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PASTOR'S PAGE...

It's almost March already! Can you believe it?

With the coming of March, this year, comes the beginning of the season of Lent. March 6th will be Ash Wednesday this year. So, this is the perfect time to start thinking about what Lenten discipline you might wish to take on.

The liturgy for Ash Wednesday from the ELW (our worship book) invites us to Lent with the following words:

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, "Invitation to Lent")

There are many difference practices that people take on during Lent that fall into the above categories. So, I invite you to ponder what practice or practices might be most helpful for deepening your faith and relationship with God.

As a whole congregation, I will be inviting you all to focus on the practice of prayer, as together we seek to become a "Praying Congregation". Jane Vennard defines a praying congregation in the following way:

Praying congregations are not temples of holiness. They are not filled with mystics or experts on prayer. All the people do not sink into silent prayer as soon as they arrive at church. Their clergy and lay leaders do not tell others how to pray or what their relationship with God should look like. Praying congregations are lively places made up of diverse people who are longing to take prayer seriously. In these congregations members want to learn about prayer, wrestle with hard theological questions, and learn from one another. They are offered the opportunity to explore their prayer lives in depth, and their experiences and ideas are listened to with respect. In praying congregations everyone becomes eager and willing to talk about prayer.

(Book: A Praying Congregation: The Art of Teaching Spiritual Practice. by: Jane E. Bernard, Published by: The Alban Institute, In 2005, Quote is from page 1)

What a great picture of a congregation steeped in prayer and enthusiastic about engaging in an exploration and deepening of faith. Lent is the opportune time to begin such a journey together.

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Ordered by: _____ Phone: _____

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Orders are to be into the church office by April 7, 2019
Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each lily ordered.

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Prayer is one of those things that can generate a lot of questions and sometimes concerns. We tend to have been taught one or two "right ways" to go about it, which, if they don't work very well for us can make it difficult to pursue or feel good about our own prayer lives. These conversations are a chance to open up conversations, questions, and pondering; so that we might be a supportive community of faith as we seek to grow in faith. I look forward to the opportunity to create a safe space for conversation about and exploration of ways to pray individually and together!

Pastor Kate

Please remember that if you are unable to come to Sunday morning worship service during the winter because of bad weather, our operating expenses still go on. If you are unable to come to church, you can still mail in your offering to the church office or make your offering on line on Friedens website. Either way, it will help us to be able to pay our bills and keep our lights on. Thank you in advance for remembering Friedens even when you are unable to come worship.

Lenten Suppers begin March 13st at 6 pm

There will be a light supper prior to Lenten Worship every Wednesday, starting March 13th. We will begin serving at 6 pm but join us when you can any time prior to our Lenten Service at 7 pm.

If you can volunteer to help with the meal or clean-up, look for the sign-up sheet in the entry way to the sanctuary,



PRAYER CHAIN...



The Prayer Chain at

Friedens a vital part of the ministry we do. Caring for others in general, but especially for those in our church family, is what we are called to do. You are needed. Please call Maxine Pfrimmer (402-464-3024) and tell her you would love to be part of the prayer chain.

New Website

Have you checked out our website recently? It has a new face-lift! Check it out at www.friedens.org. (It will forward you to the new website.) We'd love your feedback as it continues to be a work in process.

Pantry Needs...

Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list"

includes:

Canned fruit, Canned peas, Cereal, Peanut butter, Pork and beans, Saltine crackers, Any shelf stable food items.

Manual can openers (gently used or new)

Personal care items (toilet paper, shampoo, bath/bar soap, lotion - even the sample size items) Money donations are always appreciated.

If you have some expired non-perishable food items you may include these in your donations to the Food Pantry. The Pantry will sort out what they can and can not use.

Save Best Choice Labels – The Lutheran Food Pantry will give these to the Foodnet program who use the labels as a fundraiser. Learn more about Foodnet here: <http://foodnetlincoln.org/>

*The label should include the UPC symbol and the words Best Choice right above the UPC.

APRIL WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer & Carolyn Hogg

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Communion Assistant

7 — Karen Scribner

18 — Becky Roberts

21 — Maxine Pfrimmer

28 — Peggy Russell

Lectors

7 — TBA

14 — TBA

21 — TBA

28 — TBA

Greeters

7 — Steve & Peggy Russell

14 — Amy Rezny & Joyce Boerger

18 — Irene Newhouse & Maria Kildau

21 — Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier

28 — Rempe Family



Has your Email changed? If so, please let the office know by sending an email to ...

Office@friedens.org



MARCH Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (1) Joseph and Susan Towns (50 years)
- (2) Bev Rasmussen
- (2) Erin Schild
- (3) Dave and Pat Allen (58 years)
- (4) Ronald Vogt
- (4) Delmar Smith
- (5) Chris Zweerink
- (6) Darrell Wilson
- (10) Nick Urban
- (14) Pat Allen
- (15) Liam Detty
- (17) Anna Fullerton
- (17) Ronald & Margaret Vogt (46 Years)
- (18) Janice Rutt
- (18) Trenton Johanson
- (19) Kathleen Rempe
- (19) Karen Rempe
- (20) Paul and Christina Strong (9 years)
- (23) Weston Schon
- (25) Ronald Wilson
- (29) Becky Roberts
- (30) Linda Vollenweider
- (31) Chantel Stavick

MARCH WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Donna Splichal & Deb Marr

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Communion Assistant

3 — Fran Zessin

6 — TBA

17 — Sue Busker

Lectors

3 — Maxine Pfrimmer

10 — Margaret Vogt

17 — Joyce Boerger

24 — Steve Russell

31 — Amy Rezny

Greeters

3 — Linda Dreith & Carol Boellstorff

6 — Bob & Carolyn Hogg

10 — Alma Wilson & Judy Trampe

17 — Maxine Pfrimmer & Deb Marr

24 — Chuck & Lori Schwahn

31 — Margaret & Ron Vogt

MARCH Opportunities to Grow in Faith

The adult forum Sunday @ 9:30 continues to have lively intergenerational explorations of the Books of Acts & the early church...

Come join us!



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. You can also call the Pastor @ (316)371-0803, in case of an emergency.



Prayers....

Gary Overfiled
 Verlene Owens
 Greg Zessin
 Kimberly Render
 Donna Splichal
 Robin Michael
 Barb Roth

Bud Bergen
 Larrie Schmidt
 Donna Hershey
 Rose Rezny
 Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister)
 Family & Friends of Brad King



Sending Healing Prayers

Usher Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help ushering at Sunday's worship service,

we could use help in one of 2 ways:

- 1) Volunteer to be "head usher" on a monthly rotating basis. No more than 2 months out of each year.
- 2) Volunteer to help the head usher with the offering and communion.

We can use help in both areas. If you have an interest in helping in either of these two areas, or have questions, please contact Gary Hardt at ghardt7@yahoo.com or 402-314-5484.

Thank you, Gary Hardt

Ash Wednesday



March 6th, 2019

When we give freely.....

We are able to be a part of God's Kingdom 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.

Year To Date Report: January 31, 2019

Receipts \$ 7,754.58

Disbursements \$ 7,355.30

Senior Potluck Fellowship...

This month our newsletter is featuring “Senior Potluck Fellowship” **Seniors meet in Friedens Fellowship Hall at noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.** All seniors are welcome, those who drive and those who don’t. The more the merrier so come and invite a friend. Bring food item...or not...just come. Plates and drinks are provided. You don't need to sign up– just come. If you need a ride call the Church office at 402-476-3888. Following the meal communion is offered by the Pastor to those who aren’t able to attend Church on Sundays.



Upcoming dates...

Ash Wednesday — March 6 / 7:00 pm

Palm Sunday — April 14 / 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday — April 18 / 7:00 pm

Good Friday — April 19 / 7:00 pm

Easter — April 21 / TBA

Mid Week Worship and Soup Supper dates

Mar 13, 20, 27 and April 3,10.

