

# Friedens MESSENGER

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## *PASTOR'S PAGE...*

Dear Friedens Family,

Halloween has come and gone for another year. Each year I hear a few young parents agonizing over whether, or not, to allow their children to go trick or treating. Friends have told them that Halloween is evil and that evil spirits are all around. Therefore, they are urged to protect their children by keeping them home where they will be safe.

Immigrants came to America from Europe, bringing Halloween traditions and ideas with them. Through the years Halloween has morphed into what it is today, haunted houses to make money, scary costumes for costume parties, and trick or treating to entertain our children.

It is helpful to me to make a connection between Halloween (all hallows eve) and All Saints Day. On November 6 we will celebrate All Saints Day in our worship service at Friedens. We will light a candle for each of the people we have lost in death during the past year. The candles will float in the baptismal font to remind us that these friends died in hope. That hope is generated by the gospel we preach with our words and our lives. In baptism God made us his people and the Spirit of God came to live in us and through us for the sake of all we meet. Since the Holy Spirit lives in us, there is no room for any other spirits. Evil has given way to good, death has given way to life.

Then we will also light a candle in honor of friends and family we have lost to death. It is intended to fill our memories with hope and joy as we do the simple task of lighting a candle. We do so because we believe, and we trust that they are safe, secure, and at home in the arms of our loving God.

The church year is moving onward very quickly. At the end of November we will celebrate the first Sunday in Advent. It will be time to set up our stable for another year and to begin our journey to Christmas when we will celebrate the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem. We will travel with love, joy, hope and peace because the baby Jesus is our Savior. Advent begins for us the bigger journey to the cross and beyond. It is all to help us remember that we are servants of a resurrected Lord and we are a resurrection people.

It was a delight to enter the sanctuary last Sunday and see the red (Reformation) paraments. It will be another delight this Sunday to see the white paraments for All Saints Sunday. The colors of the church year mark our progress on the journey to the cross of Christ on Good Friday. May God bless us as we travel together.

Pastor Bud



### Message from our Council President

As we go into our Thanksgiving and Christmas worship seasons, we are blessed to have a finished lift, enabling a lot more people to enjoy all of those services live in our Sanctuary.

Thanksgiving Eve, German Christmas program, Children's Christmas program and Christmas Eve Worship service. Are among our special services coming up. We hope that you and your families will have the opportunity to come and worship with us here at Friedens in our Sanctuary.

All of the decorations and music that will fill our Sanctuary this time of year, will make it a blessed time of year. Bring your family and bring your friends, and worship with us here at Friedens this Holiday season.

The new lift is ready, and we would love to see it get used bringing people into our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

We hope that you will take the time to worship with us this Thanksgiving and Christmas season here at Friedens Lutheran Church. We look forward to worshipping with you.

Gary Hardt

Council President

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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)

### Prayers....

Donna Splichal

Verlene Owens

Molly Lyons

Jean Wheat

Sharon Trout

Kimberly Render

Ron McKinney

Carolyn Hogg

Billie Hansen



Barbie Creveling & her Family (Mother-In-Law of Anne Melang-Thoren)

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Simon Crawford (Patrick Crawford's grandson)

*Sending Healing Prayers*

Friends and Family of Nancy Carpenter (sister of Cindy Worster)

### Thank You to Supply Pastors

Pastor Bud and Ruth took a very much needed vacation to visit children and grandchildren. During his absence, Pastor David Sites and Pastor Vickie Steffes filled in for Pastor Bud. They both did a wonderful job and are very grateful for their help. Thanks again to Pastor David and Pastor Vickie. We were so pleased to know that Pastor Bud and Ruth were able to create new memories to their extended family.

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

We are able to be a part of God's 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 been given to us.

**Monthly Report: October 2022**

**Receipts: \$ 14,173.00**

**Disbursements: \$ 9,566.50**





### Men's Fellowship/Bible Study

Pastor Bud would like to invite interested men from Friedens for a **Fellowship Bible study at 9:00am on Saturday, November 19th, in the Fellowship Hall at Friedens.** Pick up a free Bible and enjoy a cup of coffee, a cinnamon roll, juice, and a short Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. Pastor Bud is hoping many of you will join him for a monthly fellowship gathering.

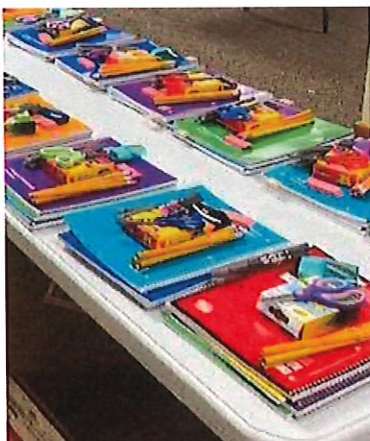
Come and bring a friend!

**Note: The date of the Bible Study is the 3rd Saturday this month rather than 2nd Saturday as usual.**

### School Kits for Lutheran World Relief—Final Report

Our School Kits have been assembled and transported to Magnum Trucking Company in Omaha. (Thanks Dick Busker!) From there they will be sent on to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We assembled 160 kits this year! In the months to come, we will know what continent and the location of where our kits were distributed. Once again, thanks for your support of this project!

Note: We purchased vinyl back-pack bags to hold supplies for each school kit. Like many items, the cost of these bags increased this year. The cost of 150 bags was \$200.00. If you are so inclined and would like to support the final stage of this project, contact the office or place your donation in the offering plate, designating it to LWR School Kits. Thank you!



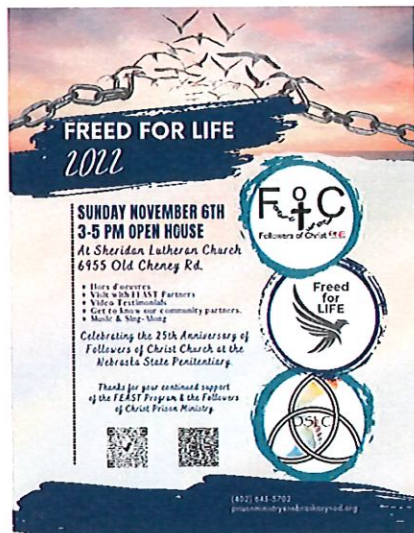
## Freed for Life Event

In 1997 the bishop came to Pastor Bud with a letter of call to begin Prison Ministry at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. He started the Followers of Christ prison congregation and soon after started Bridges to Hope.

On Sunday, November 6th, we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of this ministry with a “party” from 3:00 to 5:00pm at Sheridan Lutheran Church. There will be hors d’oeuvres and an anniversary cake. The informal setting will allow for conversations with prisoners from the FEAST program and from time to time a prisoner’s story will show on the screens in the Family Life Center.

There is no charge. It is a fundraiser based on donations.

In next month’s Messenger, we will expand on the details of this wonderful celebration.



## 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.

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 23rd of November at 7pm.**



# *NOVEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries*

(01) Bonnie Zweerink

(2) Rick Holland

(2) Haylee Zweerink

(04) Marian Ripenburg

(06) Charlotte Hogg

(07) Fran Zessin

(14) Scott and Linda Dreith (37 Yrs)

(19) Sharon Trout

(19) Greg and Kim Neemann (46 Yrs)

(21) Jeremy Erickson

(21) Adam Vollenweider

# *NOVEMBER WORSHIP*

## ***LEADERS***

### **Altar Guild**

Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier

### **Head Usher**

Gary Hardt

### **Lectors**

11-6 Anna Fullerton

11-13 Ken Schmidt

11-20 Mark Grimes

11-23 Steve Russell

11-27 Megan Grimes

### **Cantors**

11-6 Karen Scribner

11-13 Jodi Urban

11-20 Abby Newhouse

11-23 Steve Russell

11-27 Patrick Crawford

### **Counters**

Irene and Abby Newhouse



### **All Hands Needed**

An all church cleaning on December 10th—  
9am— until? It will be dusting and vacuuming.  
If you would like to bring your own vacuum  
that would be great. We will have dusting  
supplies. If you have any questions, please  
contact Fran Zessin (402-314-0800)

## 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 help us decorate, Saturday, November 26th at 10:00am.



### **Fröhliche Weihnachten!**

#### German Christmas Service

Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church

540 "D" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Free Event – All Are Welcome

The Rt Rev. Michael Melchizedek will provide

the German dialogue.

Pastor Bud Christenson will provide the English dialogue.

This family event welcomes everyone to enjoy a Christmas service of words and songs in English and German. We will also be live streaming the service on [facebook.com/friedenslincoln](https://www.facebook.com/friedenslincoln)

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**Or call church office @ 402-476-3888**