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Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Happy Easter! Most of the worshippers at Friedens have received the Covid vaccine. That brings some comfort to us, but not totally. We will continue to wear our masks, wash our hands, clean our space thoroughly, and social distance.

It is distressing to see what is happening in many places in the world. Our prayers go out to other nations where Covid continues to run wild. It amazes me that so many people in the United States are not getting the vaccine. It's free and the data indicates that it is very safe. Think of the many people who are smoking cigarettes and yet fear the vaccine, for example! There are many threats in our lives that are more dangerous than the vaccine.

"Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

Under any circumstances it makes sense to pray for serenity, courage and wisdom!

We are being cautious about "opening up" to restore worship in the sanctuary. In May we will take a small step by beginning to sing hymns with our masks on. Many of you have been humming along and wishing we could sing. Thanks for your patience.

On May 15 we will begin a Men's Fellowship/Bible Study using all the precautions we have in place. We have free "Master Builder" Bibles for all who attend and some fresh cinnamon rolls! This Bible was prepared especially for men by "Men in Mission," the ELCA men's organization. My hope is that we will continue to meet once a month and that I will get to know you better. Please remember that Jesus trained twelve men to be his disciples and that Germans from Russia (men) built this beautiful church. It is our challenge and our opportunity to maintain that tradition.

Having said that, women were the brave ones on Easter morning, and they play a major role in the mission of the church. We will make plans for Bible study with women in the near future. Again, thanks for your patience.

Meanwhile, I pray that you and your family will stay safe and well. It's Easter season and we are reminded that God's blessings abound!

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

As most of our congregation has had the opportunity to get vaccinated, we hope you will feel comfortable starting to come back to Friedens for in person worshipping again. We are still continuing the Lancaster County Health Directives regarding social distancing and face masks, and we have plenty of room in our sanctuary. In May we have started singing the hymns and liturgy again, and we would love to have as many of you there as possible, to sing those hymns with us.

As of now, we are planning a joint Vacation Bible School with Grace Lutheran Church, to be held at Friedens this summer. We are also planning our Annual Garage Sale in July, and our Sunday School Neighborhood Church picnic in September.

Pastor Bud is also starting his Men's Bible Study Class on Saturday mornings at 9:00am, starting May 15th. Please come and attend.

The South Salt Creek Neighborhood Association has also resumed their monthly meetings at Friedens Fellowship Hall.

We would love to see you worshipping with us in person at Friedens. Hope to see you soon.

Gary Hardt-Council President

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***MAY Birthdays
and Anniversaries***

(7) Steve & Peggy Russell (38 Years)

(7) Scott & Semira Milliken (17 Years)

(8) Jude Nothnagel

(9) Daniel Koch

(9) Colleen Muir

(9) Colby Young

(12) Laurie Chrastil

(12) Keijuan Dorsey

(13) Margaret Vogt

(15) Brian Terrill

(16) Jim & Kris Plucknett (39 Years)

(22) Anaise Kaufman

(23) John & Chantel Stavick (6 Years)

(23) Deborah Marr

(24) Kevin Melang-Thoren

(25) Wendy Clement

(26) Kent & Linda Vollenweider (37 Years)

(29) Carolea Adams

(29) Irene Newhouse



MAY WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jodi Urban & Deb Marr

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

5-2 Irene Newhouse

5-9 Maxine Pfrimmer

5-16 Amy Rezny

5-23 Anna Fullerton

5-30 Peggy Russell

**Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and
in Friedens Sanctuary every Sunday at**

10:30am





Vacation Bible School

Friedens is planning a joint Vacation Bible School with Grace Lutheran Church this summer at Friedens. Watch for details in a future Messenger.



Garage Sale

July 22nd thru July 24th.

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

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	Wendy Clement
Reece Nelsen	Dorothy Loos	Crystal Anderson	Gene Boerger
Sharon Trout	Jan Carr		



Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)
T.J. Zessin (Fran Zessin's son)
Family and friends of Halley Hansen (Jean Wheat's friend)



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.

Lutheran Food Pantry

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

- Soups, all kinds (especially chicken noodle)
- Instant oatmeal (packets)
- Breakfast Bars (Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, etc.)
- Fruit juice (bottles and juice boxes)
- Jelly
- Pancake mix and syrup 
- Pork and Beans
- Red beans (kidney, chili, black, etc.)
- Ramen noodles
- Saltine Crackers 
- Tomatoes (diced, whole, etc.)
- Vegetables (peas, mixed, carrots, beets, etc.)
- Personal care items (shampoo, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

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

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: April 2021

Receipts: \$ 8,305.00

Disbursements: \$ 6,971.17



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.



Memorial Service for Sally Svoboda

Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 1:00pm has been set for a memorial service for Sally Svoboda at Friedens.

A committal service will follow at Wyuka Cemetery.

Sally Svoboda passed away on June 22, 2020.

Sally is the daughter of Kathleen Svoboda and the late Bill Svoboda.





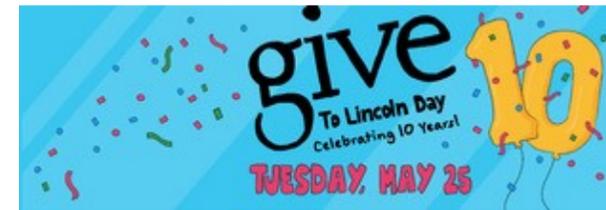
Singing at Friedens

On May 2, 2021, Friedens resumed singing our hymns and liturgy in our church service. We continued to follow all city and county health directives including wearing face masks. We would very much enjoy anyone that would like to join us in our in-person worship service. Live streaming will continue on Facebook as a permanent part of our worship service. We look forward to seeing you in person or reading comments on our Facebook page.



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, May 15th, 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!



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

Give to Lincoln

Give to Lincoln day is May 25 this year. In the past this has been one of the best days of the year for Bridges to Hope. This year we have set a goal of \$35,000.

If you would like to make a contribution to help Bridges to Hope reach that goal you may send your donation to Friedens Lutheran Church (540 D Street, Lincoln, NE 68502) and mark it for Give to Lincoln.

Thanks.

Pastor Bud



Neighborhood Update, South Salt Creek Community Organization

The South Salt Creek Community Organization (SSCCO) is a group of our neighbors who are dedicated to preserving of the quality of life within the Salt South Creek area. The South Salt Creek neighborhood encompasses the area that lies south of O St, west of 9th St, east of South Salt Creek and north of Van Dorn St. Friedens sits right in the middle of this area.

SSCCO is an active organization, having met virtually through the pandemic. They have recently resumed in-person meetings and meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7 pm, in the fellowship hall at Friedens. All residents within the South Salt Creek area are welcome and encouraged to attend.

You may be aware of their recent work with the Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department as they advocate for the preservation of Cooper Park, ensuring that it is available to all who live in this area.

Note these upcoming events and mark your calendar:

May 12, 6:30 pm at Park Middle School in the Commons area. This public open house will offer residents a way to learn more and offer feedback about the Cooper Park and Park Middle School planned improvements as well as street improvement projects planned for the area.

September 26, 1:00 – 4:30 pm— Streets Alive! is a FREE outdoor event promoting physical activity, health eating and neighborhood vitality. A 1.5 mile stretch of streets within the South Salt Creek area will be closed to motorized vehicles. There will be health and wellness resources, healthy food vendors, free exercise classes for kids & adults, and live entertainment.