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# Friedens MESSENGER

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

Dear Friedens Family,

The palms arrived at the office on schedule. This year we will do Palm Sunday in our memories of past years. While we carry the palms forward, bless them and place them by the tomb, we will remember the children carrying them in procession. It was my intention to have all of us in the procession this year, but the coronavirus had other ideas.

I want to say, "Happy Easter." But, it will be difficult to feel happy when we are shut up in our apartment with dinner for two on Easter Sunday. Having said that, I'm reminded that there are millions of people on this earth who don't have an apartment to hide out in and don't have food.

In spite of the fact that the "virus" has shut down the entire population of the world, Easter is still Easter. We will remind each other that God's son did come to earth. Jesus of Nazareth did introduce himself as the Messiah who had been promised. He did ride into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday. He was convicted on Maundy Thursday. He was executed on Good Friday. His tomb was empty on Easter Sunday morning.

We will continue to worship "together." It is good to know that many more people can join us in worship by way of live streaming. I have family scattered all over the country who can tune in and have a common worship experience. I'm sure you do too.

Meanwhile, we will pray for each other. We will thank God for the medical workers who care for those who are sick and others who continue to serve our needs. We will follow the orders that have been given to slow the spread of the virus.

During these "lock down" days, I have been playing through some old favorite songs. Remember "Just a Little Talk With Jesus"?

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,  
but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night.  
I go to him in prayer, He knows my every care,  
and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

I pray that God will fill your hearts and homes with joy in this Holy Season.  
Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Bud



**Message from Friedens Council President**

We have started doing live streaming of our worship service on our Facebook page. It's a learning experience for us, so bear with us as we get better at it. Going forward for the time being, we will be doing only live streaming of our worship services. Maunday Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 7:00pm and the Sunday Worship Service will be at our regular worship time of 10:30am.

We would like to stay connected with our members and friends, so please catch each worship service on Facebook if you can. You can find our Facebook page by just searching Friedens on Facebook. Don't forget to "like" the page, so that you get notifications of services and other important information. Please "share" our events so that others may see them. We will continue to have worship services each week through live streaming.

During this time, if you would like to get the bulletin/announcements by mail or via e-mail, please e-mail or call the church office and tell Bev your preferences.

During this time, Friedens Lutheran Church still has all of our regular bills to pay, so if you are able, please mail in your offerings or anyone wanting to help can go to the churches website at Friedens.org, and make your offering or donation electronically using our PayPal account. Your support will help us weather the current situation.

If you have any questions, you can call or email myself, or the church office. We hope you continue to worship with us through our live streaming on Facebook.

Gary Hardt—Council President

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**Rick Lutz Remembrance**

Rick Lutz, a lifetime member of Friedens, passed away unexpectedly March 15<sup>th</sup>. Rick's health issues had limited his outings for the past several years but he was always a ready volunteer, helping with our calling tree for our garage sale and other events. He had recently taken on the task of sending birthday cards to many of our members. Graveside services will be held at a later date. Please keep his family in your prayers.

January 3, 1947—March 15, 2020



**Future Events**

**Vacation Bible School:**

**July 9th thru July 12th.** More details will be in The Messenger as time gets closer.



**Garage Sale:**

**July 23rd thru July 25th. Setup on July 20th.**

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



**SCRIP Program Update**

The Scrip program's motto is "turn everyday shopping into fundraising". Now with the Coronavirus pandemic, purchasing Scrip cards is one way we can support businesses, especially ones who are local. The decision to make the SCRIP program available in April was for this very reason.

If you are interested in purchasing SCRIP cards and need an order form, please contact the church office. Orders will be taken over the phone by Kathy Holland (402-310-9153) beginning Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> through the evening of Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Payment can be made for your order by mailing your check to the church or by using Paypal through our website. Cards will either be mailed to you or delivered to your door sometime after April 17<sup>th</sup>.

OR, if you prefer to support local businesses directly (not through SCRIP program) use this link: <https://shop.nebraskabuylocal.com/Products>

**Lutheran Food Pantry Update**

The Lutheran Food Pantry is open and functioning. In addition to the food boxes that are routinely supplied to the People's City Mission, the Good Neighbor Center and Matt Talbot, they do supply emergency food boxes upon request through local Pastors.

Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" at this time include: jelly, canned fruit, fruit juice, saltine crackers, breakfast bars, ramen noodles, and personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, bath soap, etc.) The Pantry can always use monetary donations to purchase food--especially now when the Lincoln Food Bank (which is where we purchase the majority of our food) is closed and we must purchase food from local grocery stores. You can donate to the Food Pantry by writing your check payable to Friedens and designating to the Lutheran Food Pantry.

Contact the office if you have any food items to donate.

## APRIL Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (1) Tiana Dorsey
- (4) Linda Rasmussen
- (4) Norm Newhouse
- (8) Marissa Schild
- (11) Collin Detty
- (14) Jameson Moore
- (15) Judy Trampe
- (16) Julie Hauschild
- (18) William Ledford
- (22) Kimberly Render
- (22) Siobhan Allen-Logewolf
- (23) Danielle Hauser (Urban)
- (29) Donna Splichal



## APRIL WORSHIP

### LEADERS

#### Altar Guild

Carolyn Hogg & Maxine Pfrimmer

#### Head Usher

Gary Hardt

#### Lectors

- 5— Sue Busker
- 9— Amy Rezny
- 10— Kathy Holland
- 12— Amy Rezny
- 19— Sue Busker
- 26— Kathy Holland



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

[Live Streaming Worship on Facebook](#)

[See specific times and services on page 4](#)

#### APRIL CALENDAR

There will not be an April calendar inserted this month in the Messenger due to the cancelation of activities because of the coronavirus pandemic. However, our live streaming will go on as scheduled.

**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	Molly Lyons
Larrie Schmidt	Jenna Rempe	Lee Alexander
Reece Nelsen	Jean Wheat	Adam Vollenweider
Crystal Anderson	Kimberly Render	Maxine Pfrimmer
Dan Trout	Dwayne Greenwalt	Chad Clement

Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister)

Bill Koelzer (Fran Zessin's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

Friends and Family of Rick Lutz (Friedens member)



#### 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: March 2020

Receipts \$ 8,026.46

Disbursements \$8,292.73



Here is a list of items that Bridges To Hope is currently in need of. Please drop off donations at the church office between 9am-1pm M-F. Thanks for your much needed help.

Men's underwear (Boxers, all sizes)

Men's Shirts (Dress & Casual, all sizes)

Men's Jeans (sizes 38, 40, 42)

Men's T-Shirts (White) Pots and Pans

Men's work socks Kitchen Appliances (small)

Hygiene products Lamps (small)

**BRIDGES TO HOPE**

**Second Chances...It's what we do**



**“The Tomb in the Garden”**

**Lenten Season 2020**

Thank you to Pastor Bud and Chuck Spencer for  
constructing the tomb and Jodi Urban painting it.



Jesus was buried in Joseph’s tomb



**He is not here. He is risen!!**

**Live Streaming Worship Schedule**

<b>Palm Sunday, April 5th</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Maunday Thursday, April 9th</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Good Friday, April 10th</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday, April 12th</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Second Sunday of Easter, April 19th</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
<b>Third Sunday of Easter, April 26th</b>	<b>10:30am</b>

**Endowment Fund**

Friedens Endowment Fund was established many years ago to provide a vehicle for our Church to provide “outreach into the community” and to help others in our congregation to “grow in Christian faith and service to God’s people or new ministries of the congregation”. In 2018 we were blessed with a significant contribution to this fund by the estate of Daniel Wacker. During the past year, the Endowment Committee has managed the fund and worked to invest the principal so that it will continue to grow in value and allow for the distribution of the income. The Committee looks forward to accepting applications for grants from those who have a need for funding in the following areas:

- Scholarships or grants to members of Friedens for the purpose of attending Lutheran institutions of higher education
- Outreach into the community with grants to ELCA colleges, seminaries, social service agencies, or individuals with spiritual or economic needs
- Mission of the ELCA in America or overseas for development of professional leadership, educational ministries, world mission and ecumenism, and capital financing

To learn more about the Endowment Fund or to request a Grant Application, please contact one of the members of the Committee or the Church Office.

Endowment Committee Members:

Steve Russell – Chairperson

Bob Hogg – Treasurer

Irene Newhouse – Secretary

James Plucknett

Margaret Vogt

**HELPING HAND**

