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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Happy Independence Day!

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” (Abraham Lincoln-Gettysburg Address)

Since that day on the Gettysburg Battlefield we have been trying to define who “all men” includes. “Equality for all” has been an elusive concept. As we celebrate the 4th of July in 2023 the search goes on.

Citizens of this great nation, UNDER GOD, (a gift from God), enjoy varying degrees of “liberty” and “freedom.” Yet, we celebrate, because we believe we are on the right path. Justice for God means that God would have all people, all colors, all nations included in one magnificent family: the family of God. To God, justice means that all people must have access to shelter, food, employment and all the other things that make life good. Some of us are “on board” with God and some of us are “at odds” with God.

In Christ, God sent his son Jesus, the living presence of God on earth, to call all people to get “on board” with God. Jesus called a community of believers (the church) and empowered them to transform all people into citizens for God’s family. Folks! That’s us! We have the power of forgiveness in our hands. We have the transforming power of Baptism to share with all. We are empowered with the Spirit of God. All have sinned...turned our backs on God. All are called to come home...walk hand in hand with God.

That’s the real “Good News” this Independence Day. So, let’s celebrate! Let’s come to the Lord’s table to remember his death and resurrection. Let’s feast at his table! Let’s sing his praises! Let’s give honor and glory to God who gives us all good things. And in God’s name let’s serve his people.

As we celebrate our nation on this Independence Day, let’s celebrate it as one of the great gifts of God. A gift to be shared.

God bless you and keep you safe this holiday season.

As we go on our way may God go with us.
May he go before us to show us the way,
May he go behind us to encourage us.
Beside us to befriend us, above us to watch over,
And within us to give us peace.

Pastor Bud

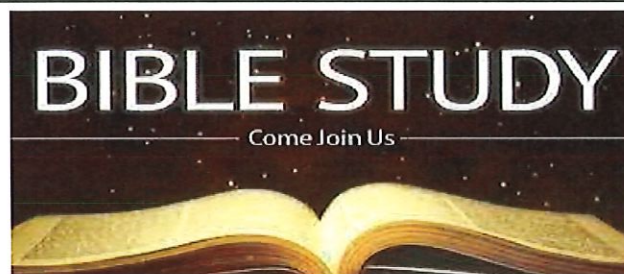
Report from Pastor Bud on Synod Assembly

Pastor Bud and Chuck Spencer were the delegates to the Synod Assembly for Friedens Lutheran Church. Chuck originally asked to be a guest so he could learn more about the larger church. Other delegates were unable to attend so we registered Chuck as a delegate. I couldn't imagine a better delegate.

There were two amazing speakers. Mariestella Frieberg introduced the theme, "Go and..." and Christopher Otten was the representative of the national church.

We met several people we would like to have come to visit us at Friedens. Dan Cooper, the new executive director of Oaks Indian Mission will come to visit us in November when they come to the Freed for Life event for prison ministry. David Mayen is one of the "lost boys of Sudan" who was rescued and brought to Omaha. He has started a foundation to help his people. Joel Stoltenow is a representative of Lutheran Family Services. We will find a way to have all three of them visit us this summer and fall.

It was a pleasure to represent Friedens at the Assembly.



Weekly Breakfast Bible Study for men and women every Saturday morning at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Free Bibles available or bring your favorite Bible. Join us for coffee and a light breakfast. **Note: On July 15th, there will be no Bible Study as Pastor is out of town. We will resume on July 22nd.**



Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study

Deb Schellhorn has started a Women's Bible study on the book of Galatians. The next gathering will be August 6th in the Annex kitchen. This summer we will meet once a month (the first Sunday of the month) and re-evaluate in the fall.

Please call Deb (402-540-3014) with any questions.

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

Donna Splichal

Verlene Owens

Molly Lyons

Jean Wheat

Sharon Trout

Joyce Boerger

Michael Ernst

Carolyn Hogg

Margie Wessels

Carolea Adams

Karen Scribner

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

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Family and Friends of Janice Friendt (daughter of Harold & Dorothy Bauer)

Family of Helen Swann (grandmother of Nick Hardt and Faith Lauterbach)



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 given to us.



Monthly Report: June 2023

Receipts: \$ 13,539.20

Disbursements: \$ 8,765.37

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

Please consider helping Bridges to Hope with some of their hygiene needs for their adults re-entering society:



Body wash

Deodorant

Hair Brushes

Combs

Razors

Shampoo

Shaving Cream

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Bar soap

Conditioner

Dish Soap

Laundry soap



“We Care” Door Offering”

Our Friedens families at times need help. This door offering will be on the first Sunday of every month . These donations will be for Friedens family only. We all know that the cost of everything has raised substantially (rent, utilities, food, medical, and so much more).

This box which is in the back of the church says it all, “We Care”. Please think about it, pray about it, and give from your hearts for those who need our help. Friedens has already helped two families.

Please be sure to note your giving to the “We Care” fund if using a check or envelope.

Any questions can be forwarded to Fran Zessin (402-314-0800) or Kathy Holland (402-310-9153)



Baptism June 18th

Welcome to **Kristi Cosier**, spouse of Jeremy Cosier, and daughter-in-law of David and Jane Cosier, who was baptized on June 18th during our worship service. We welcome **Kristi** to the Friedens family. Congratulations, **Kristi!**



Independence Day Celebration

A special thanks especially to Pastor Bud for composing our special Independence Day service. Also, it could not have been a success without the readers, the Men’s chorus, the accompanist, and last but not least our drummer.

Also thanks to our Church Council members and Kathy Holland for assisting after the service. Under the tent, on the church’s front lawn, they served cupcakes, cookies, and drinks to further our celebration.

The Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Friday & Saturday — August 10, 11, 12

8:00 AM — 5:00 PM, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM, Saturday

Items can be dropped off starting:

Sunday, August 6th, 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Monday, August 7th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Tuesday, August 8th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Wednesday, August 9th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Help is needed at any of these drop-off times listed above.

Please plan to stay and help.

Mark your calendar!

Thursday, August 10th, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Friday, August 11th, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Saturday, August 12th, 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Help is needed at each of these days

and cleanup on Saturday.

Bake Sale and Lunch

We will be asking for bake sale items and lunch items.

Sign up sheets will be in back of the church or you can call Fran.

Questions can be directed to **Fran Zessin—402-314-0800**



Starting July 23rd, garage sale items may be brought to the church Fellowship Hall. Please place them behind the wall. Signs will be posted to direct you. Thanks for your donations.

Bill Chrastil — Special Music Sunday July 30th

Bill Chrastil will be performing some of his Gospel Songs during our church service on that day! For those of you who are not familiar with Bill, Bill is an Elvis Impersonator and does about 265 shows a year all over the country including Branson Missouri. He does a number of Gospel songs that Elvis did, and Bill is very good. Bill has done special music at Friedens over the years, and Bill's family has had Friedens connections for many years. Come join us on Sunday July 30th and enjoy the Gospel music that Bill Chrastil will be performing for us.

Bring your friends!



*Amazing
Grace*
how sweet the sound



An invitation from the South Salt Creek Community Organization

You are invited to attend our **Cooper Park Party, August 5th from 5:30 – 9 pm**. There will be family art activities, music & entertainment, free hot dogs, an outdoor family movie at dark and more! This is our yearly tradition for celebrating our neighborhood!

Note:

Friedens will be serving Watermelon at the event. We will be recruiting volunteers to help.



Annual Church Picnic

Plans are in the making of our annual Neighborhood Church Picnic on **September 10th**. 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.

JULY Birthdays and Anniversaries

(2) Debra Schellhorn

(3) Jackson Moore

(4) Katie Andrews

(5) Ken Schmidt

(6) Joyce Boerger

(7) Charles & Lori Schwahn (18 yrs)

(8) Alexander Schon

(9) Landyn Johanson

(10) Ethan Zweerink

(11) Dale Rempe

(12) Pastor Howard & Linda Rasmussen (53 yrs)

(13) Neoma Jones

(14) Susan Towns

(14) Elizabeth King

(15) Rick & Kathy Holland (45 yrs)

(16) Don Urban

(22) Cindy Worster

(23) Greg Neemann

(25) Terry Kurtzhals

(28) Dale & Kathy Rempe (34 yrs)



JULY WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

7-2 Sue Busker

7-9 Abby Newhouse

7-16 Peggy Russell

7-23 Steve Russell

7-30 Maxine Pfrimmer

Cantors

7-2 Jodi Urban

7-9 Abby Newhouse

7-16 Jodi Urban

7-23 Patrick Crawford

7-30 Steve Russell

Apologies from Bev Mittan

My apologies for getting the Messenger out to all of you late.

I was under the weather with a respiratory infection.

Even though the news is late, Friedens has many activities reported in this Messenger.

Enjoy and come to the events!

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Lutheran World Relief School Kits

How are School Kits Used? Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. Ensuring that girls attend school, especially in places where their access is deprioritized, has even stronger results. Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children — and in some cases, adults — continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities. (Source: LWR website)

Once again, Friedens will be assembling School Kits this fall. If you are out shopping and you find school items on sale, below is a list of items that are to be included in each School Kit.

Scissors, blunt (not sharp edge)

Erasers (2 ½ ")

Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink (no gel ink)

70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper

Crayons, box of 16 or 24

Pencil sharpeners

Pencils, #2, unsharpened

30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

Other instructions: We are asked to not donate items with any religious symbols or messages. Also no items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols; and no camouflage.

We will be collecting items through October. We will count donated items regularly. Please check the bulletin and newsletter for announcements about items most needed.

Thank you!

