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# Friedens MESSENGER

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## ***PASTOR'S PAGE...***

Dear Friedens Family,

We just completed the season of Lent. Thank you to Patrick Crawford for doing five monologues for us! He did a great job.

Holy Week is here. This is the time of year when we celebrate the heart of the Christian message. The entire church year points us to this special week when we remember the suffering and death of Jesus. Good Friday is not Good because Jesus was executed as a common criminal. It is Good because Jesus remained obedient unto death, even death by execution.

Paul reminds us that the world (including us) can't really understand how the death of one man, which appears to be a tragic defeat, can be the sign of victory for those who believe. It would have made more sense to everyone if Jesus had ridden into Jerusalem on a warhorse, organized an unbeatable army, disarmed all the empirical powers in the world, and set up the rule of God. We believe he could have done that.

Instead God announced victory to the world on Easter morning by raising Jesus from death to life, bringing him back home to the heavenly realm where he is seated on the throne for eternity. His intention is to draw all people to him.

His message to us is:

My power is made perfect in weakness

If anyone wishes to follow me, they must take up their cross and follow.

The last shall be first and the first shall be last.

I came not to be served, but to serve.

As I have washed your feet (a role for household servants), you must also wash one another's feet.

Carry my message into the world as vulnerable messengers, relying solely on the power of the Spirit.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

"Since we live by the Spirit let us keep in step with the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25)

Those who came before us to establish this congregation in the Russian bottoms were wise in choosing the name Friedens. I have learned from you that Friedens Lutheran Church means Peace Lutheran Church. We live in peace and we share the peace, a gift from God.

Go in peace...remember the poor...serve the Lord...bless people.

Pastor Bud



### Message from our Council President

On Easter morning, we had 55 members and friends of Friedens turn out for our Easter Morning Breakfast. It was good to see that many people show up, and enjoy breakfast and each others company. It was as many that had shown up each of the past 2 years that we were able to have our Easter Morning Breakfast, before Covid hit last year. While the number wasn't huge, it was in line with pre-Covid turn outs, and a definite sign to me that people want to get back out and enjoy their lives. We had all of the tables spread out and socially distanced. And we took all of the precautions that we are required to take. The breakfast meals from Cracker Barrel were a hit, and everyone had a good time. The Fellowship Hall was full of smiling faces. Several people told me that Easter Sunday was the day that they marked in their calendar, that they had planned to start coming back to in-church worship. A large percentage of our congregation has had their vaccine shots, and with the age being lowered now to get the vaccine, we anticipate that by the 1st of May, a majority of our adult members will have had their vaccinations.

On Sunday May 2nd, we will start singing again at Friedens, during worship services. We will start singing, with our face masks still on, because that is still our county/city health directives. We will take our first steps to bringing singing back to our worship services. We will continue to follow all city and county health directives. Nothing will change there. If you feel moved to start coming back to in-person worship services, we invite you to join us. Although pews are taped off, there is plenty of room for you. The balcony gets very little use, so you are welcome to come up there also. If you are still not ready to come back to in-person worship, that's alright too. Live streaming on our Facebook page will be a permanent part of our worship service. We are glad to have you worship with us, whichever way you feel most comfortable. Please continue to make comments, so we know that you are there, especially our special friends spread out across the country. Being able to stay connected to all of you, is one of the positives that have come out of all of this.

Thank you for always being there.

Gary Hardt-Council President

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## *APRIL Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- (1) Tiana Dorsey
- (4) Linda Rasmussen
- (4) Norm Newhouse
- (8) Marissa Schild
- (11) Collin Detty
- (14) Jameson Moore
- (15) Judy Trampe
- (16) Julie Hauschild
- (18) William Ledford
- (22) Kimberly Render
- (22) Siobhan Allen-Logewolf
- (23) Danielle Hauser (Urban)
- (29) Donna Splichal



## *APRIL WORSHIP*

### *LEADERS*

#### Altar Guild

Carolyn Hogg & Maxine Pfrimmer

#### Head Usher

Gary Hardt

#### Lectors

4-4 Anna Fullerton

4-11 Mark Grimes

4-18 Irene Newhouse

4-25 Kathy Holland

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





### Lutheran Food Pantry

Here is a list of the items currently needed by the Lutheran Food Pantry:

Fruit Juice (large bottles and juice boxes)

Vegetables (peas, corn, mixed vegetables)

Pork and Beans

Jelly

Pancake mix and syrup

Saltine crackers

Snack items (small packages of nuts, crackers w/cheese or peanut butter)

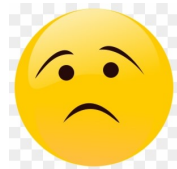
We know the Lutheran Food Pantry is a blessing to families in our community that are food insecure, and we appreciate your help and prayers in making it successful.



### Garage Sale

**July 22nd thru July 24th.**

More details will be in The Messenger as time gets closer



### Sincere Apologies

My sincere apologies for mailing The Messenger so late this month. I had family health issues that took up much of my time.

Thank you for your understanding.

Bev Mittan, Office Manager, Friedens Lutheran

**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](mailto:office@friedens.org)

### Prayers....

Donna Splichal

Verlene Owens

Kimberly Render

Roy McKinney

Larrie Schmidt

Lee Alexander

Molly Lyons

Wendy Clement

Reece Nelsen

Dorothy Loos

Crystal Anderson

Halley Hansen

Sharon Trout

Eric DuSchene

Ernie Baughman

Jan Carr

Gene Boerger

Terry Kurtzhals

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

T.J. Zessin (Fran Zessin's son)

Family and friends of John Zachary (Crystal Anderson's father)



### 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.**

### Monthly Report: March 2021

**Receipts: \$10,381.50**

**Disbursements: \$8,721.23**



### Memorial Service for Pastor Del Klover

Sunday, June 27, 2021 at 2:00pm has been set for a memorial service at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Geneva, NE for Pastor Del.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church address:  
1026 O Street  
Geneva NE

Pastor Del Klover passed away on Sunday, February 14, 2021.

Pastor was a long time Friedens Pastor. He was much loved by everyone who knew him.



**Easter Morning 2021**



Thank you to all that attended our Easter Morning Breakfast catered by Cracker Barrel Restaurant. We had an attendance of 55. It was great to see Friedens family gathering together and still abiding by the existing health measures. A very special thanks to Gary Hardt for coordinating this fresh new idea and it being such a great success.

We also had a great attendance for the Easter worship of 77 plus those watching live-streaming. Thanks to Pastor Bud and all the participants to make it such a special service.



**Singing at Friedens**

Effective May 2, 2021, Friedens will resume singing our hymns and liturgy in our church service. We will continue to follow all city and county health directives. We would very much enjoy anyone that would like to join us in our in-person worship service. Live streaming will continue on Facebook as a permanent part of our worship service. We look forward to seeing you in person or reading comments on our Facebook page.

**Easter Lilies 2021**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Leroy Butherus, Jacob and Emilie Butherus by Diane Butherus  
Marge Terrill by Kathy Rempe  
Alex and Lydia Hardt (grandparents) by Julie Erickson  
Kenneth and Jewel Hardt (parents) by Julie Erickson  
Clarence and Lena Deer (parents) and Earl Borrell (spouse) by Nancy Borrell  
Jack Pfrimmer (spouse) by Maxine Pfrimmer  
Alex Tinant, Dale Meyer, and Clayton Starns by Mark and Megan Grimes  
Robert and Rose Rezny, Jim Hofpar, and Chip Fullerton by Amy Rezny & Anna Fullerton  
Willard Harris, Gerald Harris, and Marie Harris by David and Jane Cosier  
Anna Margaret Kissler, Anna Marie Rohrig (grandmothers) by Kathie Svoboda  
Sally Svoboda (daughter) by Kathie Svoboda  
Conrad & Molly Floth, Pastor Stanley Floth, and Gerald Floth by Sharon Floth  
Donald Brunken (spouse) by Barbara Brunken  
John & Elizabeth Kildau Sr., John Kildau Jr., Brad King, and Ryan Pinkerton by Irene and Norm Newhouse  
Stan Trampe by Judy Trampe  
Bill, Marjorie, and Helen Koelzer by Fran Zessin  
Brad King and John Kildau by Elizabeth King  
Andrew and Elizabeth Beltz by Steve and Catherine Beltz and Melvin & Delores Bellinger  
Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Adams, beloved parents, Marcia R. Adams, precious sister,  
Dr. & Mrs. H. M. Geode, Gerald Goede, and Ronald Goede by Carolea Adams  
Pastor Del Klover by Carolea Adams

**IN HONOR OF:**

Jean Wheat, Kimberly Render, Karen Scribner, and Julie Erickson by Kathie Svoboda  
Tayler, Daniel, and Courtney by Steve & Peggy Russell  
Pastor Bud Christenson by Carolea Adams

**IN CELEBRATION OF:**

Little Stars Daycare by Kathy Rempe  
Autism Awareness Month by Mark and Megan Grimes  
Pastor Bud and Ruth Christenson by Kathie Svoboda  
Love of Jesus by Fran Zessin

