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PASTOR’S PAGE...

Entering September also means entering a time of transition and change. The summer is coming to an end; fall is around the corner. Summer break has ended and school has begun again. School year rhythms are being established: for some, new schools and new friends.

Within our congregation, transition and change have also come. As you are likely aware, Anne Melang-Thoren, our Director of Music for the past 4 years, has taken a new position as the Director of Music at Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln. While we are sad to see her go and will miss her ministry of lively music among us, we rejoice with her for the new opportunities she will have as a musician.

What’s next for our music ministry?

During the month of September, Wataru Niimori, a PhD candidate in the UNL School of Music, will be playing as a substitute musician. He has played for us before and was well received; he is skilled at both classical and jazz piano. We are very glad to have him!

Beyond that, the Council is working to find others who can play temporarily (we have several folks to talk to) and an Interview/Audition Committee of Karen Scribner, Peggy Russell, and I, has been set up. This group is working hard to advertise the position that we have open and to follow up on leads and resumes as they are received. If you have questions or concerns, please ask one of us. Also, if you know of a musician who might be looking for a position, please let us know. We’d be happy to send them information to see if we might be a good fit for one another. Please pray for us as we search, that the Spirit might lead us to the right candidate, that we might do good ministry together for many years to come.

On the topic of change, I love this quote by Martin Luther from his “Defense of All the Articles”:

This life, therefore, is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being, but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.

Luther makes the statement regarding the fact that although we have been baptized, as Christians we continue to sin and need repentance and forgiveness. We are always in process; always being formed; never finished. It reminds us that we are neither stuck where we currently are nor have we arrived at our final destination. This is good news!

Although change is normal and healthy, sometimes it can feel overwhelming. As Luther says, we are always in the processes of becoming; constantly undergoing change and transition as we walk the road of life and faith. There is no place at which stop and no point when we can say that we have arrived. Rather, there is from birth to death to resurrected life, always a being made new. God made us, and indeed all of creation, this way.

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Upcoming dates...

Church & Neighborhood picnic

September 9th

Games — 3:00 to 5:00

Dinner — 5:00

Bingo — 6:00

Sunday School Starts

September 9th



There are days when I would like things to stop changing and evolving. It would be nice to get comfortable, at least long enough for a breather. And, indeed, there are moments of rest. Not all transitions are quick and not all changes momentous. Sometimes they are slow, steady, and behind the scenes. To do it all at once compromises the integrity of what is being transformed.

Your old bone cells, for example, are constantly being destroyed, but in a very careful way. A small tunnel through the bone is created and then filled in with new strong cells before any more are taken out. This ensures that even with the transition happening, the integrity of the bone is not compromised. Bodies are constantly doing this with all kinds of cells. In this way, we remain strong, healthy and functioning well.

As we, at Friedens, walk down the path of life together, we will continue to encounter transition and change. It is part of our growing; a symptom of being alive. I am glad to be on the journey with you and interested to see the ways that God will form us in the future.

Pastor Kate

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief -- mid-August Update

Thanks to so many of you we have tubs full of supplies for our School Kits for LWR! We are still in need of some items. Our updated goal is to assemble 150 Kits!!

Following is the number of each item needed to make 150 Kits:

- 44 Scissors, blunt
- 306 Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink, no gel ink
- 94 Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons
- 414 70-sheet notebooks
- 306 Pencils, #2, unsharpened with erasers
- 25 Erasers, 2 ½"
- 22 Rulers (must have centimeters on one side and inches on the other)



We do not need any Pencil Sharpeners.

Items should be new. Please do not donate items with any religious symbols or items decorated with the U.S. flag or other patriotic symbols. Place your items in the container marked "School Kits" in the entryway to the sanctuary.

Last year our School Kits were sent to Lebanon (middle east) and Senegal (west Africa).

Check Friedens Facebook page or keep an eye out for Sunday announcements for the most up to date list of items needed. Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN...

The Prayer Chain at



Friedens a vital part of the ministry we do. Caring for others in general, but especially for those in our church family, is what we are called to do. You are needed. Please call Maxine Pfrimmer (402-464 -3024) and tell her you would love to be part of the prayer chain.

Jazz service in Christ Chapel at Grace Lutheran...

Please join us at 7 pm on the 3rd Sunday of each month for this service. Music for this service will be led by Anne Melang-Thoren. Anne will be joined by jazz musicians from UNL and the local community. While much sacred music expresses beauty through solemnity and reverence, jazz finds a place because of its spirit and spontaneity. Open to all.

Please help us spread the word about this Jazz service at Grace! This service is funded by the generosity of a Grace member.



**Pantry Needs...
Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" include:**

Canned fruit, Canned peas, Cereal, Peanut butter, Pork and beans, Saltine crackers, Any shelf stable food items.

Manual can openers (gently used or new)

Personal care items (toilet paper, shampoo, bath/bar soap, lotion - even the sample size items) Money donations are always appreciated.



OCTOBER WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Linda Vollenweider & Deb Marr

Head Usher

Kent Vollenweider

Communion Assistant

7 — Carolyn Hogg

21 — Sue Busker

28 — Karen Scribner

Lectors

7 — TBA

14— TBA

21 — TBA

28 — TBA

Greeters

7 — Rempe Family

14— Deb Marr & Neoma Jones

21 — Linda Dreith & Carol Boellstorff

28 — Bob & Carolyn Hogg



Has your Email changed? If so, please let the office know by sending an email to ...
Office@friedens.org



SEPTEMBER Birthdays
and Anniversaries

- (02) Chaz Wright
- (2) Daniel & Sharon Trout (40 Yrs)
- (3) Logan Schribner
- (05) Nick King
- (06) Ryan Pinkerton
- (08) Mark & Sunny Detty (10 Yrs)
- (10) Jenna Rempe
- (10) Daniel & Linda Koch (41 Yrs)
- (11) Norm & Irene Newhouse (25 Yrs)
- (14) Kirk Beute
- (14) Bryan Logewolf
- (15) Daniel Russell
- (17) Karen Sinn
- (18) Nancy Borrell
- (19) Jonathan Zweerink
- (20) Kathy Holland
- (21) Nathan & Kayla Johanson (10 Yrs)
- (23) Jodi Urban
- (24) Troy & Pam Schon (23 Yrs)
- (25) James Ripenburg
- (26) Kris Plucknett
- (28) Bryleigh Anne Garnham

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

2018 LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jane Cosier & Fran Zessin

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Communion Assistant

- 2 — Maine Pfrimmer
- 16 — Fran Zessin

Lectors

- 2 — Irene Newhouse
- 9 — Kathy Holland
- 16 — Steve Russell
- 23 — Linda Dreith
- 30 — Maxine Pfrimmer

Greeters

- 2 — Steve & Peggy Russell
- 9 — Amy Rezny & Joyce Boerger
- 16 — Irene Newhouse & Maria Kildau
- 23 — Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier
- 30 — JoAnn Ninneman & Jimmy Oltmer

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 You can also call the Pastor @ (316)371-0803, in case of an emergency.



Prayers....

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| Jane Swann | Geri Miller |
| Gary Overfiled | Tim Bukoski |
| Megan McNamara | Dick Busker |
| Verlene Owens | Halley Hansen |
| Greg Zessin | Bud Bergen |
| Kimberly Render | Julie Erickson |
| Donna Splichal | Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister) |
| | Dean & Angie Dreith (Scott Dreith's Brother) |



Volunteers Needed!!

The Social Ministry Team is re-grouping and is seeking new members to help organize Social Ministry projects such as serving FEAST, the School Kit drive, food pantry donations. Please speak with Pr. Kate or a member of the committee for more information. Current team members: Kathy Rempe, Sue Busker, Stacey Schild and Kathy Holland.

Hosts for South Salt Creek Neighborhood Organization monthly meeting. This group currently meets in our fellowship hall the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The host would need to be present by 6:45 pm to unlock the church and lock-up after the meeting is over, ~8:45 - 9:00 pm. Contact the church office if you are interested in this opportunity.

110th Commemorative items...

We only have a few items left from our 110th Anniversary celebration. All remaining items are 1/2 price while they last. These items are in the entry way to the church. Please help yourself to anything you want. You can just leave your check or money in the basket. Thank you!

When we give freely.....

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

Year To Date Report: July 31.2018

Receipts \$ 52,230.47

Disbursements \$ 55,348.43

SEPTEMBER Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Women of the ELCA Bible Study — 4:30 — 5:30 at Van Dorn Villa, the first Tue. of each Month.

The adult forum Sunday @ 9:30 continues to have lively discussion about other Christian traditions.

Come join us!



The Lutheran Food Pantry

Serves those in our community who are food insecure. We appreciate the support the Lutheran churches give the Food Pantry with food donations, monetary donations, and volunteering to help which makes it possible for the Food Pantry to be successful. Unfortunately, the need is ongoing for those who aren't as fortunate as we are.

Items needed at this time include: (See article on page 7)

Personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, bath soap, etc. - these items cannot be purchased with food stamps and are greatly needed by the families we serve. Hotel and sample size items like dentists provide are great, too!)

Monetary donations to purchase food from the Food Bank.

The Lutheran Food Pantry also collects the UPC labels from Best Choice products. Please donate the UPC labels (must include the words "Best Choice" with the code bar), and put them in with your donations to the Food Pantry.

Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need in our community!

Tom and Lynn Ochsner, Coordinators, The Lutheran Food Pantry

A Fond Farwell

August 26th was Anne Melang-Thoren's last Sunday with us as Music Director. We're very thankful for her ministry here among us and will miss she and her family. On the 26th after worship we had a potluck to say thanks, good-bye, and good luck.



Neighborhood Picnic Prizes

The Social Ministry Committee is in charge of the outdoor games and prizes for the neighborhood picnic. We are asking for donations of small prizes. For example, we can use small toys, school supplies, books, art supplies, hair doodads, etc. for children aged pre-school to middle school. We also welcome monetary donations, and we'll do the shopping for you! Please mark any donations for the church picnic. **Donations are needed by September 5st.** Thank you!!



Garage Sale...

Thank you to everyone for all the great work! Donations and support on the garage sale we were able to make \$2300.00 for the general fund.

God sure did bless us with great people at Friedens.
Thanks again!



Friedens has recently been blessed with a significant gift from the estate of Dan Wacker, one of our long time members. Through his forethought and planning, he directed that this gift be deposited into our Endowment Fund. This Fund was established in 1999 with the intent of using the annual income from its investments to further the Mission of the ELCA here in the United States and for new mission development throughout the world. Outreach into our own community, scholarships and special assistance to individuals within our own parish were also included as areas where interest income from the fund can be used. Under IRS Code, Endowment Funds are only to be used for religious, charitable and educational purposes.

If you look for a definition of "Endowment" in the dictionary, you will find the following:

"An **endowment** is any asset donated to and for the perpetual benefit of a non-profit institution. The donation is usually made with the requirement that the principal remain intact and money earned from investing the principal be used for a specific purpose.

In the broadest sense, an endowment is a donation that is given to a non-profit institution on the condition that it is used for the benefit of that organization. Most endowments are designed to provide a permanent source of income by keeping the original amount invested and using the accrued income from dividends for its charitable purpose."

Here at Friedens, our Endowment Committee, which consists of five members of the Congregation, meet quarterly and more often as needed to review Fund Accounts, research investment opportunities and to respond to requests for distribution of investment income. In recent years, our Endowment Fund was also used to supplement our annual contributions when our expenses exceeded our income. This use of Endowment Funds is one that should only be initiated under special circumstances and not be looked at as a "bailout" for General Fund shortages. As a congregation, we need to be reminded that our weekly contributions to the Friedens General Fund are the ones we use to "pay the bills". Should any special needs arise, such as capital expenditures, the Endowment Committee will be directed to review those needs and recommend appropriate action.

Through the generosity of Dan Wacker and his family, our Endowment Fund will be reestablished for the purposes it was originally intended for and we hope that others will consider donating to this special fund in the future.

If you have questions about the Endowment Fund and the Committee please speak with a Council Member.