

# Friedens MESSENGER

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## *PASTOR'S PAGE...*

Dear Friedens Family,

Every big project of the Friedens congregation takes a special leader to make it happen. It also takes a lot of helpers.

Julie Erickson has been planning, advertising and leading Vacation Bible School and Sunday School for little ones for many years. She did it again this year. Thanks Julie!

Fran Zessin has been in charge of the annual yard sale for many years. She is at it again. I watch with admiration as her “elves” assist in gathering all the stuff that makes up the sale. Just a short visit to the basement of the office building will impress you with what’s being done and may even make you tired just thinking about what’s ahead! I know she relies on many of you to help make the sale a success. Thank’s Fran!

Kathy Holland is like an additional staff member at Friedens. She has been our neighborhood liaison for many years and that continues. She represents us with the neighborhood association, and she never stops visiting people who need a visit. I know she is not the only one, but she stands out as someone who never stops looking out for the elderly people who we call “shut-ins.” Thank you Kathy!

It would not be right for me to celebrate our leading volunteers without mentioning Gary Hardt. Who doesn’t know what Gary does? Every morning he functions as head usher, coffee maker, candle lighter, bell ringer, snack server, one man projection crew, etc. I leave the list “unending” because I know there are things he does routinely that I don’t even know about. Thanks Gary!

New to the list is Chuck Spencer. He took care of our neighbors yard and continues to do that. He works with Fran to make our church yard beautiful. Has anyone not noticed the flowers?

It is also obvious that the members of Friedens are proud of what many volunteers do. I received a call from Charlotte Hogg this week and her call brought back memories of Bob and Carolyn seated in the middle pews near the front, and Bob’s great sense of humor. He lovingly teased everyone he met. Charlotte said she is emptying a storage unit and she knows Bob would want her to donate the contents to the yard sale. He is still watching what we do, and he is still proud of his Friedens family. Charlotte reports that Carolyn is doing well and for that we give thanks.

Since the day I arrived at Friedens I have known that this place is a “beehive” of activity. At my age it is difficult to be one of the worker bees. But I can be one of those who celebrates the work that gets done. To all of you I say “Thank You for what you do for us and for our Lord.”

To God be the glory, great things he is doing.

Pastor Bud

**David Mayen, Sudan Refugee, spoke at Friedens Church Service, August 6th**



David was born in Sudan but grew up in other nations. He migrated to Ethiopia in 1987 and stayed there for four years. After four years in Ethiopia, cold war involved Ethiopia and forced many out of Ethiopia in 1991 back to Sudan. He continued with his journey from Ethiopia to Kenya. He stayed in Kenya for nine years and relocated to the USA in 2001.

Now , he is leading South Sudanese people in Omaha. This group worship in Dinka, the language of the Dinka tribe. He is also a founder of SHOHF (Serving Hands of Hope Foundation).

Friedens was so grateful to hear his overwhelming life story. We could have listened to him talk about his life experiences for a much longer time.

One of his first experiences in New York was to see snow. His comment on snow was not in the least favorable.

We hope to hear him again in the near future.



**Monthly Report: July 2023**

**Receipts: \$20,424.00**

**Disbursements: \$11,944.21**

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

**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)

Donna Splichal

Verlene Owens

Molly Lyons

Jean Wheat

Sharon Trout

Joyce Boerger

Michael Ernst

Dennis Michalski

Carolyn Hogg

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Family & Friends of Robert Harris (son of Rick Harris)

Family & Friends of Dorothy Loos (member of Friedens)

Family & Friends of Eunice Worster (member of Friedens)



*Sending Healing Prayers*

### Robert Harris

Robert Harris, Rick Harris' son, age 38, passed away on July 28th. A memorial service was held on Monday, August 14th, at Friedens Lutheran Church at 1:00pm. A luncheon followed in the Fellowship Hall. Prayers and condolences to Robert's family.

*Rest In Peace*

### Dorothy Loos

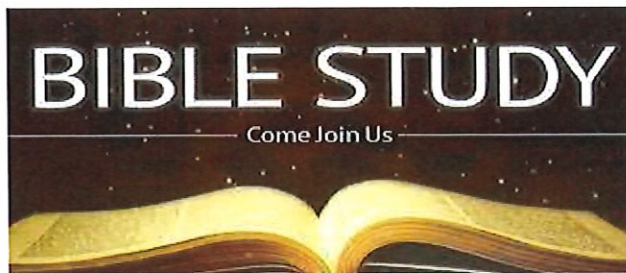
Dorothy Loos, age 101, passed away on August 4th. Dorothy was a very long time member of Friedens Lutheran Church. A funeral service was held at Lincoln Memorial Funeral Home on August 10th at 10:00am. Prayers and condolences to Dorothy's family.

*Rest In Peace*

### Eunice Worster

Eunice Worster, age 92, passed away on August 8th. Eunice was a very long time member of Friedens Lutheran Church. Visitation will be Friday, August 18th, 12-8pm and Saturday, 9:30-10:30am and funeral will follow at 10:30am, all at Butherus, Maser, & Love Funeral Home, 4040 A Street, Lincoln, NE. Prayers and condolences to Eunice's family.

*Rest In Peace*



Weekly Breakfast Bible Study for men and women every Saturday morning at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Free Bibles available or bring your favorite Bible. Join us for coffee and a light breakfast.



Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study

Deb Schellhorn has started a Women's Bible study on the book of Galations. The next gathering will be October 1st in the Annex kitchen. We will meet once a month (the first Sunday of the month). Please call Deb (402-540-3014) with any questions.



"We Care" Door Offering"

Our Friedens families at times need help. This door offering will be on the first Sunday of every month. These donations will be for Friedens family only. We all know that the cost of everything has raised substantially (rent, utilities, food, medical, and so much more).

This box which is in the back of the church says it all, "We Care". Please think about it, pray about it, and give from your hearts for those who need our help. Friedens has already helped two families.

Please be sure to note your giving to the "We Care" fund if using a check or envelope.

Any questions can be forwarded to Fran Zessin (402-314-0800) or Kathy Holland (402-310-9153)

**Friedens Sunday  
School/Neighborhood/Church Picnic  
6th & D Streets  
Sunday September 11th 3:00pm to 7:00pm**



***For the kids!!!!***  
**BOUNCE HOUSE!**  
**18' DUAL SLIDE!**  
**50' ULTIMATE OBSTACLE COURSE!**  
**ROCK CLIMBING WALL!**  
**FACE PAINTING!**

**GAMES**

We will have games for all ages starting at 3:00pm and running until 5:00pm.

**PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES**

**FOOD**

We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, and dinner will start at 5:00pm

**BINGO**

Bingo will start after dinner at 6:00pm. Bingo prizes include: grocery items, sunglasses, toys, cell phone accessories, novelty items, restaurant gift certificates and many others!!!!

The Youth Group will be selling

**SNOWCONES!**

**ICE CREAM SANDWICHES!**

**POPCORN!**

**ICE CREAM BARS!**

**POP!**

This year's picnic is made possible by a very generous gift from the Don & Sandy Everett family and their Runza Restaurants.

*Please plan on attending and feel free to bring a friend(s)!*

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Friedens Lutheran Church



## Vacation Bible School

July 12-15, 2023.



This year VBS was held on July 12-15 at Friedens Lutheran Church. Friedens and Grace joined together to provide the experience for the children. The VBS Curriculum was called “Stellar-Shine Jesus 'Light”. The children learned what it means to “Shine Jesus Light” through Bible Adventures, Imagination Station (Science lessons), outdoor games, music and snacks. “Shining Jesus’Light” included helping other people and to think about the feelings or situations that other people may be experiencing. Discussions included what we can do if someone is sad, frightened or lonely. They also learned about God’s beautiful universe, the planets, stars and galaxies.

Our mission project for VBS this year was collecting personal hygiene items for Bridges to Hope. We continued it for 3 more weeks so that our church family had the opportunity to donate towards this project as well.

In 1 Corinthians, chapter 12 the Bible talks about the many parts of “The body of Christ”. In preparation for VBS and during the VBS week, that chapter was in my mind a lot. There are many “parts” to providing VBS. I started counting how many people were involved with making VBS happen-this includes prayer, gathering materials, donating time, money, muscle, planning lessons, teaching, preparing snacks, suggesting ideas when experiments weren’t working, decorating, cleaning up....I could go on and on. As I tried to count all of the parts of Christ’s body, I was up over 20 adults and 4 teen helpers. I realized I couldn’t accurately count everyone involved, because we are all parts of Christ’s body and there are so many parts that people were providing.

I want to thank everyone who made VBS possible. Working together we touched the lives of the children as well as our church family members. A huge and sincere “Thank you” to all of you who helped. The children saw how to “Shine Jesus’ Light” through all of you.

Julie Erickson



## *AUGUST Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- (01) Barbara Brunken
- (02) Haylee Rutt
- ((03) Verlene Owens
- (04) Al Scribner
- (06) Christopher Young
- (06) David & Jane Cosier (57 Yrs)
- (08) Susan Busker
- (09) Callen Hauschild
- (11) Carolyn Hogg
- (12) Shawn & Rachel Johanson (17 Yrs)
- (14) Bonnie Nelson
- (14) Bob & Marge Wessels (68 yrs)
- (15) Linda Koch
- (17) Wilder & Verlene Owens (32 Yrs)
- (18) Michael Selvage
- (20) Joseph Towns
- (20) Karen Scribner
- (23) Kathie Svoboda
- (26) Jean Wheat
- (27) Olivia Brown
- (30) Fran Harrington



*Best  
Wishes!*

## ***AUGUST WORSHIP***

### ***LEADERS***

#### **Altar Guild**

Jodi Urban & Kathy Holland

#### **Head Usher**

Gary Hardt

#### **Lectors**

8-6 Peggy Russell

8-13 Maxine Pfrimmer

8-20 Irene Newhouse

8-27 Steve Russell

#### **Cantors**

8-6 Karen Scribner

8-13 Abby Newhouse

8-20 Jodi Urban

8-27 Patrick Crawford

#### **Counters**

Deb Marr & Neoma Jones

### **Garage Sale 2023**

Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped make our garage sale so successful again this year.

There will be a full report in September's Messenger by our Garage Sale queen, Fran Zessin.

We exceeded other years again by hitting the \$5500 mark.

We are sooooo proud of all involved.

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### Lutheran World Relief School Kits

How are School Kits Used? Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. (Source: LWR website)

Once again, Friedens will be assembling School Kits this fall. If you are out shopping and you find school items on sale, below is a list of items that are to be included in each School Kit.

**Scissors, blunt (not sharp edge)**

**Erasers (2 ½ ")**

**Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink (no gel ink)**

**70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper**

**Crayons, box of 16 or 24**

**Pencil sharpeners**

**Pencils, #2, unsharpened**

**30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other**

Other instructions: We are asked to not donate items with any religious symbols or messages. Also no items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols; and no camouflage.

We will be collecting items through October. We will count donated items regularly. Please check the bulletin and newsletter for announcements about items most needed.



Thank you by Social Ministry