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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

On May 1, I started my fourth half-year as transition minister at Friedens. The half-year plan is part of the way the Nebraska Synod operates. As I look back over the past few months, I'm aware that these months have been different from what I anticipated, and different from any transition ministry that I have done in other places.

Of course, the difference is Covid-19. When I came here, I dreamed of how we might move forward in our mission. Instead, we were separated by our fear of spreading Covid-19. However, our plan to do on-line worship has worked well for us. And now with fewer Covid restrictions, we can return to worshipping together while still doing on-line worship. Because of Covid we have a larger worshipping congregation that is scattered all over the city and even around the country.

The vaccines have given us new hope for what the future might bring. In a sense, it is a time of new beginnings. Last Saturday I enjoyed the first Men's Fellowship/Bible Study. What a treat it was for me to sit down with some men, enjoy a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll (thanks to Gidge), get better acquainted with a few men and study God's word together. I hope many more of us will gather in the future.

At the council meeting we talked about things we can re-establish: things like Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, confirmation classes, the annual garage sale, and the Church Picnic. I think we all felt a sense of comfort while planning to get back on track with more than worship.

We know that things will never be the same as they were in the past. We entered the Season of Pentecost on Sunday, May 23rd. It reminds us that the Spirit is always leading us forward to a new day. We believe the day is coming when we will take our masks off, take the tape down that keeps us socially distanced, and gather safely for worship together in the sanctuary. When that happens, we will sing for joy!

Meanwhile our life and work goes on. May God keep you and your family safe and well.

Pastor Bud



Message from our Council President

WELCOME BACK TO WORSHIP SERVICE

Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department Community

Guidance and recommendations 5/21/21

Physical distancing VACCINATED — OUTSIDE THE HOME

- No distancing is required, resume normal work and community life

Face Masks VACCINATED—OUTSIDE THE HOME

- No face masks necessary, unless required by law, business policy, or in a medical setting
 - Wear a face mask if symptomatic

Hand Washing VACCINATED—OUTSIDE THE HOME

- Frequently wash hands for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching high contact surfaces, sneezing/coughing/touching face, or before eating
 - Use hand sanitizer when hand washing is inaccessible or infeasible

Illness Monitoring VACCINATED—OUTSIDE THE HOME

- If ill with Flu-like or COVID-like symptoms, wear a mask, get tested, stay at home , and contact your health care provider.

Disinfecting VACCINATED—OUTSIDE THE HOME

- Increased awareness of germ transmission through high contact surfaces
 - Avoid barehand contact with any high touch surface
- Use barrier such as paper towel or clothing when bare hand contact is unavoidable
 - Wash hands or apply sanitizer after touching high contact surfaces
- Normal disinfection, especially for high contact surfaces (handles, switches, etc.)

Gary Hardt-Council President

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*JUNE Birthdays
and Anniversaries*

- (2) June Simpson
- (3) Greg Zessin
- (5) Bill and Deb Marr (27 Yrs)
- (6) Michele Bukoske
- (8) Christina Strong
- (9) Lori Schwahn
- (11) Don and Jodi Urban (32 Yrs)
- (12) Gregory and Marjorie Loos (50 Yrs)
- (15) Timothy Bukoske
- (21) Gary Hardt
- (25) Nancy Ripenburg
- (26) Al and Karen Scribner (50 Yrs)
- (26) Chris and Amanda Zweerink (21 Yrs)
- (27) Maria Kildau
- (27) Mike and Becky Roberts (23 Yrs)
- (28) Mark Detty
- (29) Greg and Frances Zessin (46 Yrs)
- (29) Kevin and Anne Melang-Thoren (19 Yrs)



JUNE WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer & Carolyn Hogg

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

6-6 Mark Grimes

6-13 Steve Russell

6--20 Sue Busker

6--27 Megan Grimes

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





Annual Church Picnic

Plans are in the making of our annual Neighborhood Church Picnic in September. 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.



Streets Alive! Returns to the South Salt Creek Neighborhood in 2021

Streets Alive! is a movement festival celebrated in cities across America and the world that cordons off a section of a city to let people literally play in the streets.

Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln brought the Streets Alive! concept to Lincoln starting in 2010 as an annual event. Streets Alive! is a **FREE** community festival that promotes active living and healthy nutrition in a fun and interactive way. Weather and community health circumstances permitting, **Streets Alive! 2021 is scheduled to be outdoors on Sunday, September 26.**

The Streets Alive! outdoor festival is mobile, moving to a different neighborhood every two years. The event showcases the host neighborhood with a nearly 2-mile traffic free festival route which often includes parks, walking and biking trails, community gardens, and other areas of interest. Streets Alive! makes health, wellness, and fitness resources easily accessible to the host neighborhood and the thousands of visitors from across the city who attend each year.

The 2019 Streets Alive! festival was held in the South Salt Creek/Cooper Park neighborhood, who will again host the **2021 festival, on Sunday, September 26th from 1:00 - 4:30 PM.**

Once again, Friedens sits right in the center of the route. A committee will be forming soon to begin planning for how we might participate. Please speak to Pastor Bud or Gary Hardt if you would like to help.



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

Soups, all kinds	Instant oatmeal (packets)
Breakfast Bars (Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, etc.)	Fruit juice (bottles and juice boxes)
Jelly	Pork & Beans
Ramen noodles	Saltine Crackers
Tomatoes (diced, whole, etc.)	Canned Vegetables (peas, mixed, carrots, beets)
Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)	

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

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	Roy McKinney
Larrie Schmidt	Lee Alexander	Molly Lyons	Sharon Trout
Reece Nelsen	Dorothy Loos	Crystal Anderson	

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

Family and friends of Sally Svoboda (Kathie Svoboda's daughter)

Family and friends of Michael Kirchhoff (Friend of Pastor Bud)



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.



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 give to us.

Monthly Report: May 2021

Receipts: \$ 10,960.00

Disbursements: \$ 9,582.86



Bill Chrastil — Special Music Sunday July 18th

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 18th and enjoy the Gospel music that Bill Chrastil will be performing for us.

Bring your friends!



*Amazing
Grace*
how sweet the sound



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, June 12th, 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!



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Garage Sale

July 22nd thru July 24th.

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



Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held at Friedens Lutheran Church on the following days and times this summer:

July 28 (Wed.) from 6:00-8:00 pm

July 29 (Thursday) from 6:00-8:00 pm

July 30 (Friday) from 6:00-8:00 pm

July 31 (Sat.) from 9:00 am-12:30 pm

Children Preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend. We encourage preschool children to be accompanied by an adult if possible.

Registrations will be provided in the July Newsletter. They will also be available at church and through email requests.