

# Friedens MESSENGER

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## ***PASTOR'S PAGE...***

Dear Friedens Family,

If a tree falls in the forest, does it make a sound if there is nobody nearby to hear it? Philosophers answer that question by explaining that sound vibrations are produced, but the actual sound isn't produced until those vibrations are interpreted by an ear.

Strangely, that question came to my mind this Christmas when so many of my friends and family could not get home in time to celebrate at Christmas. Flight delays and weather problems made it necessary to put celebrations on hold. Christmas Day comes and goes even if there is no family gathered to celebrate. The good news is that the celebration can wait until we can get together. So it was for many people this year. Gifts are still gifts, even if delayed. Family feasts are still feasts, even if delayed.

As we moved on from Christmas season to the Season of Epiphany, some people were still waiting to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. A couple of years after the Savior's birth, the Magi showed up with gifts for the baby king. I'm guessing the baby Jesus didn't care about the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. A rattle and a teddy bear would have done just fine. But we, his followers, are still contemplating the meaning of those gifts delivered over 2000 years ago. Joy is still joy. Peace is still peace. Hope is still hope.

Now we are quickly moving from Epiphany toward Ash Wednesday. It is nearly time to rebuild the tomb for another year. I just finished a series of monologues called "Friends of the King." This year they are all men, so I'm asking the men of Friedens to make the presentations during Lent. Our Friedens family will travel the road to the cross together. We will travel with confidence because we know that beyond the tomb is the empty tomb and the joy of Easter.

In the midst of these preparations for Lent, I just received the news that a dear friend died yesterday. I thank God for a host of good memories that drifted through my mind when I heard the news. Grief turns to joy as the Good News of the resurrection of our Lord gilds those memories.

Each morning as the sun presents us with a new day we are faced with a host of possibilities, some good and some not so good. But, as followers of Christ we live with the constant awareness that love conquers all.

I pray that the season ahead of us will bring gifts of love, joy, hope and peace to all.

Pastor Bud

## Message from our Council President

I want to thank everyone for the great turn out for our Annual Congregational meeting this past month. We always sweat out having a quorum, so that we are able to have our meeting. This year the members of Friedens turned out for our meeting, and we had the highest number of members in attendance in years. It's just a good reflection on the life and spirit at Friedens. Participation in the business of the church, is just another example of the caring and the spirit of the congregation of Friedens Lutheran Church. I appreciate it, and I know our forefathers who are looking down on us, appreciate it. I invite everyone who cares about Friedens Lutheran Church, to get involved in the life of Friedens. Besides your financial support, there are plenty of ways to use your time and talents. Sometimes some of us have more time and talent, than finances. That's ok too. Find something that you are interested in at Friedens, and lend your time and talents to it. You will find that involvement, feels good.

Gary Hardt  
Council President  
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## **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: January 2023

Receipts: \$ 15,315.00

Disbursements: \$10,099.34

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

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  
Sharon Trout

Verlene Owens  
Carolyn Hogg  
Kathie Svoboda

Molly Lyons  
Jean Wheat

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

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

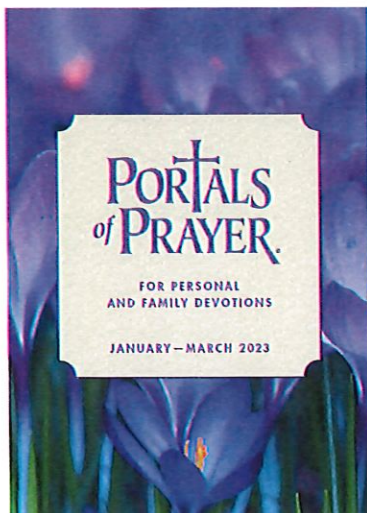


*Sending Healing Prayers*

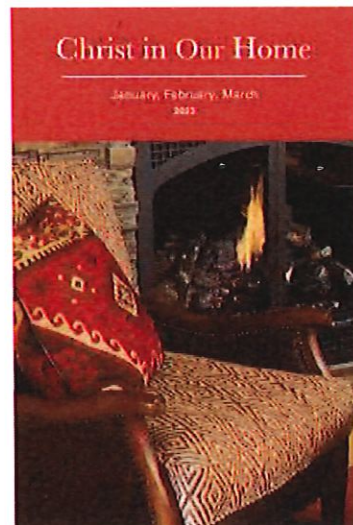
### Daily Devotions

The following Daily Devotionals are available in the entryway to the Sanctuary. Please help yourself to a copy or request a copy to be mailed to you.


Portals of Prayer (Concordia)



Christ in Our Home (Augsburg)



# BIBLE

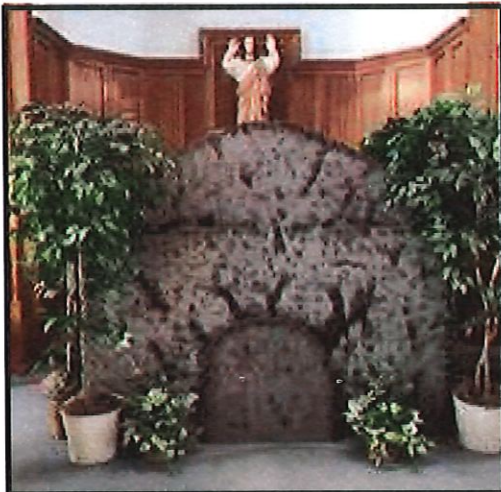


# Study

**NEW! 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.**

"Friends of the King"  
Lenten Season 2023

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



### Monologue Schedule

February 22nd	John the Baptist
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 monologues are available in book form for anyone to request.

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

### Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting was held Sunday, January 15th, immediately following our worship service. Thirty-seven members were present which constituted a quorum..

Reports from Pastor Bud and Church Council President, Gary Hardt, were accepted as printed as well as the minutes from the 2022 annual meeting, the Treasurer's report and all of the committee reports. All of these reports are printed in the annual meeting booklet. Copies of this booklet are available by the usher's station or contact the church office and Bev will mail you a copy.

Kathy Rempe and Stacy Schild reached their term limits serving on council. Chuck Schwahn and Jodi Urban have agreed to serve. A motion was made to accept these two as council members. A motion was seconded and approved.

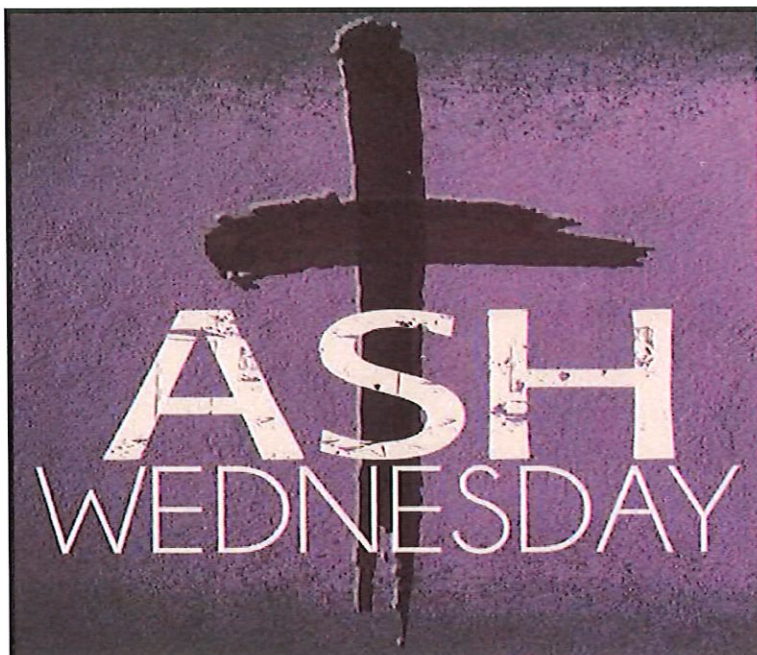
Two new members also had to be selected for the Endowment Committee. Ken Schmidt and Julie Erickson volunteered to be on the committee. A motion was made that the two be accepted as Endowment Committee members. The motion was seconded and approved.

Two delegates to the Synod Assembly also were chosen. Peggy Russell and Frances Zessin volunteered. Myron Schellhorn said he would be the alternate. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the three be accepted as delegates.

Irene Newhouse reviewed the proposed budget for 2023. The budget was approved as proposed.

It was also reported that the Endowment Fund was doing very well.

The meeting was adjourned following the approval of the Resolutions and was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.



**February 22, 2023 7:00pm**

**85<sup>th</sup>**  
Happy  
Birthday

**Deanna Klover**

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Happy  
Birthday

The family of Deanna Klover is organizing a card shower for her 85th birthday which is February 18th. The gift of birthday wishes and the sense of connection and remembrance that comes with them would be a wonderful blessing, which would be hugely enjoyed by Deanna! She is doing very well and we know she would love to hear from you. Feel free to share this information. Deanna's address is:

Deanna Klover, 548 N. 9th, Geneva, NE 68361.

Let's try to make it a very special day for her!!

By Kathi Klover Uhlinger

## *FEBRUARY Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- 02) Rachel Johanson  
(05) Jane Cosier  
(06) Amanda Zweerink  
(06) Alexander Schild  
(08) Christin King  
(08) Colton Hauschild  
(11) Kathy Harris  
(11) JoAnn Ninneman  
(12) Abigail Newhouse  
(12) Bob Wessels  
(13) Nancy Svoboda  
(14) Daniel Trout  
(17) Peggy Russell  
(17) Geoffrey Wendland  
(18) Rick Harris  
(19) Anne Melang-Thoren  
(19) Malachi Detty  
(20) Lou Skrdlant  
(20) Breann Anderson Spurling  
(21) Nathan Johanson  
(21) Courtney Russell  
(22) Raven Pinkerton  
(24) Miles Melang-Thoren  
(24) Madeleine Melang-Thoren  
(28) Steve Russell  
(29) Nicholas Hardt



## *FEBRUARY WORSHIP*

### **LEADERS**

#### **Altar Guild**

Maxine Pfrimmer

#### **Head Usher**

Gary Hardt

#### **Lectors**

2-5 Irene Newhouse

2-12 Sue Busker

2-19 Hermann siegl

2-22 Abby Newhouse

2-26 Maxine Pfrimmer

#### **Cantors**

2-5 Karen Scribner

2-12 Jodi Urban

2-19 Abby Newhouse

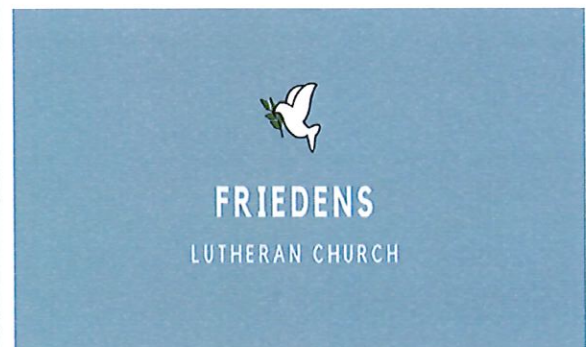
2-22 Karen Scribner

2-26 Patrick Crawford

#### **Counters**

Deb Marr & Neoma Jones

**Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and  
in Friedens Sanctuary every Sunday at  
10:30 and Wednesday February 22nd at  
7pm.**



## Needed Items for the Lutheran Food Pantry

Breakfast bars (Pop Tarts, granola bars, oatmeal/fruit bars)  
Canned chicken  
Canned variety beans (chili, kidney, pinto)  
Fruit juice, small boxes/packets/bottles  
Jam and jelly  
Pancake syrup  
Peanut butter  
Pears, canned  
Pork and beans  
Ramen noodles  
Rice, one or two pound packages  
Saltine crackers  
Snack items (small packages of cookies, nuts, fruit flavored snacks, etc.)  
Spaghetti sauce



Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam)  
Canned vegetables (\*\*especially mixed vegetables, peas, corn, green beans)  
Cereal, boxed breakfast  
Dry dinners (Hamburger Helper)  
Fruits, canned (\*\*pears, \*\*peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail, mandarin oranges)  
Instant oatmeal packets  
Fruit juice, large bottles  
Macaroni and cheese  
Pancake mix and syrup  
Pasta, dry (spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, etc.)  
Potatoes, boxed instant mashed  
Soups, condensed (vegetable, chicken noodle, tomato, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom)  
Spaghetti, dry pasta  
Tomatoes, canned  
Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

We know the Lutheran Food Pantry is a blessing to hungry families in our community and we are thankful for your donations and prayers in making it successful.



## **POLKADOT** Neighborhood Bike Shop & Custom Cycles

Thank you to Polka dot Bike shop ;for the used bike that was donated. It went to a family that was happy to receive it. They have five children so it will be enjoyed by many. Thanks to Julie Erickson for coordinating the project

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

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Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager

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## Upcoming dates...

Ash Wednesday — February 22 — 7:00pm

Palm Sunday — April 2 — 10:30am

Maundy Thursday — April 6 — 7:00pm

Good Friday — April 7 — 7:00pm

Easter — April 9 — 10:30am

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



### Mid-Week Worship and Monologue Presentations

February 22

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29