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PASTOR’S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

October is here with harvest in full swing and the holiday season on our doorstep.

As we travel along Interstate 80 we see farmers in the fields and an increasing number of fields that are harvested. It reminds me of a native thanksgiving prayer that thanks God that we have seeds to sow, that the rain continues to water the plants, and that the fields continue to feed the seeds until the harvest comes. In the Biblical story, some fields produce 30 fold, some 60 fold, and some 100 fold. In our story, the fields more likely produce some 100 fold, some 500 fold, and some 1000 fold. We thank God for food to eat, and we pray that we will seek ways to feed all people with this bountiful harvest.

Of course, the Biblical story is not just about God’s faithfulness to us in providing food, but about our faithfulness in sowing the seeds of God’s word to fulfill God’s desire to gather people into his eternal family.

The month of October brings to mind pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns and pumpkin pie. It brings out the child in me. Our first holiday of the season is “All Hallows Eve” (halloween) followed by All Saints Day. Once again, we will remember those who have died: in our congregation, in our families, and in our neighborhood. This year we will remember the 200,000+ who have died from the Covid-19 virus in our country, and millions more around the world. As we remember, we pray that our scientists will find ways to battle this disease more effectively so we can have a better year next year. God help us!

I hope we don’t grow callous from hearing, day after day, the new numbers of those infected and those who have died. It registered with me in a new way when I heard that my 90 year old sister had tested positive for the virus. To our surprise, and our delight, she is home and doing well! That’s “Good News!”

But, that Good News is small compared to the Good News that God has won for all people: a victory over sin and death through the death of Jesus our Savior and his amazing resurrection. We keep celebrating!

Pastor Bud



Upcoming Dates

October 25 — Reformation Sunday

**November 1 — All Saints Sunday
& Daylight Savings Time Ends**

November 25 — Thanksgiving Eve Service

Message from our Council President

Worship attendance has been good since we started worship services again back in our sanctuary. We are following all State, City and County health department guidelines of 6 feet between families, not passing anything between people, having plenty of hand sanitizer available, wiping down and sanitizing pews between services and providing face masks. Even with these regulations, we have plenty of room for more people to come and worship. We have a large sanctuary with additional seating in our balcony. So we invite you to come and worship with us. If you can't, please continue to worship with us via our Facebook live stream every Sunday morning. The live stream numbers have been good, and we love seeing your comments during worship or after. It is nice to see people from all over the country worship with us through our Facebook live stream.

On communion Sundays, we will continue to use the individual communion packets. If you are worshipping with us at home, and would like one of these each communion Sunday so that you can commune with us at home during the worship service, please let our church office know and we will make sure you get these at your home.

We appreciate everyone's financial support during this unusual time in everyone's lives. Through your continued financial support, we have been able to keep our bills paid and keep our 113 year old Friedens Lutheran Church going. It has been a challenging time for everyone, and we appreciate all that everyone has done for Friedens. We ask for your continued support, so that we can see these challenging times through, and come out even stronger on the other side. We thank God for the 10 new members that joined our congregation family last month. If you are not a member, and would like information on becoming a member, please contact our church office. That includes anyone worshipping with us via our live streaming services on Facebook. We would love to have you join our congregation family as a member of Friedens Lutheran Church.

If you have any questions, you can call or email myself, or the church. We hope that you continue to worship with us, either in person, or through our live streaming on Facebook. We thank you for being part of Friedens Lutheran Church.

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 given to us.

Monthly Report: September 2020
Receipts: \$7,583.00
Disbursements: \$6,118.39



October Calendar

There will not be an October 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.



OCTOBER Birthdays
and Anniversaries

- 03—Tina Strong
- 04 — Matthew & Julie Hauschild (17 yrs)
- 05 — Shawn Johanson
- 06 — Jewel Hardt
- 07 — David Cosier
- 07 — Linda Dreith
- 10 — Sunny Detty
- 12 — Brad Magnuson
- 13 — Brian Husa
- 14 — Richard & Susan Busker (31 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

- 10-4 — Anna Fullerton
- 10-11— Amy Rezny
- 10-18— Jim Plucknett
- 10-25— Kathy Holland



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!

A “to do” list for us (Followers of Christ)

Note: Pastor Bud shared these “guideposts” with us during his sermon August 30th. They are based on one of the scripture readings that morning, Romans 12:9-21.

- Put love into action....**
- Hate what is evil; cling to what is good
 - Be devoted to others
 - Honor others above self
 - Don’t lack in zeal; keep your spiritual fervor
 - Be joyful in hope
 - Be patient in afflictions
 - Be faithful in Prayer
 - Share with people in need
 - Practice hospitality
 - Bless those who persecute you
 - Rejoice with those who rejoice
 - Mourn with those who are mourning
 - Live at peace with everyone
 - Do not take revenge
 - Love your enemies

The following Daily Devotionals are available in the entryway to the Sanctuary for the current quarter (October, November, December). Please help yourself to a copy.

Portals of Prayer (Concordia)
Christ in Our Home (Augsburg)



COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS

We continue to collect the following items to benefit our mission partners and local service organizations.

- Best Choice Labels** for the Lutheran Food Pantry
- Coupon Flyers** for our local Lion’s Club. Volunteers clip coupons which are sorted and sent overseas to military families in Germany.
- Teddy Bears** for the People’s City Mission
- Personal Care Items** for the People’s City Mission, Lutheran Food Pantry and Bridges to Hope
- Box Tops for Education** for Mosaic in Axtell (although company has revamped it’s program, you can still find the cut out label on a few products)

If you are attending worship at Friedens, these items may be left in the entryway. If not, please contact the church office to arrange for a time to drop-off.

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	Bev Mittan	Pastor Del Klover
	Linda Vollenweider	Maxine Pfrimmer



Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster’s sister)
Bill Koelzer (Fran Zessin’s brother)
Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban’s brother)

Correspondence—

thank you!

Friedens Endowment Committee,
We are so thankful for your gift of \$500.00. Having to suspend summer camp was the most disappointing decision we’ve ever had to make. We know that there are a lot of children who look forward to their time at camp more than anything else in their summer. As NLOM faces a significant loss of revenue, your support is appreciated more than ever. Your gift will be used for operational expenses this year, ensuring Summer Camp 2021 is the best ever!

Our theme verse for last summer from Psalm 100:5 says, “For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness continues through all generations.”

God has been, and continues to be faithful to all generations—and that includes us to today. God is working right now in and through this unprecedented time. Let us have hope, lean into our faith, and hold tight to God’s loving promise of resurrection.

Thank you for your wonderful partnership. Your gift enables NLOM to move forward with confidence— ready to resume regular operations as soon as it is safe to do so.

Many Blessings,
Trish Haniszewski, Associate Director of Development
Jason Gerdes, Executive Director, Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries



Summary of Council Meeting, September 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President, Gary Hardt, followed by a prayer by Pastor Bud. There were seven members in attendance. The Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved as presented.

Pastor Bud thanked everyone who has helped keep our services going during the pandemic. He has received many compliments on the Facebook streaming services. He is looking ahead to the German Service and asking for suggestions for someone to do the German part of that service.

Gary reported that he is still working with the architect regarding construction of a new elevator. Cheever Construction is willing to bid the project once we are sure what our plan will be, and when we have funding. We will need to do some fundraising. We need to look at other sources of funding, such as the Kraft Grant through the ELCA.

Pastor Bud's Transitional Ministry Agreement will expire 11/1/2020. Pastor Bud gave his approval to extend his contract.

Gary reported that our wedding policy needs to be updated. Pastor and Gary will investigate this and review what other Churches are doing and the fees that they charge.

The Boys and Girls Club has proposed to use Friedens fellowship hall, should the pandemic close schools. They have responded to several questions, including insurance, child to adult ratios, hours of operation, use of the kitchen, etc. At this time, we will wait to see if this situation will come about.

The laptop used for livestreaming our service is incredibly old and slow. Gary will investigate the specifications that we need and the cost.

Kathy Rempe reported that the annual Halloween Party will not be held this year due to COVID-19.

Irene Newhouse reported that Friedens hosted an OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNL) presentation with the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia on "Faith and Family" on September 15. Karen Scribner and Irene Newhouse did the presentation and tour of the Church. It was well received.

Gary Hardt, president, adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.



Nebraska Family Helpline
1-888-866-8660
24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

We are an outreach program working with public and private partnerships, volunteer groups, non-governmental organizations, and faith-based entities. We provide community-based counseling and identify unmet needs during disasters. For More Information, go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaStrongRecoveryProject/>

Below is a list of items that **Bridges To Hope** currently needs. Please drop off donations on Sunday morning or call the church office to arrange a time for drop-off. Thanks for your much needed help!

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| Men's underwear (Boxers, all sizes) | Laundry Soap |
| Men's Shirts (Dress & Casual, all sizes) | Pots & Pans |
| Men's Jeans (sizes 38, 40, 42) | Kitchen Appliances (small) |
| Men's T-Shirts (White) | Lamps (small) |
| Men's work socks | Blankets & Sheets (Queen size) |
| Hygiene products | |

BRIDGES TO HOPE
Second Chances... It's what we do!

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.

UPDATE as of October 1st: We have enough of all items to make nearly 150 kits! If you have already purchased items, go ahead and drop them off. We will either make more kits, save them for next year or give them to a neighborhood elementary school. We are so very grateful for everyone's generosity!!

We will be making plans to assemble our kits which needs to be done in mid to late October. More information will be forthcoming. Stay tuned!

Thank you!



Lutheran Food Pantry Needs—

We receive an updated list every month for the most needed items from the coordinator of the Lincoln Lutheran Pantry. Below is the list for October.

Condensed soups , especially Tomato and Cream of Chicken
Canned Fruit, especially peaches & pears
Jelly
Pork & Beans
Canned Chicken and/or Spam
Dry Noodles

Personal Care items are always needed, such as bath soap, shampoo & toothbrushes/toothpaste.

*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.

