

# Friedens MESSENGER

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

Dear Friedens Family,

Our Friedens family is blessed! We had one baptism this Sunday and another two weeks from now! The sanctuary was filled with the energy of the Spirit. We read the age old tribal story of creation.

By the way, tribal stories were their version of public education for their children. Besides learning day by day from their life experiences, they learned at special occasions when they gathered together and heard the story teller tell these stories. They had no scientific data. They knew nothing about space and planets and moons and black holes, etc. But they knew about God, and that is what was and is important. It is God who created all things—and us. God created all things good. It is God who was disappointed when his family, created in his image, turned their backs on him and walked out on him!

But! That is not the end! It is also God who sent his son to reclaim his creation. It is God who asked his Son to create a new humanity based on love and forgiveness. It is God who vowed never to destroy sinners, but always to forgive. It is God who gave authority to Jesus to send messengers out with this message. It is God who gave us a new version of himself, and by his Spirit, came to live in us and among us as we travel through his world. Wow! Thank you God!

It is Pentecost, now and forever. Immanuel, “God with us,” gives us confidence, inspiration, courage and energy as we walk the walk and talk the talk.

Any doubters? That’s OK! God can handle any and all questions. In the end, Thomas was one of the best!

Summer has arrived. We continue to pray for rain. But we live in a desert so what should we expect? 51 hundredths of an inch of rain in May was a little extreme, but June is here and hope springs eternal.

VBS is on the horizon. Thanks to Julie and her helpers, we will host Vacation Bible Study for Friedens Lutheran and Grace Lutheran in mid July. Registration materials are available at the church office and in the narthex: July 12, 13, 14, and 15. Bring your friends!

Our church yard is getting more beautiful every day. Flowers abound thanks to Fran, Chuck, Dave and other helpers. Soon we will have our sprinkler system fixed so all the grass will be green.

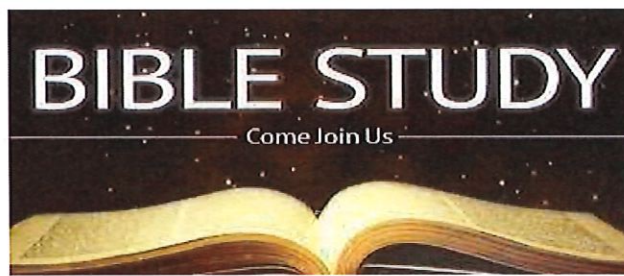
As we go on our way may Christ go with us!

Pastor Bud

## Message from our Council President

Summertime is here, and with it everyone's summer activities begin. Vacations, weekends at the lake or pool, picnics and a whole host of other activities that we all like to do in the summer. We have a special 4th of July worship service that Pastor Bud has been putting together, Vacation Bible School in July for the kids, Bill Chrastil bringing his gospel music to our worship service the end of July, our annual Garage Sale in August, our Sunday School/ Church picnic in September, and a lot of other events through out the summer that I haven't mentioned. We hope that you keep attending church on Sunday as one of your summertime activities when you are not out of town. We'll continue to bring special meaning to our worship services through out the summer, so that worshipping each Sunday morning is meaningful to you. Pastor Bud has a way of making every worship service meaningful. Enjoy your summer, and remember to make worshipping at Friedens one of your summertime activities when you are not out of town.

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**Weekly Breakfast Bible Study for men and women every Saturday morning at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Free Bibles available or bring your favorite Bible. Join us for coffee and a light breakfast.**



## Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study

**Deb Schellhorn has started a Women's Bible study on the book of Galations. The next gathering will be July 2nd in the Annex kitchen. This summer we will meet once a month (the first Sunday of the month) and re-evaluate in the fall. Please call Deb (402-540-3014) with any questions.**

**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)

Donna Splichal

Verlene Owens

Molly Lyons

Jean Wheat

Sharon Trout

Joyce Boerger

Michael Ernst

Carolyn Hogg

Helen Swann

Carolea Adams



*Sending Healing Prayers*

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Gary Wilhelm (friend of Bev Mittan)

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

Family & friends of Berneta Miller (mother of Peggy Russell)

## 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 been given to us.



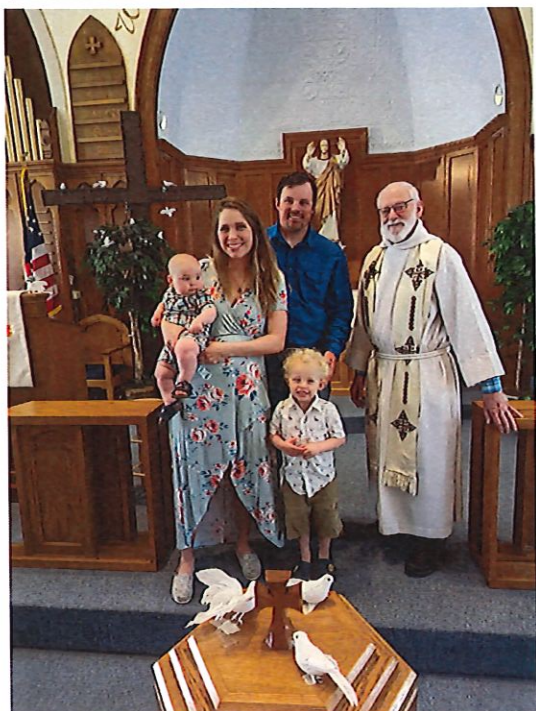
**Monthly Report: May 2023**

**Receipts: \$ 8,520.02**

**Disbursements: \$10,979.12**

*Thank You*  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
GENEROUSLY

## Baptism June 4th



Welcome to **Drayton Elijah Hauser**, son of Blake Hauser and Danielle Urban Hauser, and grandson of Don and Jodi Urban, who was baptized on June 4th during our worship service. We welcome **Drayton** as our newest Friedens member.

We rejoice with his family.



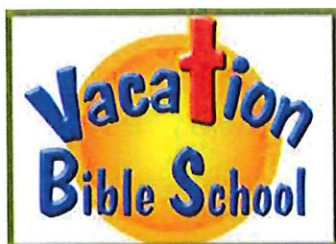
### "We Care" Door Offering

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 two 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)



VBS will be held in July in partnership with Grace Lutheran Church. Children Preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend. Registration cards are in this newsletter, at church, and also through email requests. Dates are July 12th thru July 15th. Take note of the insert in this newsletter.

## Independence Day 2023



Pastor Bud has composed a special service in celebration of Independence Day. On **July 2nd**, at our **10:30 service**, we will hear many of the messages from our past:

**Preamble to the Constitution, Gettysburg Address, Speech from Martin Luther King, Jr., Speech from Chief Standing Bear, and The New Colossus Poem of 1883.** It will be an impressive service put on by our very own Friedens members.

## Bill Chrastil — Special Music Sunday July 30th

Bill Chrastil will be performing some of his Gospel Songs during our church service on that day! For those of you who are not familiar with Bill, Bill is an Elvis Impersonator and does about 265 shows a year all over the country including Branson Missouri. He does a number of Gospel songs that Elvis did, and Bill is very good. Bill has done special music at Friedens over the years, and Bill's family has had Friedens connections for many years. Come join us on **Sunday July 30th** and enjoy the Gospel music that Bill Chrastil will be performing for us.

**Bring your friends!**

*Amazing  
Grace*  
how sweet the sound





**C H U R C H  
GARAGE SALE**

Garage Sale

**August 10th thru August 12th**

More details will be in The Messenger as time gets closer.

**Church  
Picnic**



Annual Church Picnic

Plans are in the making of our annual Neighborhood Church Picnic on **September 10th**. As time gets closer , we will post details in a future Messenger.

It is always a fun day, so be sure to watch for details.

## *JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- (2) June Simpson  
(3) Greg Zessin  
(5) Bill and Deb Marr (30 Yrs)  
(6) Michele Bukoske  
(7) Mindy King  
(8) Christina Strong  
(9) Lori Schwahn  
(11) Don and Jodi Urban (35 Yrs)  
(11) Sara Kutovy  
(11) Gregory and Marjorie Loos (52 Yrs)  
(15) Danielle DuSchene  
(16) Blake Hauser  
(20) Weston Hauser  
(21) Gary Hardt  
(25) Nancy Ripenburg  
(26) Al and Karen Scribner (53 Yrs)  
(26) Chris and Amanda Zweerink (24 Yrs)  
(27) Mike and Becky Roberts (26 Yrs)  
(28) Mark Detty  
(29) Greg and Frances Zessin (49 Yrs)  
(29) Kevin and Anne Melang-Thoren (21 Yrs)



## *JUNE WORSHIP*

### *LEADERS*

#### Altar Guild

Jane Cosier & Susan Towns

#### Lectors

6-4 Abby Newhouse

6-11 Mark Grimes

6-18 Sue Busker

6-25 Megan Grimes

#### Cantors

6-4 Abby Newhouse

6-11 Jodi Urban

6-18 Karen Scribner

6-25 Patrick Crawford

*Make a Difference!*  
**DONATE**

#### Project Donations

If you are looking for a worthwhile project to donate to, we are going to have some repairs done to the exterior of all 4 sides of our bell tower. The estimate for repairs is around \$4,000. It will require a lift for the workers to get up there to do the repairs. If you would like to donate to this project, you can send a check to the office and mark it "exterior siding repairs". Or you can drop a check in the offering plate with the same information on the memo line. This has happened over a period of time, and it is to the point now where we need to make the repairs to the building. Thank you

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