

Friedens MESSENGER

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THE MESSAGE...

Dear Friedens Friends,

Psalm 92:1,2 says: "It is good to praise the Lord and to make music to your name, O Most High. To proclaim your Love in the morning and your Faithfulness at night."

Praise to God is the true heart of worship! Whether it be through the spoken word or musically with hymns and gospel songs. It is so good to praise God and to make music that can fill up the Sanctuary and touch the hearts and lives of those who listen, sing, and reflect upon those words praise for to God's love and faithfulness to us.

Speaking of making music, there was plenty of it when I preached on July 26th here at Friedens. That Sunday morning, we had a special Musical Guest Artist. A man whose vocal talents are well known. The well loved, Elvis Impersonator: Bill Chrastil! He began with the great hymn, "Amazing Grace" which set the tone and the stage for everything that would follow it. Bill would pour his heart and soul into the gospel songs of "If That Isn't Love" and the classic "How Great Thou Art." He concluded his performance with a song he had written called "Jesus Take My Heart Today," Every song touched the hearts of those who were listening.

It was an awesome time of music, preaching and fellowship. Mai played with passion and flair from the Prelude to the Postlude. Karen sang as sweetly as always. The Congregation sang and helped fill this wonderful time of praise. It was a time for talents, without a doubt. Yet, it was much more than that; It was a time to Praise God's great Love and Faithfulness to all us here at Friedens! Amen!

How do you spell fun? Let's see.. G-A-R-A-G-E S-A-L-E!! That's right. It is almost time for Friedens Annual Garage Sale! Don't forget the dates August 13,14,15! Three days of bargains with all kinds of stuff! Check it out!

Here is another Big Day to remember! Sunday September 13th 3-7pm Its Friedens Sunday School Neighborhood/Church Picnic There is fun for all ages!! A bounce house, Games, Food, Did someone yell, BINGO? I think so! Come on down, wear a smile and bring a friend!

Yours In Christ, Patrick

Message from our Council President

What happened to July?! August is here already! Bible school is behind us, and regular school is on the horizon. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped to make Bible school successful, and special thanks to Julie Erickson for coordinating. Next, keep your eyes out for the garage sale on August 13, 14, and 15. We appreciate any donations you might be able to drop off, and any help you can provide during those times or on the drop-off dates of August 9-12 at the scheduled times.

We have appreciated guest sermons by Pastor Dennis Rock and Pastor Emily Johnson in July. We continue to appreciate the support of Patrick Crawford in leading our worship as well. Patrick will continue to serve us moving forward. Pastor Myron Meyer will lead worship in August and beyond.

Thank you again to all of the volunteers that keep our Church moving forward! I want to give special thanks to Rick Harris for his help in keeping the air conditioners running. And a thanks to Bill Chrastil for his wonderful music for the July 26 service.

If you have anything that the Council should be aware of, please let us know! Our next Council meeting will be on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm. Church members are always welcome to attend.

Norm Newhouse
newhousetech@windstream.net

Thank you Bill Chrastil

Bill Chrastil performed some of his Gospel Songs during our church service on July 26th! He sang “**Amazing Grace**”, “**If That Isn’t Love**”, “**How Great Thou Art**” and “**Jesus Take My Heart Today**”. Bill has done special music at Friedens over the years, and Bill's family has had Friedens connections for many years. If you happened to have missed the service, it is available by live-streaming on Facebook for July 26th.

Thank you Bill!

*Amazing
Grace*
how sweet the sound

*How Great
Thou Art!*

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....

Carolyn Hogg

Kimberly Render

Kathy Harris

Jeremy Cosier

Jeff Harrington

Fran Harrington

Faith Lauterbach

Carolea Adams

Kathie Svoboda

Maxine Pfrimmer



Jeff Vantor (son-in-law of Ronald & Margaret Vogt)

Josephine Manno (friend of Patrick Crawford)

Garth Scism (brother-in-law of Jodi Urban)

Angie Nicole Blunt (friend of Patrick Crawford)

Mariah Meyer LeFeber (daughter of Carol Meyer & friend of Karen Scribner)

Rachel Powles (sister of Ryan Shannon)

Linda Brummond (sister of Gidge Schmidt)

Molly Lyons

Molly Lyons, age 79, wife of Robert Lyons, passed away on July 16, 2026 in Stockton, Missouri. Molly and Robert Lyons were past members at Friedens until 2010 when they relocated to Stockton, Missouri.

Molly was very actively involved at Friedens while they were members. The funeral service was held on July 23, 2026 at Butherus, Maser & Love Chapel. Please keep Robert and the family in your prayers.

"We Care" Door Offering

Our Friedens families at times need help. This door offering will be on the first Sunday of every month. These donations will be for Friedens family only. We all know that the cost of everything has raised substantially (rent, utilities, food, medical, and so much more).

This box which is in the back of the church says it all, "We Care". Please think about it, pray about it, and give from your hearts for those who need our help. Friedens has already helped several families.

Please be sure to note your giving to the "We Care" fund if using a check or envelope.

Any questions can be forwarded to Fran Zessin (402-314-0800) or Kathy Holland (402-310-9153)

The Annual Garage Sale



Thursday, Friday & Saturday —August 13,14,15

8:00 AM —5:00 PM, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM, Saturday

Items can be dropped off starting:

Sunday, August 9th, 1:00 PM —3:00 PM

Monday, August 10th, 9:00 AM —12:00 PM, 6:00 PM —8:00 PM

Tuesday, August 11th, 9:00 AM —12:00PM, 6:00 PM —8:00 PM

Wednesday, August 12th, 9:00 AM —2:00 PM

Help is needed at any of these drop-off times listed above.

Please plan to stay and help.

Mark your calendar!

Thursday, August 13th, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Friday, August 14th, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 15th, 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Help is needed at each of these days

and cleanup on Saturday.

Bake Sale and Lunch

We will be asking for bake sale items and lunch items.

Sign up sheets will be in back of the church or you can call Fran.

Questions can be directed to **Fran Zessin—402-314-0800**



Starting August 2nd, garage sale items may be brought to the church Fellowship Hall. Please place them behind the wall. Signs will be posted to direct you. Thanks for your donations.

Lots and lots help needed

The annual fund raiser is the garage sale. We need everyone to help. It's a very big job to sort clothes and items to get ready for this sale. Please mark your calendar for these dates to help

Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if possible otherwise just show up

August 3. Monday 9:00Am-12:00 August 4 Tuesday 9-12 August 5. Wednesday 9-12 August. 6. Thursday 9-12

August 10 Monday 9-12 August 11 Tuesday 9-12 August 12 Wednesday 9-12

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Any questions call Fran Thank You

**Friedens Sunday
School/Neighborhood/Church Picnic
6th & D Streets
Sunday September 13th 3:00pm to 7:00pm**



For the kids!!!!
BOUNCE HOUSE!
18' DUAL SLIDE!
ROCK CLIMBING WALL!
FACE PAINTING!

GAMES

We will have games for all ages starting at 3:00pm and running until 5:00pm.

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES

BINGO

B I N G O				
3	18	32	51	69
12	29	40	60	61
7	30	44	55	74
5	22	38	53	68
13	26	43	59	60

FOOD

We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, and dinner will start at 5:00pm

Bingo will start after dinner at 6:00pm. Bingo prizes include:
grocery items, sunglasses, toys, cell phone accessories, novelty items,
restaurant gift certificates and many others!!!!

The Youth Group will be selling

SNOWCONES!

ICE CREAM SANDWICHES!

POPCORN!

ICE CREAM BARS!

POP!

This year's picnic is made possible by a very generous gift from the Don & Sandy Everett family and their Runza Restaurants.

Please plan on attending and feel free to bring a friend(s)!

**Hosted by
Friedens Lutheran Church**

When we give freely.....

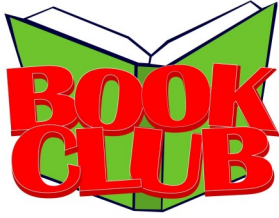
We are able to be a part of God's work at Friedens, in Lincoln and around the world. We serve an incredibly generous God and count it a privilege to give back to God what has generously been given to us.



Monthly Report: June 2026

Receipts: \$7,323.00

Disbursements: \$11,819.36



August Book Club meets on August 18th at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We are reading Magic Hour, by Kristen Hannah, published in 2024. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, call or text Ruth Christenson, 402-521-0175

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief -- August Update

Thanks to all who have donated items needed for our School Kits! If the blue box in the entry way looks empty it's because Kathy Rempe is emptying and counting on a regular basis.

Our greatest need is for: pens, erasers, rulers, notebooks, crayons and scissors.

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Rulers, with inches on one side and centimeters on the other side

Notebooks must be 70 page, spiral, wide- or college- ruled

Crayons, box of 16 or 24

Scissors, blunt (not sharp edge)



We are asked not to donate supplies with religious symbols or messages. Also we are not to include items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols. Items must be new.

AUGUST Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (02) Haylee Rutt
- (04) Al Scribner
- (06) David & Jane Cosier (60 Yrs)
- (08) Susan Busker
- (09) Callen Hauschild
- (11) Carolyn Hogg
- (12) Shawn & Rachel Johanson (20 Yrs)
- (14) Bonnie Nelson
- (15) Linda Koch
- (18) Michael Selvage
- (20) Joseph Towns
- (20) Karen Scribner
- (23) Kathie Svoboda
- (27) Olivia Brown
- (30) Fran Harrington



David and Jane Cosier

Altar flower were provided To The Glory of God and in commemoration of David and Jane's 60th wedding anniversary. David and Jane were married at Friedens Lutheran Church on August 6, 1966. David and Jane's wedding was officiated by Pastor Warrenburg. Both are very devoted Friedens members and are active in many different areas. Jane was confirmed at Friedens in 1963. Their marriage is blessed with one daughter and one son. Flowers were provided by David and Jane. Congratulations to this faithful couple.

AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Leaders

8-2, 8-9, 8-16 Pastor Myron Meyer
8-23, 8-30 Patrick Crawford

Altar Guild

Jodi Urban & Kathy Holland

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Cantors

8-2 Steve Russell
8-9 Abby Newhouse
8-16 Jodi Urban
8-23 Steve Russell
8-30 Karen Scribner

Lectors

8-2 Sue Busker
8-9 Steve Russell
8-16 Amy Rezny
8-23 Jodi Urban
8-30 Irene Newhouse

Counters

Jodi Urban & Lou Skrdlant

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Lutheran Food Pantry Needs



The Lincoln Food Pantry current needs are:

Food:

Canned beans (kidney, black, red)

Pork & Beans

Green Beans

Ramen Noodles

Personal Care:

Bar Soap

Shampoo

Deodorant

Toothpaste

You may bring items to St. Andrew's any Tuesday thru Friday, 8am-3pm

Food boxes are available for pickup every Wednesday and Thursday, 9am-2pm