

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

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Dear Friedens Family,

Merry Christmas! Yes, Merry Christmas! I don't like to let Christmas slip away too easily. Today is just the fourth day of Christmas. We have eight days to go.

When our children were small we had a family practice of bringing a little gift to one of our neighbors on each of the twelve days of Christmas. We sat together in the evening, in front of the fireplace, and sang "The Twelve Days of Christmas." The gifts were baked goods, or things we made by hand to commemorate the season. Children have a way of bringing out the best in us.

On the news tonight we heard the story of a man in the south who runs a barbecue place by day and repairs cars by night. He lives in a blighted neighborhood and gives cars away to people who really need them. To date he has repaired and given away 60 cars. This year he plans to give a car away on each of the twelve days of Christmas. The story has generated a number of donated cars so his generous and compassionate heart has new friends eager to assist. It's the Christmas way!

As we meet our neighbors at our apartment building we all tend to ask each other, "How was your Christmas?" The answer is almost always, "Oh, it was good." Then we hear about family gatherings with children and grandchildren, gifts galore, often, too many, and tables laden with traditional Christmas food. Or, we hear the consequences of Covid-19: we couldn't get together because this family, or that family, is stuck at home with Covid. But then, we tell each other, we did have a nice zoom family party.

That was the story in our family. While we couldn't be together to share hugs and warm happy greetings, we still could be together via zoom. Our son, Matt, arranged the meeting and sent a link to all of us. You know the drill. We all checked in at the appointed time, and after the usual round of greetings, minus the hugs, we soon were talking over each other in an effort to "catch up."

Technology is an amazing gift, in spite of some of the evils that come with it. Technology is not responsible for those evils. Some people seem to spend their time thinking up new ways to cheat others. We warn one another of scams we all need to be aware of. On the other hand, Covid-19 has taught us the value and the importance of the gifts that have come to us. For example, I get thank you letters from people I have never met, and probably will never meet, who appreciate our worship even though they are many miles away. Facebook worship keeps us in touch.

Friedens Lutheran Church exists because of the Spirit of Christmas that carries us through the Christmas Season into the new year. We look forward to 2022. Our Lord, born in a stable of the virgin Mary, suffered at the hands of leaders who didn't know what they were doing, died on the cross of a common criminal, rose from the dead by the power of God, and lives and reigns for all eternity. That gives us peace, fills us with hope, and blesses us with a generous spirit as we begin this new year. Merry, Merry Christmas to all and to all a Happy and a Blessed New Year!

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

New Lift Project

The lift project is moving along, with the project making some notable progress. The old handicap doorway has been removed, and the stained glass window that was behind the old lift canopy, has been relocated to its place. (See picture below). The carpet that was in front of the handicap entrance, has been removed and the wood floor under that carpet has been refinished. The next move on the inside, will be to move 3 rows of pews up to that area, to create the new entrance area in the sanctuary for the new lift. That will be done next week. On the outside, the old lift shaft has been demolished and removed, and footings for the new lift shaft have been poured and the new shaft forms are in place for pouring next week, when the temps will be in the 40's and 50's. At that point, the lift manufacture will come out and measure the walls of the new shaft, and order the new lift. While we are waiting for the lift to be delivered, Cheever will be building the walls of the enclosure, and making the entrance into the sanctuary. As it is going now, we should be pretty close to being on target for a March 1st completion, if there are no delays with the delivery of the lift. As far as fund raising, we are on target for that also. Through the generosity of our members, former members, and friends of Friedens, we have raised to date \$118,000 of our estimated \$130,000 goal. Our goal of having this lift paid for when it is done, is more than reachable. If you haven't yet, and would like to make a donation to our new lift project, we would love to have your help. We are within \$12,000 of our goal, so any and all donations will help us get to that \$130,000 cost. You can mail your donation to the church office, drop it in the offering plate at church or make it electronically on line on the friedens.org website. How ever you make your donation, please mark it "Lift Fund". With everyone's help, members, former members, and friends, we will have our new lift operation in 2 months and we will have it 100% paid for, with no debt to Friedens. We appreciate your help. Your response has been unbelievable. Thank you.

Gary Hardt-President
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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

Prayers....

Donna Splichal	Verlene Owens	Kimberly Render	Roy McKinney
Larrie Schmidt	Lee Alexander	Molly Lyons	Sharon Trout
Reece Nelsen	Dorothy Loos	Crystal Anderson	Marie Kildau
Bob Hogg	Carolyn Hogg	Gisela Niebuhr	Ron Vogt
Jean Wheat			

Jeanette Christofferson (Jean Wheat's twin sister)

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

Janice Zackery (Crystal Anderson's mother)

Miles Bratvold (newborn of Lori Schwahn's nephew, Ryan Bratvold)

Myron & Deb Schellhorn (Daughter & son-in-law of Barbara Brunken)



Sending Healing Prayers

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: December 2021

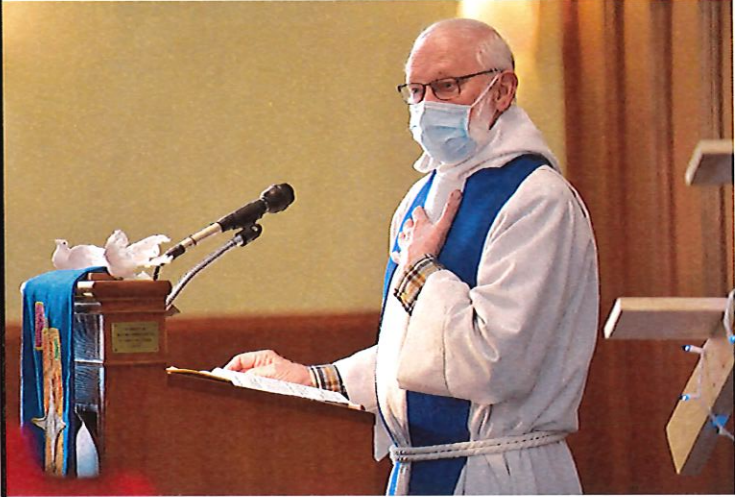
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Disbursements: \$52,011.39

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GENEROUSLY

German Christmas Service 2021

A special thanks to the Flatwater Free Press for having writer Cindy Lange-Kubick and photographer Eric Gregory create a wonderful article of the history of Friedens and their traditional Christmas German Service. It is also available to view on the Flatwater Free press Facebook page and the Nebraska Public Media News Facebook page.



Pastor Bud Christenson speaking the English words.



Karen Scribner, Abby Newhouse, and 2 non-Friedens members, sisters Lynn and Paula, singing two German songs.



Rt. Rev M. Melchizedek speaking the German words.



German refreshments following the service furnished by ladies of the congregation.

Poinsettias 2021

IN HONOR OF:

Kathie Svoboda by Jean Wheat
Kathy Holland by Kathie Svoboda
Hannah, Natalia, & William Ledford by Kathie Svoboda
Ray & Lucille Rempe by Kathy Rempe
Birth of Christ by Megan Grimes
Loving life with Jesus Christ by Terry Kurtzhals



IN CELEBRATION OF:

Pastor & Ruth Christenson by Carolea Adams
Weston Hauser, Blake & Dani Hauser, Nick & Nicki Urban, by Don & Jodi Urban
Brian Terrill, Karen Rempe, Jenna Rempe, by Kathy Rempe
Nadine Blume's 93rd birthday, by Megan Grimes
Christ Jesus the King, by Terry Kurtzhals

IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Adams, beloved parents, by Carolea Adams
Marcia R. Adams, precious sister, by Carolea Adams
Dr. & Mrs. H. M. Goede, Gerald H. Goede, Ronald W. Goede, by Carolea Adams
Francis & Margie Koelzer, Bill Koelzer, by Fran Zessin
Pastor Del Klover by Carolea Adams
Alex & Lydia Hardt, George & Anna Riedel, grandparents, by Al & Karen Scribner
Our loved one gone too soon, by the DuSchenes
Kenneth & Jewel Hardt, grandparents, by Jeremy Erickson & Teresa Palazzo
Don & Darlene Shoup, Joe & Zdenka Urban, Sharon Shoup, by Don & Jodi Urban
Jack Pfrimmer by Maxine Pfrimmer
Robert Rezny & Rose Rezny, Jim Hofpar, Chip Fullerton, by Amy Rezny & Anna Fullerton
Edwin & Laura Lind, grandparents, by Julie Erickson
Andrew & Elizabeth Beltz by Steve & Catherine Beltz/Melvin & DeLoris Bellinger
My beloved husband, Donald Brunken, by Barbara Brunken
William L. Story, by Cindy Story & family
Richard Rasmussen & Beverly Rasmussen, by Deborah Rasmussen Peterson
Leroy Butherus, Emile & Jacob Butherus, by Diane Butherus
Martha Yost Kraft, by Vicki Norton
Sally Svoboda, Bill Svoboda, John & Molly Schreiber, by Kathie Svoboda
Stan Trampe by Judy Trampe
Dale Meyer by Megan Grimes
Janice Byers, Marlene Schwahn, by Chuck & Lori Schwahn
Trevor (son), James (brother), Clarence & Elvera (parents), by Terry Kurtzhals
Clarence & Lena Deer (parents), Earl Borrell (husband), by Nancy Borrell
Marie Harris, Will & Jerry Harris, by Dave & Jane Cosier
Ryan Pinkerton, Jennifer Pinkerton, John Kildau, Elizabeth & John Kildau, Sr., by Irene Newhouse



JANUARY Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (03) Karen Michael
(04) Crystal Anderson
(04) Wilder Owens
(05) Bob Hogg
(5) Randy Koch
(5) Arryanna DuSchene
(09) Greg Loos
(09) Maxine Pfrimmer
(13) Aaron Vollenweider
(17) Kirk & Jessica Beute (12 years)
(18) Robert Sinn
(20) Dora Sorensen
(21) Jeff Harrington
(21) Juan & Ashlie Uribe (8 years)
(22) Charlie Hardt
(24) Dave Allen
(25) Alma Wilson
(31) Jimmy Oltmer



JANUARY WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Deb Marr & Neoma Jones

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

1-2 Mark Grimes

1-9 Megan Grimes

1-16 Peggy Russell

1-23 Jodi Urban

1-30 Kathy Holland

Counters

Irene & Abby Newhouse

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for **January 23rd**. It will be held in the sanctuary following the service. All committee reports are due in the church office by **January 15th**.

A graphic with the text "ANNUAL MEETING" in white, bold, sans-serif font, set against a red background with a white brushstroke effect.

Mitten Tree 2021



Again this year we gathered mittens/gloves, hats & scarves for both youth and adults. Elementary age mitten/gloves, hats & scarves will be donated to Everett Elementary School. Teen and adult sizes will be given to the People's City Mission. Thank you to everyone for the generous gifts for our children and adults in our community.



2226 O St., Lincoln, NE
402-420-5697

Donation Wish List

For Men

Coats & Jackets
Sweaters & Sweatshirts
Flannel Shirts, Long sleeve tees
Jeans
Shoes & Boots

For Women:

Coats & Jackets
Dresses, Sweaters
Shoes & Boots

For Everyone : Hats & Gloves

Always needed: XL and plus sizes in men's and women's clothing

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Pastor Bud Christenson

Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager

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POLKADOT

Neighborhood Bike Shop
& Custom Cycles

"This month's spotlight on a Frieden's Family connection small business is Paul Knopp's Polkadot Bicycle Shop. Please support this small business if you have the need.

Polkadot Bicycles is a shop which specializes in adult bikes for commuting, trails, touring and gravel roads riding. Whether you're going to Denton or Denver we have the bike for you. We offer bikes by Reid, KHS, Masi and Roll. Sole Importer of Kroon Bicycle Products from Holland LU "

Paul Wesley Knopp
Polkadot Bicycles of Nebraska
3863 South Street
Lincoln, NE 68506
402-730-1820

Friedens Lutheran Church Directory Update

Please fill out this sheet below with your information. Return to the address below as soon as possible. We need an updated directory and current addresses for our newsletter.

Please Print

Name: _____

Member: _____ Visitor: _____ Desire to be a member: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail: _____

(Will not be published—Used only by church office)

Birthdate: _____

Wedding Anniversary Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

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