do not allow a hospital to notify the church if someone in our congregation is hospitalized. Please call the church office with this information at 402-476-3888 or email at [office@friedens.org](mailto:office@friedens.org). You can also call the Pastor @ (316)371-0803, in case of an emergency.



#### Prayers....

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| Jane Swann      | Gerri Miller                                 |
| Gary Overfiled  | Tim Bukoski                                  |
| Verlene Owens   | Halley Hansen                                |
| Greg Zessin     | Bud Bergen                                   |
| Kimberly Render | Larrie Schmidt                               |
| Donna Splichal  | Donna Hershey                                |
| Robin Michael   | Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister)     |
|                 | Dean & Angie Dreith (Scott Dreith's Brother) |



*Sending Healing Prayers*

#### New Director of Music at Friedens...

We are very excited to  
**welcome Janet Malone**  
to Friedens'.

To celebrate her first Sunday with us, we invite you to join us for worship on November 4th and at a cookie & coffee reception after worship to welcome her.



#### Thank you...

We want to say thank you for all of the prayers and Pastor Kate visits during Dick's illness and hospitalizations. He is doing very well and is on the road to a complete recovery.

**We are so very grateful!**  
Sue and Dick Busker

#### When we give freely.....

We are able to be a part of God's Kingdom work at Friedens, in Lincoln and around the world. We serve an incredibly generous God and count it a privilege to give back to God what has been generously given to us.

**Year To Date Report:** September, 2018

Receipts \$ 68,133.79

Disbursements \$ 71,103.49

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

A special door offering will be taken at Sunday Worship November 18th to help purchase food baskets for Friedens members in need. You may also contribute to this project any time in November by sending your donation to the Church Office, designated for "Thanksgiving Food Baskets." Our goal is to raise \$200 to assist 6 families.



### Thanksgiving Service

We will gather on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving to pray, give thanks to God for our many blessings, and break bread together in the Lord's Supper. This service will be a bit more interactive than our Sunday morning worship. Our offering will focus on the Food Pantry. Please bring toilet paper—it's a needed item!

Following the service we will have our customary Pie Social. For this each person is invited to bring two pies. Some of the pies are put out for folks to enjoy with coffee and conversation. The remaining pies will be taken to the People's City Mission for them to enjoy with their Thanksgiving Meal. These donated pies are always greatly appreciated. **We look forward to seeing you on the 21st of November at 7pm.**

### Hanging of the Greens

Come join us as we decorate the sanctuary and fellowship hall for the Advent/Christmas season. Many hands make light work and there's something that people of most ages and abilities can help with. So, come hang out, get in "the Christmas spirit", and listen to some Christmas music (the only time you'll hear it in church until the end of Advent ;) ) **December 1st at 10:00 am.**



### Upcoming dates...

- November 4 — All Saints Day
- November 8 — Council Meeting
- December 9 — German Service
- December 13 — Council Meeting
- December 16 — Children's Service
- December 24 — Christmas Eve Service