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# Friedens MESSENGER

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## PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

What is that I think I see up ahead of us? Is it a little, tiny light? Yes, I think it is! A light at the end of a long dark tunnel.

Tomorrow, Ruth and I, and a lot of older people in Nebraska will receive our second shot of the Covid-19 vaccine.

-Another one-shot vaccine has been approved for emergency use.

-Medical researchers continue to work hard at the task of improving what we now have to meet the challenges of mutations in the virus.

-Our government is working hard at delivering increasing quantities of the vaccines and on developing an equitable distribution system.

-Local communities are searching for new sites for vaccinations to take place and additional people to do the vaccinations.

We need to continue to thank and praise and celebrate the heroic efforts of health care workers who combat this pandemic, and we need to add many more to our list of heroes. Thank God for all of the gifted people who are working on our behalf every day to calm our fears and to bring us to a new, safe place. The light is getting brighter because of them. We all wish everyone could be vaccinated quickly, even instantly. It takes time and hard work.

Meanwhile, the light of Christ continues to shine among us as we travel through the Season of Lent as the people of God. Together we quietly enter a season of reflection and confession with great confidence because we know there is a victory celebration ahead. We call it Easter.

Our confidence comes from the knowledge that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself. The cross of Christ was not a sign of weakness on God's part, giving in to the powers of this world, but a sign of great strength. Our God moved forward with Christ to the power expressed in the resurrection and ascension of our Lord. Job done! Victory achieved!

Even more amazing is the knowledge that God is still here among us working through us as we continue to share the good news. God wants all to be saved and come to the knowledge of this wonderful truth. You are included, I am included, all are included!

So, let's keep our masks on, keep social distancing, keep avoiding crowded places, and move forward together to a new day.

Pastor Bud

### ORDER FORM

## EASTER LILIES

\$8.50 each

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ lilies for me. I am giving it/them:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take the plant(s) with me on Easter. \_\_\_\_\_ Please deliver the plant(s) to a home-bound member or long term care facility.

Orders are to be into the church office by March 21, 2021

Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each lily ordered.

### Message from our Council President

If you are looking for a worthy project to donate to, we would really like to get a new lift put in this year. The one that we have now, is no longer functional. So we are unable to accommodate people with walkers, wheelchairs or people who just can't do steps. This means that for worship services, weddings, funerals, luncheons, or any type of get togethers, those people needing a lift to attend, are not able to attend those services. So this will be a priority for us at Friedens this year. We have already had some people make very generous contributions to the lift project, so we are optimistic that we can get this done this year. A committee of myself, Chuck Schwahn and Norm Newhouse are working to come up with plans that will work with our church, and work with our budget. The cost of doing something like this has skyrocketed since we put on our new addition in 2007. So we are trying to figure out the most functional and at the same time cost efficient way that we can do this. The 3 of us met last week, and we believe that we have come up with a plan that will work. We are meeting with the Architect next, to get plans drawn up that we can get bids on. If you would like to donate to the lift project, you can send your donation to the church office. Put a little note in it that it is for the lift project. Or you can go to Friedens.org and donate through our website PayPal account. If you do that, please send us an e mail through the [friedens.org](https://friedens.org) website and let us know that your online contribution was for the lift project.

We also appreciate all of your continued financial support during this COVID 19 period of time. It is your support, that has made it possible for us to make it through these times. We appreciate it very much. Thank you.

If you have any questions on the lift project, or on anything connected with Friedens, you can call me or e mail me, or the church. We hope that you continue to worship with us, either in person or through our live streaming on Facebook. If you come and worship with us in person, think about inviting a friend. We continue to take precautions, that allow us to offer in person worship services. We thank you for being a part of Friedens Lutheran Church.

Gary Hardt-Council President  
402-314-5484

### MARCH Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (1) Joseph and Susan Towns (52 years)
- (2) Bev Rasmussen
- (2) Erin Schild
- (3) Dave and Pat Allen (60 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 (48 Years)
- (18) Janice Rutt
- (18) Trenton Johanson
- (19) Kathleen Rempe
- (19) Karen Rempe
- (20) Paul and Christina Strong (11 years)
- (23) Weston Schon
- (25) Ronald Wilson
- (29) Becky Roberts
- (30) Linda Vollenweider
- (31) Chantel Stavick



### MARCH WORSHIP

#### LEADERS

#### Altar Guild

Deb Marr and Neoma Jones

#### Head Usher

Gary Hardt

#### Lectors

3-7 Mark Grimes

3-14 Anna Fullerton

3-21 Abby Newhouse

3-28 Irene Newhouse

Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and  
in Friedens Sanctuary every Sunday at  
10:30 and Lenten mid-week at 7pm.





Upcoming dates...

Palm Sunday — March 28 — 10:30am

Maunday Thursday — April 1— 7:00pm

Good Friday — April 2 — 7:00pm

Easter —April 4 —10:30am

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services

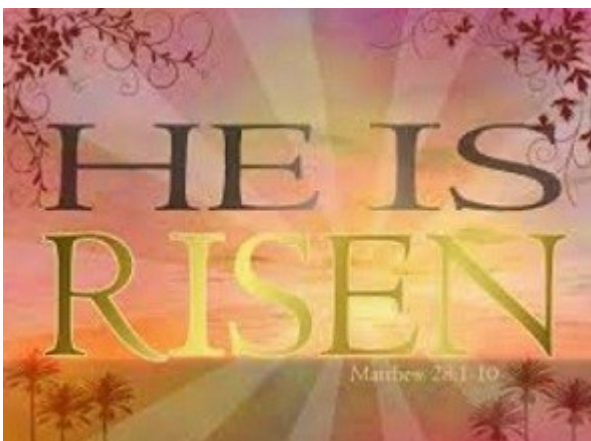
March 17 — 7:00pm (Monologue Joseph of Arimathea)

March 24 —7:00pm (Monologue of Nicodemus)

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021 — 10:30am

Please join us for Easter Sunday worship with communion and also live-streaming on Facebook. The service will begin with a short radio drama, “Voices in the Dark” and a virtual solo by Pastor Bud’s daughter. Hope we see you at Friedens!



**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	

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban’s brother)

Friends and Family of Jewel Hardt

Friends and Family of Helen Koelzer (Fran Zessin’s step-mother)



*Sending Healing Prayers*

**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: February 2021

Receipts: \$9,322.00

Disbursements: \$9,926.69



March 14th



“Death and Beyond”  
Lenten Season 2021

Thank you to Pastor Bud for writing the monologues which are portrayed by Patrick Crawford.



Monologue Schedule

February 24th	James, the brother of Jesus
March 3rd	Peter
March 10th	John
March 17th	Joseph of Arimathea
March 24th	Nicodemus

Please join us in hearing the stories of the special men in Jesus’ life.  
The monologues are available in book form for anyone to request.  
Please call the church office for a copy.

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

**Note:** Pastor Bud shared these “guideposts” with us during one of his recent sermons. 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

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.



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!**