

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

This morning my son called to remind me that this is the last day of summer. I thought to myself, "That means tomorrow is the first day of autumn." Yesterday I was out and about in 103 degree summer heat. This morning I was delighted to experience the cool morning autumn air. This was the most dramatic transition from summer to fall that I have ever experienced in my 85 years!

As we move into October I am reminded that October 31 will mark the end of my third year as Transition Pastor at Friedens. That prompted me to start counting blessings. The biggest blessing on my list is the joy of serving with you for these years.

The next blessing that comes to mind is the 25 years that I have served with the people of the ELCA, Nebraska Synod, in prison ministry. 25 years have passed very quickly. Thanks to generous donors (money and goods) we have shared the Good News with partners in the prisons, and served thousands of men and women as they struggled to re-enter society.

Each year we have planned a Freed for Life event, usually at Sheridan Lutheran Church, to celebrate our ministry and raise funds to keep it growing. To get a sense of the scope of that ministry I would invite you to visit the warehouse that houses Bridges to Hope, Bud's Thrift Shoppe on O Street, and the FEAST, on Sunday morning at Our Saviours Lutheran Church.

You are all invited to a 25th Anniversary celebration on November 6th at Sheridan Lutheran Church from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Instead of dinner we will serve hors d'oeuvres and anniversary cake. You are invited to come to meet some ex-prisoners and current prisoners from the FEAST program. You will be moved by the three minute video testimonies of about ten (or so) prisoners, and will enjoy singing along with some of FEAST partners. It promises to be a great party!

Also, at the end of October we will celebrate "All Hallows Eve," (Halloween) followed on Sunday, November 6, with our observance of All Saints Day. We will remember important people in our church family who have been an inspiration to us, and important people in our families. Lighting candles in their memory and in their honor will bring joy and peace.

At the end of November, Christ the King Sunday, the old year ends and the new year begins with Advent. We will experience love, joy, peace and hope as we light Advent candles and await the coming of our Savior. We journey with our Lord. What a Great Trip!

Pastor Bud

After missing it the past 2 years because of Covid, we were able to once again have our Neighborhood/Church picnic this past month. I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to put this on this year, and provide an afternoon of fun for our congregation and for our neighborhood. It was a great turn out and a great success. Everyone had a great time. Thank you.

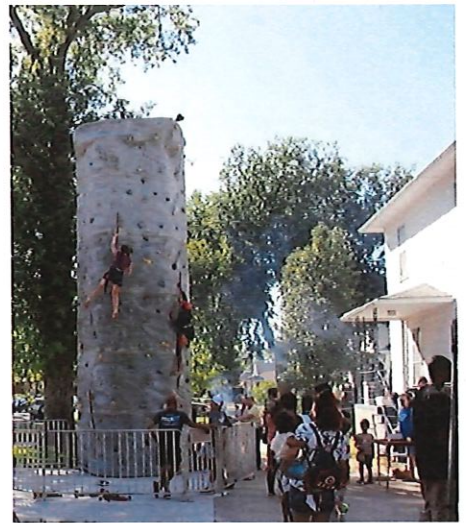
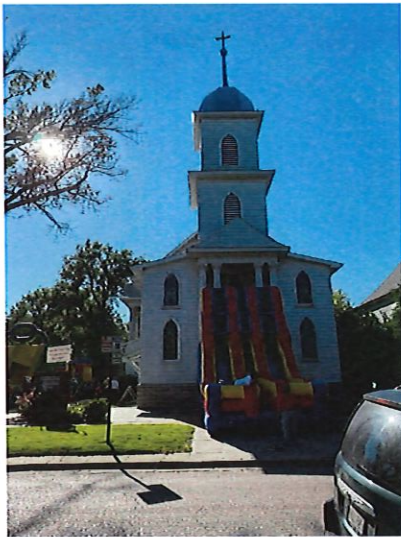
Here are some memories!

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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

Kimberly Render

Ron McKinney

Bob Hogg

Carolyn Hogg

Billie Hansen



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

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Simon Crawford trick Crawford's grandson)

Sending Healing Prayers

Prayers for Billie

Please keep Billie Hansen, Friedens previous church secretary, in your prayers.

On September 22nd, Billie underwent brain surgery to remove blood clots from her brain.

Please keep her in your prayers .



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 given to us.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Monthly Report: September 2022

Receipts: \$ 6,686.00

Disbursements: \$ 10,157.52





Men's Fellowship/Bible Study

Pastor Bud would like to invite interested men from Friedens for a **Fellowship Bible study at 9:00am on Saturday, October 8th, in the Fellowship Hall at Friedens.** Pick up a free Bible and enjoy a cup of coffee, a cinnamon roll, juice, and a short Bible study on the Gospel of Mark. Pastor Bud is hoping many of you will join him for a monthly fellowship gathering.

Come and bring a friend!

BRIDGES TO HOPE

FREED FOR LIFE EVENT

In 1997 the bishop came to Pastor Bud with a letter of call to begin prison ministry at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. He started the Followers of Christ prison congregation and soon after started Bridges to Hope.

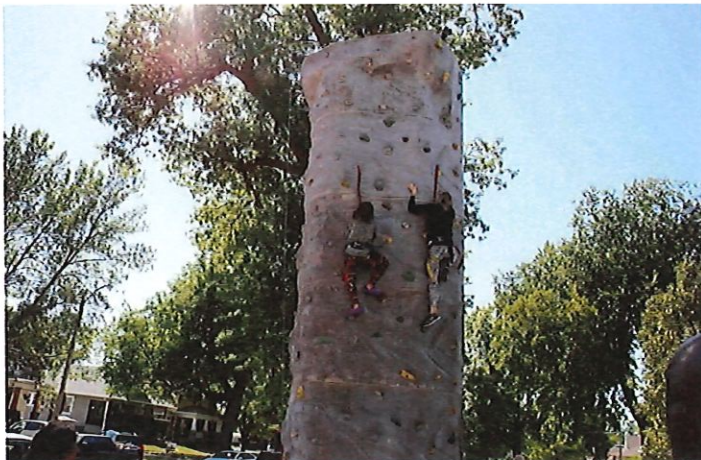
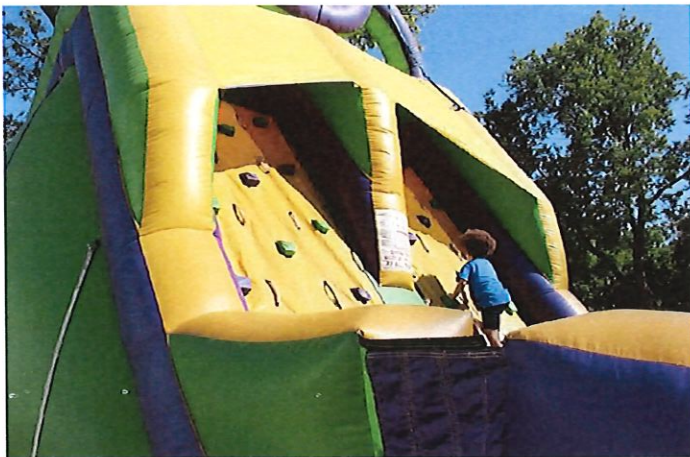
On Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of this ministry with a "party" from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. at Sheridan Lutheran Church. There will be hors d'oeuvres and an anniversary cake. The informal setting will allow for conversations with prisoners from the FEAST program and from time to time a prisoner's story will show on the screens in the Family Life Center.

Pastor Bud and Ruth will provide the cake and cupcakes. We would like some volunteers to keep the table stocked with cupcakes and mints and nuts.

There is no charge. It is a fundraiser based on donations.

Friedens Neighborhood/Church Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came to our neighborhood picnic, as a guest or a volunteer. We had a wonderful attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves from inflatable toys and hamburgers and hotdogs, to playing Bingo. A special thank you to **Randy Koch** for being our grill master and a very special thanks to **Gary Hardt** for coordinating the whole event. This year's picnic was made possible by a very generous gift from the **Don & Sandy Everett family** and their Runza Restaurants. It takes a lot of people to make an event like this a success and we did just that. Thanks to all!



OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

03—Tina Strong

04 — Matthew & Julie Hauschild (19 yrs)

05 — Shawn Johanson

07 — David Cosier

08 — Linda Dreith

10 — Sunny Detty

12 — Brad Magnuson

14 — Richard & Susan Busker (33 yrs)

14 — Bev Wilson

16 — Amy Rezny

20 — Kent Vollenweider

22 — Jeremy Cosier

25 — Kayle Hardt

30 — Rich Anderson

20 — Myles Hardt



OCTOBER WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Deb Marr & Linda Vollenweider

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

10-2 Maxine Pfrimmer

10-9 Margaret Vogt

10-16 Amy Rezny

10-23 Peggy Russell

10-31 Irene Newhouse

Cantors

10-2 Karen Scribner

10-9 Jodi Urban

10-16 Patrick Crawford

10-23 Abby Newhouse

10-30 Pastor Vickie Steffes

Counters

Deb Marr and Neoma Jones

Chrismons Volunteers

The Chrismons which decorate our Christmas tree are in need of repair and replacement. All are invited to help with this fun project on **Friday, October 28th** at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any of the following supplies you could donate, it would be much appreciated.



Beads, sequins, sequin pins, glitter and trim in white and gold

Styrofoam balls (minimum 3 inches)

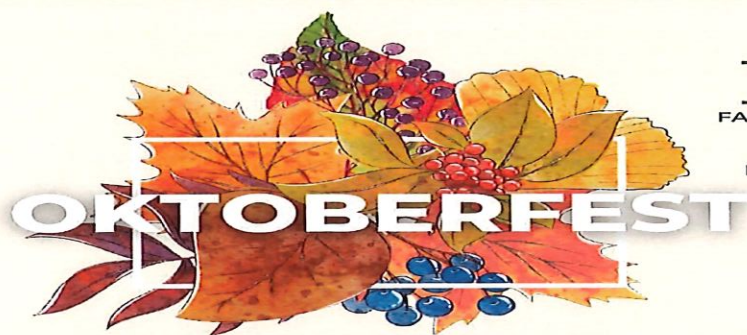
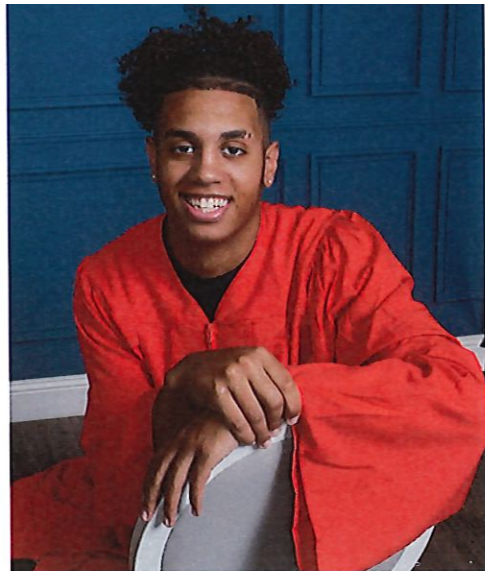
Styrofoam sheets (1/2" - 3/4")

If you have questions, contact Peggy Russell (402-440-0826)



Keijuan Dorsey (son of Christina Strong, grandson of Julie Erickson, and great-grandson of the late Kenneth & Jewel Hardt) graduated from Lincoln High School on May 28, 2022. Keijuan is currently working full time at the Coca Cola warehouse in Lincoln and is studying for his CDL (commercial drivers license).

Keijuan participated in many events at Friedens as a child.



SATURDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2022

FAMILY FUN | FREE FOOD & DRINK | GAMES | MUSIC
4 - 6:30 PM

HOSTED BY THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL
SOCIETY OF GERMANS FROM RUSSIA,
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
AND FRIEDENS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Thanks to so many of you we have gathered hundreds of items for our School Kits! Due to some generous donors, we have been able to purchase all the notebooks and pens needed to make our 150 kit goal.

In the past five years our completed kits have been sent to The Democratic Republic of Congo (Central Africa), Lebanon (Middle East), Senegal (West Africa), El Salvador (Central America) and Mali (West Africa).

If you have purchased supplies, please drop them off at church. We will make as many kits as we can and save any extra items for next year's kits. Thanks again!

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Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager

GARAGE SALE TALE

BY MEGAN GRIMES

In 2021, Naomi and I stopped at the church to bring a carload of garage sale items to donate. As we carried our stuff to the basement, Naomi immediately noticed many, many Panda items. It looked like someone donated their Panda collection. Naomi selected a stuffed Panda weighted with beads that she couldn't possibly leave behind. We bought him before the garage sale officially started and he retains a high place of honor on Naomi's bed and continues to be her favorite. Thank you to the person(s) that donated Panda to Friedens.

