

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

The ice forced us to cancel our Ash Wednesday service, but we all know we are people of the earth so we will get by without the ashes. We were created from the soil, and when life on this planet ends, we will return to the earth. The tomb is in place so we are ready to experience Lent with "Friends of the King." That will be a gentle reminder that we all have a home prepared and waiting for us with the King of the Universe.

"Soups on!" We will have a soup supper every Wednesday evening beginning at 6:00 P. M. Join us and bring your friends as we enjoy soup and a quiet Lenten worship service. If you would like to provide soup you may sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

I'm grateful to the men who have consented to play the "Friends of the King." Chuck Spencer helped me reassemble the tomb. Patrick Crawford will be the voice of Jesus. Bob Wessels was prepared to be John the Baptist on Ash Wednesday. Myron Shelhorn will be Matthew. Chuck Spencer and Austin Landis will be the "Sons of Thunder," John and James. Zane Mindrup will be Luke and Hermann Siegl will be Saul/Paul. The song, "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" will tie them all together. Are we having fun yet!!

If you have any free time on Saturday morning, I would like to invite you to come to Bible study at 9 A M. We have a breakfast treat to go with our coffee, and then we study together the book of Matthew. We are having fun studying together. Matthew is very proud of his Hebrew heritage and makes it a point to tie events in the life and teaching of Jesus to the message of the prophets of old. We all have a lot to learn. We learn together.

From time to time in life it is good to go to the cemetery to visit the graves of loved ones. That's what the early followers of Christ are doing. They visit the tomb that was empty on Easter morning to remember the one who is the source and inspiration for their new lives in Christ. Life during times of persecution was not easy for any of them. But they knew where to turn for strength.

That's why we join them at the tomb every Wednesday during Lent. Sometimes life is not easy for us either. We know where to find inspiration and encouragement for serving God's world. We know who is the bread of life, the salt of the earth, the light of the world. Christ's Spirit inspires us and enables us to be all of the above. He walks with us each step. May God bless you and keep you for all eternity.

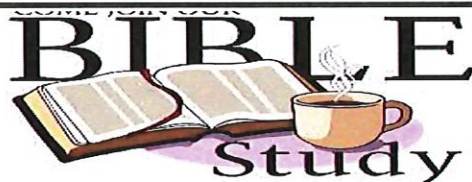
Pastor Bud

Easter Season Worship Services are going on now, through Easter Morning Worship Service. There are several for you and your family to come and enjoy, and we hope that you do. It is a great season, filled with warmer weather and lots of sunshine.

Come and enjoy a soup supper before each Wednesday Lenten Service and come enjoy a great Easter Morning Breakfast, before our Easter Morning Worship Service.

There are a lot of things going on at Friedens during this next month, and we would love for you to come and enjoy it, and be a part of it. Hope to see you at one of Friedens Month Long Easter Season Events.

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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.

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: February 2023

Receipts: \$ 8,669.00

Disbursements: \$8,752.50

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

Prayers....

Donna Splichal

Verlene Owens

Molly Lyons

Jean Wheat

Sharon Trout

Kathie Svoboda

Michael Ernst

Carolyn Hogg

Neoma Jones

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

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)



Sending Healing Prayers

WE CARE Fund for Members of our Congregation

We have recently had families who have been in dire need of financial assistance for food, rent and/or utilities. These families



also have medical issues which have contributed to their financial situation and need for emergency funds. In visiting with these families it has been established that they have already used emergency funds from other organizations or are in the process of applying for assistance and on a wait-list.

The Council has agreed to establish a WE CARE fund. Members of the congregation may apply for assistance. Although we can provide some information regarding the type of need, all other information will remain private. The Council is in process of establishing criteria for how these funds can be used. It is anticipated that approval will need to come from Pastor Bud, or his designee, as to when money can be withdrawn from the fund.

In the meantime, there is an urgent need now. You may contribute to this on-going fund by designating your donation to the *WE CARE fund*. God Bless & Thank you!

"Friends of the King"

Lenten Season 2023

Thank you to Pastor Bud for writing the dialogues which are portrayed by several of our Friedens members.



Dialogue Schedule

March 1st	Matthew
March 8th	James
March 15th	John
March 22nd	Luke
March 29th	Saul/Paul

Please join us in hearing the stories of the special people in Jesus' life.

The dialogues are available in book form for anyone to request.

Please call the church office for a copy (402-476-3888).



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

April 9th, 2023— 9:15am



We will be having our traditional Easter Morning Breakfast this year in our Fellowship Hall, at 9:15am, right before our Easter Worship Service.

Cracker Barrel will be supplying us with an assortment of 2 differently boxed breakfast meals. There will also be fruit and individual bottled orange juice, water and coffee.

We invite you to come to Breakfast Easter Morning prior to worship service, and then stay for a beautiful Easter Morning Worship service. Breakfast will start at 9:15am, so that when you and your family are finished, you can go straight upstairs for church.

So that we have an idea of how many meals to order, we are asking that you RSVP, if you would like to come to the breakfast Easter morning.

There will be a free will offering, but there will be no charge for the breakfast. To RSVP, please either call the church office at 402-476-3888, or e-mail the church office at office@friedens.org. The meals will come individually packaged directly from Cracker Barrel

Please RSVP as soon as you are able. We will need to get our count in to Cracker Barrel by Friday April 7th. Hope to see you there!

BOXED MEALS



BUTTERMILK PANCAKES BOXED MEAL

Two Buttermilk Pancakes with butter and Pure Natural Syrup, served with Smoked Sausage Patties and Hashbrown Casserole. Min. order of 8.



BREAKFAST SAMPLER BOXED MEAL

Two Scrambled Eggs served with Smoked Sausage Patties, our signature Hashbrown Casserole and a Buttermilk Biscuit. Min. order of 8.



Upcoming dates...



Palm Sunday — April 2nd — 10:30am

Maundy Thursday — April 6th — 7:00pm

Good Friday — April 7th — 7:00pm

Easter — April 9th — 10:30am

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services

March 8 — 7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and James)

March 15 — 7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and John)

March 22 — 7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and Luke)

March 29 — 7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and Saul/Paul)

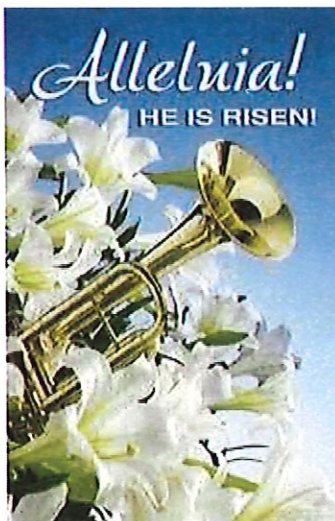
Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us for a light soup supper prior to our Lenten services every Wednesday evening thru Lent. We will begin serving at 6pm but join us when you can any time prior to our Lenten Service at 7pm. Hope to see you there.



Easter Sunday

April 9, 2022 — 10:30am



March 12th



MARCH Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (1) Joseph and Susan Towns (54 years)
 (2) Erin Schild
(3) Dave and Pat Allen (62 years)
 (4) Ronald Vogt
 (4) Delmar Smith
 (5) Chris Zweerink
 (6) Darrell Wilson
 (10) Nick Urban
 (14) Pat Allen
 (15) Liam Detty
 (17) Anna Fullerton
(17) Ronald & Margaret Vogt (50 Years)
 (18) Janice Rutt
 (18) Trenton Johanson
 (19) Kathleen Rempe
 (19) Karen Rempe
(20) Paul and Christina Strong (13 years)
 (23) Weston Schon
 (25) Ronald Wilson
 (29) Becky Roberts
 (30) Linda Vollenweider
 (31) Chantel Stavick



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

MARCH WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Deb Marr

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

- 3-5 Peggy Russell
3-8 Peggy Russell
3-12 Megan Grimes
3-15 Abby Newhouse
3-19 Kathy Holland
3-22 Amy Rezny
3-26 Steve Russell
3-29 Kathy Holland

Cantors

- 3-5 Karen Scribner
3-12 Jodi Urban
3-19 Abby Newhouse
3-26 Patrick Crawford

Counter

Irene & Abby Newhouse

Steven Beltz

*With Heartfelt
Sympathy*

Steven Beltz, a prior Friedens member, passed away on February 16th, 2023. He was 74 years old. Anyone wishing to send condolences, please call church office for an address. Thanks.

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Pastor Bud Christenson

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Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager

ORDER FORM

EASTER LILIES

\$10.50 each

Please order _____ lilies 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 on Easter. _____ Please deliver the plant(s) to a home-bound member or long term care facility.

Orders are to be into the church office by March 27, 2023
Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each lily ordered.