

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

It is hard to believe that Ruth and I have been with Friedens for nearly three years. The flood of 2019 helped us to realize it was time for us to move from the country to the city. We knew it was time for us to stop depending on others to mow our lawn, shovel our snow and clean our beach. We just got settled in our new apartment at Carriage Glen when Megan Morrow, Assistant to the Nebraska Synod Bishop, came to me asking if I would like to consider a part-time position as pastor at Friedens. Needless to say, I was thrilled by the possibility. Then I saw the beautiful church and met the wonderful council members. I rushed home to share my excitement with Ruth.

From the start, Covid became a challenge for all of us. We masked up, began social distancing, cancelled some events, started an intense cleaning regimen, and began live-streaming our worship services. Working around Covid protocols we have now moved on. Two new things stand out for me, our new lift and the delightful sounds of the chime choir.

I have been impressed by the massive amount of work members do to make garage sales possible. It is obvious that our neighbors like the sales and that they enjoy coming to buy and to visit.

Now, Ruth and I are looking forward to sharing our first neighborhood picnic with you. I've seen some pictures from past, pre-Covid picnics, and they look awesome. It is obviously a gift of love to the neighbors and friends here in the Russian bottoms.

School is up and running for another year. I think we need to notify mother nature that summer is gone and fall is here. We are ready to put our summer clothing away and get out the flannel shirts and sweatshirts, but 90 degrees is in the way.

Ruth and I have decided to take a two week vacation in October. We will travel to Denver, Albuquerque, Little Rock and Stillwater to see children and grand children. We will limit our daily travels to four or five hours and enjoy some sights along the way.

I suggested that it may be time for me to resign as pastor of Friedens, but the council came up with an alternate plan. Since standing for any length of time is very difficult for me, they decided to recruit cantors to stand in my place. Thank you to Karen and Jodi and anyone else who steps up to help me lead worship. Meanwhile, my stool fits me well as a pulpit.

As we enter the holiday season in our church life and our family life, may our Lord go with us and bless us on our way.

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

On September 11th we will once again have our Sunday School/Church/Neighborhood picnic. We have not been able to have this event for the past 2 years due to Covid. So we are looking forward to once again providing an afternoon of fun, food and games for our church and our neighborhood. Friedens lawn will fill with inflatable attractions for kids, and a rock climbing wall for kids and grown ups to enjoy testing their skill. At 5PM we will have hamburgers and hot dogs ready to go in the Fellowship Hall, and at 6PM we will start our bingo game with grocery items and toys as prizes. Please plan on coming, and bring your kids, grandkids and neighbors. They will all have a great time. The inflatables are provided for us out of the generosity of the Don and Sandy Everett family and their Runza Restaurants.

We got to enjoy our 115 Year Anniversary a couple of Sundays ago. Pastor Bud put on a wonderful service going over a lot of the history of Friedens. There were things about our history that even some of our long time members didn't know. It was very informative. And afterwards we all enjoyed a luncheon in our Fellowship Hall. There was history on Friedens displayed in the Fellowship Hall as well as old directories going back to the black and white ones before we did things in color. And the 100 Year Anniversary video was playing the whole time for people to enjoy. I will try to find a way to put that on our Facebook page. Turn out was good, as we had around 100 people there enjoying the worship service and the Fellowship at the luncheon.

As we look at going into Fall, we hope that you will make plans to come to worship service with your family. Sunday School will start back up, and the adult Choir and Chime Choir will start back up. There are always plenty of opportunities to get involved in things at Friedens. If you enjoy being of service, we always have plenty of opportunities to serve. This fall we are also adding a cantor to our worship service. If you would enjoy being a cantor 1 Sunday a month or 1 Sunday every other month, please contact Karen Schribner for more information.

And finally, our long awaited lift is 100% complete. Through the generous contributions of our members and from our friends of Friedens, the lift is done and paid for. If you or anyone that you know needs the assistance of a lift to come to worship, or any event at Friedens, they can access any part of our church using our new lift. We want to thank Chuck Schwahn again for leading this project and for all of the work that Chuck put in personally to make this happen. Thank you Chuck.

Hope to see you all at Church this fall.

Gary Hardt/Church Council President

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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	Molly Lyons
Ron McKinney	Sharon Trout	Bob Hogg	Carolyn Hogg
Jean Wheat			



Sending Healing Prayers

Barbie Creveling (Mother-In-Law of Anne Melang-Thoren)

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Dave Cosier

Dave Cosier, a current member of Friedens, deserves special recognition. Dave spent a lot of time this past month cleaning the carpet in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for all of your hard work in addition to keeping up our lawn all summer long. Thank you Dave!!



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.

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Monthly Report: August 2022

Receipts: \$ 11,722.38

Disbursements: \$ 30,594.10



Note: The excess cost of disbursements this month is due to the final expenditures for our lift project, our new driveway, and also our sprinkler system. We were blessed to have all of those expenses covered through donations.



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, September 10th, 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 Luke. 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 MATTER CONCERT

Bridges to Hope sponsored a lecture/concert combination on August 19. Our goal was to raise funds to give a second chance to prisoners in the Nebraska Department of Corrections. An appreciative crowd enjoyed meeting Brandon Chrostowki, a world renowned chef, and Ben Fuller, a Christian/country singer, currently from Nashville.

Brandon was facing a prison sentence, but met a judge who saw something in him and gave him parole instead. Brandon became a chef and went to Europe to study in France and Italy. After becoming the lead chef in world renowned restaurants in Europe and in New York City, he made a decision to offer hope to prisoners. He developed a program to train prisoners in kitchen skills and has developed a group of restaurants in the Cleveland area that are staffed totally by ex-felons.

While he was here he visited Nebraska prisons and was impressed by the quality kitchen at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. He agreed to offer a class for prisoners in Nebraska and, with our help and encouragement, to start a restaurant in Nebraska staffed by re-entrants.

Ben Fuller sang three concerts on Friday in Lincoln, two for prisoners, in addition to our concert at Christ Lincoln Lutheran Church.

The concert netted nearly \$10,000 for Bridges to Hope. In addition, there were several raffle winners. Gidge Schmidt, a member of Friedens, won the big prize, a four day stay at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Congratulations Gidge!

When Gidge's winning ticket was drawn, Brandon offered a trip to New York City for a lucky winner to be his guest, including airfare, lodging and some gourmet food!

Pastor Bud

**Friedens Sunday
School/Neighborhood/Church Picnic
6th & D Streets
Sunday September 11th 3:00pm to 7:00pm**



For the kids!!!!
BOUNCE HOUSE!
18' DUAL SLIDE!
50' ULTIMATE OBSTACLE COURSE!
ROCK CLIMBING WALL!
FACE PAINTING!

GAMES

We will have games for all ages starting at 3:00pm and running until 5:00pm.

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES

FOOD

We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, and dinner will start at 5:00pm

BINGO

Bingo will start after dinner at 6:00pm. Bingo prizes include: grocery items, sunglasses, toys, cell phone accessories, novelty items, restaurant gift certificates and many others!!!!

The Youth Group will be selling

SNOWCONES!

ICE CREAM SANDWICHES!

POPCORN!

ICE CREAM BARS!

POP!

This year's picnic is made possible by a very generous gift from the Don & Sandy Everett family and their Runza Restaurants.

Please plan on attending and feel free to bring a friend(s)!

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Friedens Lutheran Church**

SEPTEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 02 — Dan & Sharon Trout (44 yrs)
03 — Gloria Schmidt
03 — Logan Scribner
05 — Nick King
08 — Mark & Sunny Detty (14 yrs)
09 — Rachel Pickering
10 — Jenna Rempe
10 — Dan & Linda Koch (45 yrs)
11 — Norm & Irene Newhouse (30 yrs)
14 — Bryan Logewolf
15 — Daniel Russell
17 — Karen Sinn
18 — Nancy Borrell
19 — Jonathan Zweerink
20 — Kathy Holland
21 — Nathan & Kayla Johanson (14 yrs)
22 — Marge Wessels
23 — Jodi Urban
25 — James Ripenburg
26 — Kris Plucknett
28 — Bryleigh Anne Garnham



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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jane Cosier and Fran Zessin

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

9-4 Ken Schmidt

9-11 Margaret Vogt

9-18 Abby Newhouse

9-25 Irene Newhouse

Counters

Irene and Abby Newhouse



Birthday Celebration

Marge Wessels will be celebrating her 90th birthday with an open house on September 17, 2022. The celebration will be held at the Chatelaine Residences Dining Hall, 6201 Normal Boulevard, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Her family is inviting any of her Friedens family to come and celebrate.



School Kits for Lutheran World Relief



Thanks to so many of you we have gathered hundreds of items for our School Kits! However we are still in need of notebooks and pens. We could make 150 kits if we receive an additional 312 notebooks and 350 pens. We have enough of all other items to make at least 150 kits.

Lutheran World Relief has very specific guidelines for school kits items.

Pens must be ballpoint, black or blue ink.

Notebooks must be 70 page, spiral with no patriotic or other symbols. Items must be new.

In the past five years our completed kits have been sent to The Democratic Republic of Congo (Central Africa), Lebanon (Middle East), Senegal (West Africa), El Salvador (Central America) and Mali (West Africa). Let's see if we can reach our lofty goal of making 150 school kits!

Please place your donations in the container marked "School Kits" in the entryway to the sanctuary or you may drop them off at the church office. Thanks again!

Social Ministry Team



Friedens Lutheran Sunday School

Friedens Lutheran Sunday School will resume on September 18, 2022 from 9:30-10:20am.

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, call Julie Erickson

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Garage Sale Tales

I will start the stories....

Many years ago Dave and Pat Allen donated this stove for the garage sale. It did not sell so I bought it thinking I would put it in my dining room.

The stove got as far as my garage and it stayed there for many, many years. This summer I cleaned out my garage and I had a garage sale in June. This beautiful stove was bought by a gentleman with a very strong Southern accent. That stove is now in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Who would have known! By Fran Zessin



I know a lot of us have garage sale stories to share. Please send them to the church office with pictures if possible and they will be put in the monthly Messenger.

Fran Zessin