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Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

The cool mornings of late summer or early autumn are a welcome change. It reminds me that we will be heading into the holiday season soon. I'm busy thinking about the days ahead: All-Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. I miss the Choir and the Children's Choir. We won't be able to do pageants as we did last year, but we will search for new ways to bring meaning to these important times.

What will the holiday season be like with Covid-19 hanging around? So far we have done very well with our Sunday worship experience. Thanks to all who attend for staying with the guidelines, wearing masks and social distancing. In a way, it makes me feel a little anti-social, but it is worth the effort to protect each other. Several people from neighboring churches have told me they appreciate our live-streaming because it feels like real worship. A special thank you to Gary for all that he has done, and is doing, to keep it going. Thanks, also, to Mai and to all who came to worship to "stand in" for the congregation until we could get together again. Well done!

Welcome to our new members! What a great morning it was when we received and welcomed ten new members into our Friedens family. Welcoming new members and baptizing children are two of my favorite tasks.

Labor Day weekend has taken on new meaning during the pandemic. Many people have a new appreciation for their jobs and for the opportunity to work to support families. We pray for those who have lost their jobs; for those who are still waiting and hoping to return to work; for those who are working from home and missing their co-workers; for those who go to work but don't feel safe; for those who have been forced to apply for unemployment when they would much rather be working. It is a strange and difficult time! We keep reminding one another, "We're all in this together," and "We will get through this together."

Be careful. Stay safe. Christ goes with you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Bud

**Join Us Sundays at 10:30 am
in Person or**

Live Streaming
on
facebook®

Message from our Council President

On May 31st, we started welcoming people back to Friedens to worship in our sanctuary. We are following the state, city and county health departments guidelines of 6 feet between families. We have also closed some pews, so there is 6 feet between pews. Given the size of our sanctuary, and the additional seating area in our balcony, we have no problem in making these accommodations and having enough room for anyone who wants to come and worship. We also are not passing anything between members. We have plenty of hand sanitizer available. The sanctuary is wiped down and sanitized in between each week’s services. If you are comfortable coming back and worshipping with us, we welcome you.

We plan to continue, on a permanent basis, live streaming our worship services each Sunday on our Facebook page. We have upgraded our equipment so that the visual and audio parts of the live stream are as high quality as possible. If you are not able to come and worship with us at the church, please continue to worship with us through our Facebook live streaming worship services. We enjoy seeing your “likes” and your comments. It's nice to know you are out there.

For the time being, on communion Sundays, we will be using individual communion packages. They consist of a wafer and juice, packaged together. You peel off the 1st layer, and you have the wafer. Then you peel off the 2nd layer and you have the juice. These individually wrapped communion packets will be on the ushers stand each communion Sunday, as you come into the sanctuary. Please take one, as you also pick up a bulletin.

Until you are able to come back and worship with us here, we hope you will remember to continue supporting Friedens by mailing in your offerings, or by going to our church website, friedens.org, and making your offerings electronically through our PayPal option. Your support in helping the church pay its bills will help us weather the current situation.

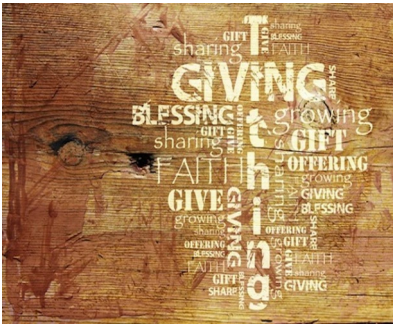
If you have any questions, you can call or email myself, or the church. We hope you continue to worship with us either in person, or through our live streaming on Facebook.

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 give to us.

Monthly Report: August 2020
Receipts: \$10,943.88
Disbursements: \$10,601.43



September Calendar

There will not be a September calendar inserted in this month’s Messenger. However, worship in our sanctuary, as well as live streaming worship are both at 10:30am. As more activities resume we will start inserting a calendar.

SEPTEMBER Birthdays
and Anniversaries

- 02 — Dan & Sharon Trout (42 yrs)
- 03 — Logan Scribner
- 05 — Nick King
- 08 — Mark & Sunny Detty (12 yrs)
- 10 — Jenna Rempe
- 10 — Dan & Linda Koch (43 yrs)
- 11 — Norm & Irene Newhouse (28 yrs)
- 14 — Bryan Logewolf
- 15 — Daniel Russell
- 17 — Karen Sinn
- 18 — Nancy Borrell
- 19 — Jonathan Zweerink
- 20 — Kathy Holand
- 21 — Nathan & Kayla Johanson (12 yrs)
- 22 — Marge Wessels
- 23 — Jodi Urban
- 25 — James Ripenburg
- 26 — Kris Plucknett
- 28 — Bryleigh Anne Garnham



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jane Cosier & Fran Zessin

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

- 9-6 — Kathy Holland
- 9-13 — Maxine Pfrimmer
- 9-20 — Mark Grimes
- 9-27— Carolyn Hogg



FRIEDENS

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and in
Friedens Sanctuary every Sunday at 10:30am

Lectors Needed

We are in need of additional Lectors. If you would be interested in volunteering in this role, please contact Donna Splichal at 402-430-0224.

Thank you!

Celebrating

2010

10

2020

years

Streets

Alive!

Sunday, October 4th

2:00-4:00pm

HealthyLincoln.org/StreetsAliveOnline

Online

Streets Alive! 2020

Streets Alive!, Lincoln's annual outdoor health and wellness festival, has been part of the community for 10 years! Streets Alive! 2020 will be a *virtual* event on Sunday, October 4th, 2:00-4:00pm with interactive demos, classes and community partner messages, plus a week-long neighborhood scavenger bingo game with prizes to get people out and active in a fun, safe way. For questions contact Veronica Cockerill, vcockerill@healthylincoln.org.

Virtual Event!

INTERACTIVE ONLINE:

- Demonstrations
- Classes
- Community Health Resources

Scavenger Bingo!

- Explore outdoors October 4th –10th!
- Find fun scavenger bingo cards at HealthyLincoln.org/StreetsAliveOnline
- Post a picture of a bingo find on social media with: #StreetsAliveOnline
- Be entered into a drawing for a bike, helmet and lock from the Bike Kitchen!

10,000 Miles!

Let's get to 10,000 miles for the 10th Anniversary of Streets Alive! Track your miles October 4th –10th at LiveWellChallenge.com in the "2020 Streets Alive" group. The person with the most tracked miles will win a prize for their neighborhood!

Health Resources!

Check out **FREE** health and wellness resources offered by Lincoln organizations on the **Community Partners** page!

HealthyLincoln.org

Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln

Streets Alive! is brought to you by Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln and several generous community sponsors.

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
Larrie Schmidt	Lee Alexander	Molly Lyons
Reece Nelsen	Bob Wessels	Dorothy Loos
Crystal Anderson		



Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister)
 Bill Koelzer (Fran Zessin's brother)
 Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)
 Family & friends of Dwayne Greenwalt
 Family & friends of Rick Lutz

In Remembrance.....

Dwayne Greenwalt, age 89, of Lincoln, passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Services were held Monday, August 31 at Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home. Dwayne was baptized and confirmed at Friedens, and was a lifelong member. Dwayne is survived by his daughter Teresa (Roy) McKinney, and sons Rick Greenwalt and Paul (Barbara) Greenwalt, three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and his sister, Evangeline Brehm.

Henry "Rick" Richard Lutz, Jr. age 73, of Lincoln, passed away on Sunday, March 15, 2020. A graveside service was held Friday, August 28, with Pastor Bud presiding, at Lincoln Memorial Park. Rick was a member of Friedens and proud of his German from Russia heritage. Rick is survived by his daughter, Amy (Jereme) Montgomery; his son, Seth (Teri) Lutz and six grandchildren.

In Loving Memory





New Members, August 2020

Welcome to our new members! All were received into the Friedens family August 23rd through Affirmation of Faith, either virtually or in person. The congregation joined with them in renewing their confirmation promise as well. Please greet them when you see them!

Megan & Mark Grimes: Mark & Megan have been married for nearly 8 years. Mark is from the Lincoln area. Megan grew up in Valentine. They currently have a foster child, Naomi, who is 3 years old. They found Friedens when they attended our German Christmas Service.

Bob & Marge Wessels: Bob is a retired Lutheran Pastor. He has served congregations in Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. Once retired, he served as an interim pastor in Iowa, Kansas and Alaska. Both Marge & Bob are originally from Iowa. They recently celebrated their 65th anniversary! They have three sons and two daughters plus grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren too numerous to count! Their daughter, Deb Marr, is their connection to Friedens.

Lee Alexander and Crystal Lockett: Lee is from Detroit, Michigan and Crystal was born and raised in Lincoln. She graduated from Lincoln High. They are engaged. Lee has 12 adult children and Crystal has two adult children. They found Friedens through their friend, Joyce Boerger.

Bev Mittan: Bev is Friedens office manager as of January 2019. She has a background in accounting and also works part-time as the Secretary/Treasurer of her Town Home Association. Bev is originally from northeast Nebraska and has lived in Lincoln 20 years. She has two children, Wendy (Lincoln) and Chad (Utica, South Dakota). Bev is a lifelong Lutheran.

Wendy Clement: Wendy is Bev Mittan's daughter. She has a Master's degree in Business Management through Doane College. She is a lifelong Lutheran.

Lynda Zimmer: Lynda is the daughter of Sharon Koch and the sister of Dan & Randy Koch. She is widowed and has two children and four grandchildren. She lives on an acreage with her Dachshund and her two cats. She works part time at Costco. Lynda was baptized and confirmed at Friedens.

Norm Newhouse: Norm is the husband of Irene, the father of Abby and the grandfather of Raven. He was previously a member of Christ Methodist Church in Lincoln. He has a mechanical engineering degree. He is semi-retired and continues to work as a consultant. Because of his job he has traveled extensively. He enjoys playing golf.

BUD — My Life As I Recall It From My Canoe

by Bud Christenson



Many of you may not know that Pastor Bud has published a book about his life. Written in his story-telling style, it is an easy and very enjoyable read. Available to the public in early 2020, Pr. Bud will make some books available for us. Pick up an autographed copy at worship Sunday morning or contact the church office to make arrangements to pick one up. (Or delivered, if need be.) After you read it you may want to pass it on to a friend, return it to the church for someone else to read, or you may keep it thanks to the generosity of Pr. Bud. All proceeds from the sale of his book will go to Bridges to Hope.

Look for your autographed copy soon!



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 and the recent explosion in Beirut which, sadly, destroyed 47,000 school kits and quilts that were being stored there prior to transport to those in need. If you're out shopping and you find school items on sale, below is a list of items that are still needed.

70-sheet notebooks

Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink

Pencil sharpeners

We will be collecting items through October. We have not set a goal as we want to be cautious encouraging people to shop as some of us are limiting our time out because of COVID-19. We will be regularly counting school kit supplies donated. Watch for future announcements as to items most needed.

Thank you!



Pantry Needs...

Listed below are items most needed by the Lutheran Food Pantry this month:

Condensed soups (all kinds)

Juice

Canned Fruit (all kinds)

Snacks (individual packages of crackers, cookies, etc.)

Jelly

Red beans (chili, black, kidney, refried, etc.)

Saltine crackers

Tuna

Monetary donations are always appreciated. You may designate a portion of your offering to be forwarded to the Lutheran Food Pantry.

*Save your Best Choice UPC labels. These are shared with the Foodnet program. The label should include the UPC symbol and the words Best Choice right above the UPC.

