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PASTOR'S PAGE...

This past Sunday (20 May) we celebrated Pentecost – the birthday of the church, if you will. We read the familiar story from Acts 2 about the disciples being gathered together waiting for the help that would be sent to them after Jesus ascended. It's their "rest break" before embarking on the impossible-sounding mission that Jesus has left them with: "... you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NIV) That's a big area to cover, and a lot of different cultures and languages to figure out how to live and teach in. So, when the Holy Spirit comes, it's good that she brings to them the power to speak the languages of others – it's one they are going to need! It's one that shows them (and those listening) that the task they have been set by Jesus isn't as impossible as it might otherwise have appeared. This coming of the Spirit becomes an event that demonstrates the power of God to act through them to do things that they cannot imagine.

Last month, we talked about being "Easter People"; people who are formed by the resurrection narrative in such a way that we have (hopefully!) an imagination which allows us to see hope in the face of despair, and life in the face of death. Now, on Pentecost, the last day of the Easter season, we see the Spirit at work among the followers of Jesus empowering them with the gifts they need to live into such an imagined future – one where God's *shalom* comes to be for all. We see the Spirit creating new life among the followers of Jesus and inspiring faith in others who become followers. God is on the move in Pentecost (and the book of Acts).

At Friedens, in the past month, the Spirit has been on the move. We celebrated with Raven Pinkerton and James Ripenburg as they affirmed their baptismal promises on 20 May. Walking with these young people as their faith matures, they ask good questions, and they ultimately choose to claim faith for themselves has been a privilege. I look forward to the way that the Spirit will work in their lives and the ways they will help us to discern and be about God's work in the world.

Confirmation is exciting step and one where the assembly is invited to join the confirmands in recalling our baptisms and renewing our vows of faith. The whole assembly is invited to join in the renunciation of evil and the forces that defy God, the confession our faith via the creed, and the living out of the baptismal covenant:

To "...**live** among God's faithful people; **hear** the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper; **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed; **serve** all people following the example of Jesus; and **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth."

James and Raven did a small project as the final act of their confirmation process: to take the five promise above and say how they intend to live those out in the next year. They bravely shared those with the whole congregation on Pentecost. I invite and challenge you to consider the same question: how do you intend to live out those five baptismal promises in the next year? (And, no, the answer to all of them can't be "go to church"). Be specific.

If you too are feeling brave, share those with one another. It's wonderful to see the many ways that the Spirit works in, among, and through us; shaping our faith and sharing good news with others. And Pentecost seems like the perfect time to imagine the ways that we might live into the future together in light of our baptismal call to follow Christ.

Upcoming dates...

May 31 — June 2

Synod Assembly

July 12 — 15

Vacation Bible School

July 12th From 6:00 –8:00 p.m.
July 13th From 6:00 –8:00 p.m.
July 14th From 9:00 am – 12:30p.m.
July 15th From 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.



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.

Cooper Park Celebration

June 30th, 12 – 4 pm

Come Celebrate Community in Cooper Park!

Live music and activities for everyone!

We will have free hot dogs.

We encourage you to bring a pot luck side to share!

Sponsored by:

South Salt Creek Community Organization

Everett Neighborhood Association

South of Downtown

NeighborWorks, Lincoln



Pantry Needs...

Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" include:

Breakfast cereals, Instant oatmeal packets, Breakfast bars, Canned chicken, Canned peas, Macaroni and cheese, Jelly, Peanut butter, Fruit juice, Saltine crackers, Any shelf stable food items, Personal care items (toilet paper, shampoo, bath/bar soap, lotion - even the sample size items), Money, donations are always appreciated.



JULY WORSHIP

2018 LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Communion Assistant

1 — Sue Busker

15 — Karen Scribner

Lectors

1 — TBA

8 — TBA

15 — TBA

22 — TBA

29 — TBA

Greeters

1 — Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier

8 — JoAnn Ninneman & Jimmy Oltmer

15 — Rempe Family

22 — Deb Marr & Neoma Jones

29 — Linda Dreith & Carol Boellstorff



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

Office@friedens.org



JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 June Simpson
- 3 Greg Zessin
- 5 Bill and Deb Marr (24 Yrs)
- 6 Michele Bukoske
- 8 Christina Strong
- 9 Lori Schwahn
- 11 Don and Jodi Urban (29 Yrs)
- 15 Timothy Bukoske
- 21 Gary Hardt
- 25 Nancy Ripenburg
- 26 Al and Karen Scribner (47 Yrs)
- 26 Chris and Amanda Zweerink (18 Yrs)
- 27 Maria Kildau
- 27 Mike and Becky Roberts (20 Yrs)
- 28 Mark Detty
- 29 Greg and Frances Zessin (43 Yrs)
- 29 Kevin and Anne Melang-Thoren (15 Yrs)



JUNE WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jane Cosier & Susan Busker

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Communion Assistant

3 — Fran Zessin

17 — Carolyn Hogg

Lectors

3 — Amy Rezny

10— KC Melang-Thoren

17 — Maxine Pfrimmer

24 — Amy Rezny

Greeters

3 — Chuck & Lori Schwahn

10— Steve & Peggy Russell

17 — Amy Rezny & Joyce Boerger

24 — Irene Newhouse & Maria Kildau

JUNE 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!



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....

Jane Swann

Gary Overfiled

Megan McNamara

Dwayne Greenwalt

Verlene Owens

Greg Zessin

Kimberly Render

Ron Vogt

Larrie Schmidt

Jewel Hardt

Dick Busker

Halley Hansen

Bud Bergen

Bill Kammerer (Uncle of KC Melang-Thoren)

Zach Miller (friend of Pastor Kate's)

Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister)

Dean & Angie Dreith (Scott Dreith's Brother)



Sending Healing Prayers

There are greeting cards in the back of the church ...

If you would like to fill one out for someone who might be having a birthday, anniversary, or you are just thinking of them. Please fill out the card with the person's first and last name and put it back in the basket. We will stamp and mail it or deliver it to that person.

P.S. If you have extra greeting cards please place them in the back of the church and they will be sorted for others to use.

Any questions ask Fran Zessin

No greater way to show God's love than to be in touch with others.



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: April 30, 2018

Receipts \$ 30,643.40

Disbursements \$ 33,734.55

Did you forget the check book? Did you forget your cash? This could help you out...

The following is some information on how you can give online safe and secure from your own home. If you go to www.friedens.org (the Church Web site) and go to the bottom of the page there you will find a blue square with the word DONATE. When you click on it, it will take you to a secure website that says Welcome Friedens. You will need to create an account. Once you have created an account you will just have to sign in each time before you make your donation. You can make a onetime donation or set up a weekly donation, it's your choice. Below is some information about Vanco the company Friedens uses for this service. Vanco is very helpful if you have questions. Their phone number is below or you can call the church office at 402-476-3888.

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Children's Sunday school...

ended May 20th. And will resume in mid-August.

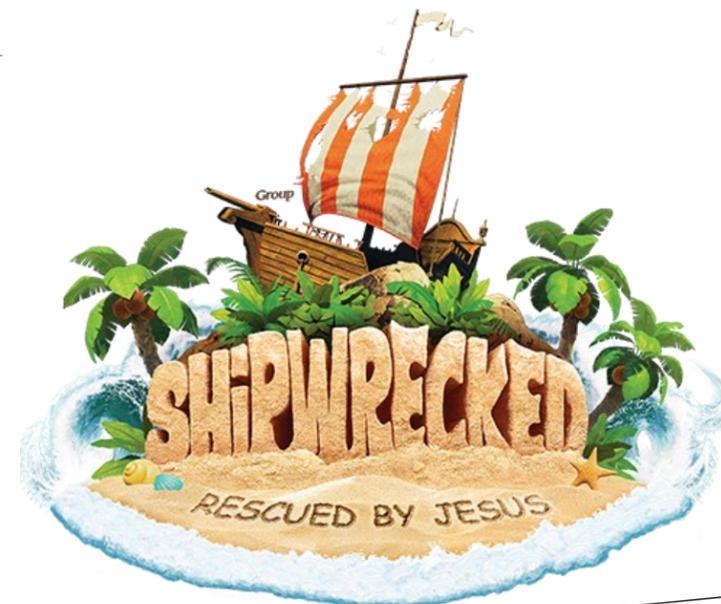
They are always welcome in worship!



Garage Sale...

Details coming soon...

If you have items to donate please leave them in basement of the annex. Thank you



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 For Ages Pre-school through 5th Grade
 Contact: Church Office, 402-476-3888

Thursday, July 12th, 6 - 8 PM
 Friday, July 13th, 6 - 8 PM
 Saturday, July 14th 9 - 12:30
 Include Snacks and Picnic Lunch on Saturday
 Sunday, July 15th 9 - 11:30
 With Fellowship following worship @ Friedens



Fill our registration card and return it to Friedens church 402- 476-3888 or Email: office @ Friedens .org

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION CARD

(one student per card please)



Student's Name _____

Birth Date _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Known Allergies/Medical concerns _____

Does the Student Attend Sunday School? _____ If So, Where? _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone _____

Health Care Phone _____

Permission to photograph for use in FLC Publications and online: Yes _____ / No _____

Medical Release: I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an Injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ 5 _____