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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

During the months of Covid-19 we all longed for the day when we could get back together again in person. A few of us worshipped together in the sanctuary, but most worshipped at home on-line.

We have Gary to thank for keeping us “together” while we were apart. It was a new adventure for all of us. We were not alone. Many churches are cautiously “opening up” for worship and other activities. With Gary’s help we were able to continue worshipping in the sanctuary with masks, social distancing, constant cleaning and mutual respect for the dangerous virus that we all feared. Now we are busy planning VBS, an annual garage sale, and other activities that have been postponed for a year by Covid.

How great it is to come to worship on Sunday morning and see many of you back in the pews. I’m finally getting to know some members as I begin my fourth six-month “call” to be your transition pastor. Please don’t be offended if I ask your name. It’s a new and welcome day for all us.

I especially have enjoyed the men’s Fellowship/Bible Study. We will continue meeting once a month on the second Saturday. The next two meetings during the summer will be July 10 and August 14. I hope more men will decide to join us. Come, pick up a new “Master Builder’s” Bible and enjoy coffee, juice, a doughnut and some good conversation as we study together.

The council members reminded me that I haven’t taken any vacation time since I started my work at Friedens. Like all of you I have missed seeing my family while occasionally enjoying a Zoom visit. Now that has changed. I will have three opportunities in quick succession to see family. I visited my son Matt and his family in Little Rock. Next I will attend my granddaughter's wedding at the end of July. And the first weekend in August I will attend the Christenson family reunion in Minnesota. A wealth of riches!

Many of you have commented that you enjoyed having Roger Hoffman come to preach on June 6. There are more treats in store. Scott Johnson, Campus Pastor at Midlands University, will be here on August 1 and Patrick Crawford will speak on August 8.

I hope you and your family have a great summer filled with blessings from above.

Pastor Bud

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 “

Paul Wesley Knopp

Polkadot Bicycles of Nebraska

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Message from our Council President

As we all start to try to get back to our normal lives, I want to remind you that there are plenty of opportunities to be active at Friedens Lutheran Church. There are lots of opportunities to participate in activities at Friedens, and lots of opportunities to volunteer to help with activities. As church worship services are resuming, so too will opportunities to participate in things like the Adult Choir. Friedens Choir can always use additional voices, to help with special music during worship services this fall. If you haven't sung in Friedens Choir before and would be interested in more information about it, please contact the church office and they can put you together with the right people.

In July, there are opportunities to help with the Vacation Bible School that we are doing at Friedens, along with Grace Lutheran. Volunteers are always needed for that program. And also in July, Friedens always needs volunteers to help with the annual Garage Sale. Friedens annual Garage Sale is an outreach program to help families in our community afford things like school clothes for their kids. It is a lot of work, and volunteers are always needed and appreciated. In July, Friedens will resume their midweek worship services at Lancaster manor. This is something that Friedens has done for decades, but was halted during the pandemic. Friedens outreach to the people at Lancaster Manor by conducting mid week worship services This is something that the residents of Lancaster Manor look forward to every week. Volunteers are always needed to help with this outreach program. To get more information on helping with any of these projects in July, please contact the church office.

In September, we will resume our annual Sunday School/Neighborhood Church Picnic. While this picnic is a celebration for our Friedens members and families, it is also an out reach program to offer families in our community an opportunity to spend the day at Friedens enjoying games, refreshments, face painting, attractions, food and bingo, and to have a great afternoon with their families at no cost what so ever. We always need volunteers for the games, attractions, face painting and kitchen, so it is another opportunity for you to volunteer to help our church make this happen. Many hands make the job light.

There will be many more activities available to participate in this fall, and many more opportunities to volunteer your time. Pastor Bud has started his monthly Men's Bible Study Group, and he is working on starting a monthly Women's Bible Study Group. We look forward to everyone being an active member of Friedens Lutheran Church, and participate and volunteer as much as you are able. If you have questions on projects where you can volunteer your time, please ask.

Thank you to everyone who has helped Friedens Lutheran Church make it through this past year.

Gary Hardt

Church Council President

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JULY Birthdays and Anniversaries

(3) Jackson Moore

(4) Katie Andrews

(6) Joyce Boerger

(7) Charles & Lori Schwahn (16 yrs)

(8) Loretta Michael

(8) Alexander Schon

(9) Landyn Johanson

(10) Ethan Zweerink

(11) Dale Rempe

(12) Pastor Howard & Linda Rasmussen (52 yrs)

(13) Neoma Jones

(14) Susan Towns

(14) Elizabeth King

(15) Rick & Kathy Holland (43 yrs)

(16) Don Urban

(16) Ashlie Uribe

(22) Cindy Worster

(23) Greg Neemann

(28) Dale & Kathy Rempe (32 yrs)



JULY WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer & Carolyn Hogg

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

7-4 Peggy Russell

7-11 Anna Fullerton

7-18 Kathy Holland

7-25 Steve Russell

The Congregational meeting that was scheduled for July 11th has been moved back to sometime in August.

The plans set by the contractors for the lift at Friedens was not going to fit Friedens needs.

Gary Hardt, Council President

Small Business Spotlight

Each month we would like to spotlight a small business that is from Friedens or a friend of Friedens. This past year has been difficult for small businesses, and we'd like to make aware any small business that our Friedens Family has. If you have a small business that you would like spotlighted in the Messenger, any type of small business, please email the information to me. I think our Friedens Family would like to be aware of it and have the opportunity to support it. The Business Spotlight this month is on the back page of the Messenger.

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Annual Church Picnic

Plans are in the making of our annual Neighborhood Church Picnic on September 12. As time gets closer , we will post details in a future Messenger. It is always a fun day, so be sure to watch for details.



Streets Alive! is a FREE community festival that promotes active living and healthy nutrition in a fun and interactive way. Weather and community health circumstances permitting, **Streets Alive! 2021** is scheduled to be outdoors on **Sunday, September 26** in the South Salt Creek/Cooper Park neighborhood from **1pm to 4:30pm**. **Streets Alive!** provides an opportunity for Lincolniters of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to access free and useful information including 100's of diverse exhibitors that provide a wide variety health, wellness, fitness, support, and care resources in a fun and engaging way. Streets Alive! is a child, dog, and wheelchair friendly event. We hope to see you there!

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

School Kits are being delivered to children in need around the world. The need is even greater due to the coronavirus pandemic. 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.

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| Scissors, blunt (not sharp edge) | Erasers (2 1/2") |
| Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink | 70-sheet notebooks |
| Crayons, box of 16 or 24 | Pencil sharpeners |
| Pencils, #2, unsharpened | 30 centimeter ruler |

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!

Social Ministry

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

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| 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 | | |



Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)



Membership Directory Update

In the near future, Friedens volunteers will be making phone calls to members to obtain a current address, current phone number, and an email if you subscribe to one. It is important for Friedens to have current information for a variety of reasons. It has been quite a while since we have requested this. Please help these volunteers by offering any information that will assist us in contacting our members.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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 give to us.

Monthly Report: June 2021

Receipts: \$ 7,090.96

Disbursements: \$ 8,148.70





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, July 10th, 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!

Bill Chrastil — Special Music Sunday July 18th

Bill Chrastil will be performing some of his Gospel Songs during our church service on that day! For those of you who are not familiar with Bill, Bill is an Elvis Impersonator and does about 265 shows a year all over the country including Branson Missouri. He does a number of Gospel songs that Elvis did, and Bill is very good. Bill has done special music at Friedens over the years, and Bill's family has had Friedens connections for many years. Come join us on Sunday July 18th and enjoy the Gospel music that Bill Chrastil will be performing for us.



Bring your friends!



Reception for Milestones in Ministry

On Sunday, July 18th, there will be a reception in our Fellowship Hall after worship service honoring Pastor Bud and Bob Wessels for their number of years in the ministry. The Synod is recognizing Pastor Bud for his 55 years in the ministry and recognizing Bob Wessels, a member of Friedens, for his 60 years in the ministry. Please plan on staying after worship service to recognize and honor these milestones. This is a terrific accomplishment and both of these pastors deserve great recognition.

Please plan to attend!

The Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Friday & Saturday — July 22, 23 & 24

8:00 AM — 5:00 PM, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM, Saturday

Items can be dropped off starting:

Sunday, July 18th, 1:00 PM — 5:00 PM

Monday, July 19th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Tuesday, July 20th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Wednesday, July 21st, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Help is needed at any of these drop-off times listed above.

Please plan to stay and help.

Mark your calendar!

Thursday, July 22nd, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Friday, July 23rd, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Saturday, July 24th, 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Help is needed at each of these days

and cleanup on Saturday.

Bake Sale and Lunch

We will be asking for bake sale items and lunch items.

Sign up sheets will be in back of the church or you can call Fran.

Questions can be directed to **Fran Zessin—402-314-0800**

