

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Thank you garage “salers!” A second garage sale is completed! As I look from the outside, as one who can only watch and marvel at the amount of work that was being done, I celebrate the connections you made with our neighborhood. Thank you to the many people who brought donations, set up indoors and out, provided baked goods, and donated countless hours to make it all go. I enjoyed hearing the stories of your interactions with our neighbors. A special thank you to Fran.

Neighborhood celebration. There is more coming! I have been your Transition Pastor for nearly three years, but because of Covid-19, I have not been here for the neighborhood party that you host each year. I'm looking forward to September 11. Pictures from past events tell me it's an amazing day. Ruth and I are eager to be a part of it this year. We probably won't join the children in the bounce house or the climbing wall (I shouldn't speak for Ruth!), but look forward to sitting in the shade and enjoying all the fun.

115 years! Interactions with guests who come to visit at the Germans from Russia Museum remind me how very important Friedens Lutheran Church is in this neighborhood and its history. It will be a joy to be a part of our celebration of 115 years!

Thank you teachers! The accumulating school supplies for school backpacks remind us that school is about to begin. Children are excited about getting back on a schedule that includes time with their friends and their teachers. I hope teachers have had time to rest! We can't thank them enough for the work they do. Teaching seems to become more complex and demanding every year. We appreciate you!

VBS. While I write this letter, vacation Bible school is underway at Grace Lutheran Church. How sweet it is to be able to work together to provide this important opportunity for children. Thank you to volunteers from Grace and Friedens for donating time, energy and skill to teach our children.

The season of Pentecost continues in our worship life. It started on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, and will continue until Advent Season, which begins on November 27. It is the season to celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the gift of the church. We sometimes contrast the Pentecost Season with the other half of the church year with its many festivals. But we have much to celebrate in this summer season as well.

The Spirit of Pentecost leads us as we continue our lives of worship and service.

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

On Sunday August 21st we will celebrate our 115th Year Anniversary here at Friedens. The planning is being done now, but we will have a special service on that day, followed by a catered luncheon. The luncheon will be a free will offering and will be catered by HyVee. We also hope to have some Runza's at our celebration. We would love to have you plan on being at the worship service and at the luncheon. In a world filled with instability, it would be a wonderful thing to celebrate the 115 year stability of Friedens Lutheran Church, in the south bottoms. We hope you can be part of it. If you can, please either call or e mail the church office, or me, and let us know how many will be in your party. We will need those numbers, to know how much food to order. Whether a member, former member, or a friend, we hope you will plan on being there.

It has been a busy summer at Friedens. Lots going on. We are lucky to have so many volunteers, to be able to be so busy here at Friedens this summer. A great big Thank You to all of you who help make everything happen. And another Thank You to Chuck Schwahn and Cheevers for making our lift happen. With everything that we have had going on through out the summer, the lift has been used during all of it. It's made all of that easier and accessible for those who couldn't have participated in those things without having our lift.

Gary Hardt

Council President

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Volunteer Appreciation



We have a lot of volunteers that help keep the church property itself up and running, and in good operating condition, so that we can all gather for worship service every Sunday and to hold the events that we have at Friedens. We would like to thank two of these volunteers this month.

Thank you to **Dave Cosier** for devoting every week all summer and many summers for mowing our church lawn and also to **Fran Zessin** for having such a wonderful "green thumb" in keeping our plants and flowers looking beautiful all summer long.

Thank you **Dave** and **Fran**. We appreciate it very much.

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

Molly Lyons

Jean Wheat

Sharon Trout

Kimberly Render

Ron McKinney

Bob Hogg

Carolyn Hogg

Family & Friends of Gisela Niebuhr

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

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

Janice Zackery (Crystal Anderson's mother)



Sending Healing Prayers

Gisela Niebuhr

Gisela passed away on July 12, 2022 at the age of 92. Funeral services were held at Friedens on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 10am. Gisela was a member of Friedens since 1951.



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: July 2022

Receipts: \$ 18,403.42

Disbursements: \$8,296.22

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY



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, August 13th, 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!

Thank you Bill Chrastil

Bill Chrastil performed some of his Gospel Songs during our church service on July 17th! He sang "Amazing Grace", "Jesus, Take my Heart Today", "One Pair of Hands", "Lead Me, Guide Me", and "How Great Thou Art". Bill has done special music at Friedens over the years, and Bill's family has had Friedens connections for many years. If you happened to have missed the service, it is available by live-streaming on Facebook for July 17th.

Thank you Bill!



Confirmation Day

Anna Fullerton, daughter of Amy Rezny, of Lincoln, gave affirmation of her baptism and profession of her faith on July 17th during our worship service.

Friedens Lutheran Church was very honored to have Anna's Confirmation as we don't get that honor every year.

God Bless You, Anna!



Garage Sales 2022

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I'm beginning with a very heartfelt SORRY. This was hard to ask you (the congregation) to do two garage sales in two months. We have been blessed with so many great donations that I knew in my heart we could do it.

Thank you all for the donations, baked goods, and for all the hard work to get it together and anyone I may have missed.

I quote in Psalm 71:18 "So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come." We showed this week God's love, kindness, and care. He gave us that strength we needed from set up thru clean up even thru the hot weather. We did it!

Many people say they wait and like our garage sale. They may not buy anything—they come to see us and visit with us. They can see God's love from us to them.

Thank you to all for it to be possible to raise \$4,200. The left over items went to: Bridges to Hope, Bud's Thrift Shop, Transformations, Matt Talbot, Operation Christmas Child, Christ Place Childcare, and Goodwill.

Again, a BIG THANK YOU to all. **God Bless You!**

Fran Zessin





Vacation Bible School

July 27-30, 2022.



Friedens Lutheran Church and Grace Lutheran Church worked together this year to provide Vacation Bible School at Grace. Our theme was "Jerusalem". The lessons were about: how Jesus loves us; we should love each other; nothing will separate us from the love of God and how God showed his great love for us, by sending Christ to die for us.

VBS gave the children and adults the opportunity to develop friendships and build relationships with each other and with our Lord and Savior. We "visited" old time "Jerusalem in the Market Place" by participating in the following shops: Pottery, Weaving, Musical Instruments and Jewelry. The children attended "Synagogue School" and learned about the Jewish customs back in Jesus' time. They played at the "Village Playground" and learned new games including the Dreidel game and some Hebrew letters.

There were 17 children attending VBS, ages 3-11 years. There were 4 middle/high school helpers. VBS can't happen without a lot of volunteers to make it happen. **We had a great team of loving people to make VBS a success for all.** A special thanks to our church family and friends for giving of themselves and using their talents to share God's love.

In addition to the middle/high school volunteers we also had **24 adult volunteers**. A huge thank you goes to the following who also were part of our VBS team that made it all happen:

Church members and friends who donated money and food supplies and kept us in their prayers.

Parents and grandparents who brought their children so that they could experience God's love in action.

Church members who invited children they knew.

Members who helped with providing Decorating materials/ putting decorations up/Cleaning up/Taking down of decorations.

Grace Lutheran members for preparing the Saturday lunch.

Thanks to you all!

The Education Committee



AUGUST Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (01) Eunice Worster
(01) Barbara Brunken
(02) Haylee Rutt
(03) Verlene Owens
(04) Al Scribner
(06) Christopher Young
(06) David & Jane Cosier (56 Yrs)
(08) Susan Busker
(09) Callen Hauschild
(11) Carolyn Hogg
(12) Shawn & Rachel Johanson (16 Yrs)
(14) Bonnie Nelson
(15) Linda Koch
(17) Wilder & Verlene Owens (31 Yrs)
(18) Michael Selvage
(20) Joseph Towns
(20) Karen Scribner
(20) Bob & Carolyn Hogg (56 Yrs)
(23) Kathie Svoboda
(26) Jean Wheat
(26) Rich & Crystal Anderson (33 Yrs)
(27) Olivia Brown
(28) Dorothy Loos



AUGUST WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jodi Urban & Kathy Holland

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

8-7 Maxine Pfrimmer

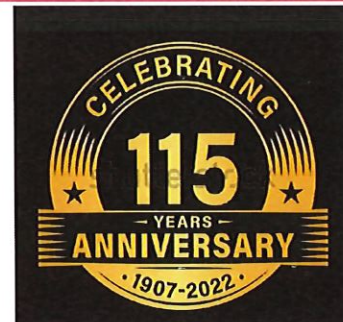
8-14 Bob Wessels

8-21 Hermann Siegl

8-28 Anna Fullerton

Counters

Deb Marr & Neoma Jones



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Please either call the office (402-476-3888) or email the office (office@friedens.org) or call Gary Hardt (402-314-5484) to let us know how many will be in your party. RSVP's are very important so we know how much food to order.

Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there.

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The 52nd International Convention of the AHSGR. Honoring Our Past – Embracing the Future by Karen Scribner

This year's International Convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia was in Lincoln, at the Embassy Suites, July 26 – 30th. For the convention bus tour of the north and south German Russian bottoms, my sister, Julie Erickson, and I, opened Friedens for visitors. Friedens has done this in the past, and it's always a big hit, especially for those not from Nebraska. They were so impressed that one visitor said, "This is cooler than cool"! Some have relatives who have been past members of Friedens. This year 4 sisters excitedly looked for the confirmation photos of their father and two aunts, from the 1930's. They were ecstatic to find them and took many photos to share with family. This year Friedens provided a space for cooking demonstrations. Friedens member, Nancy Borrell, gave two demos: how to make kuchen (German coffee cake) and how to make greble (German pastry). Friedens member Jane Cosier assisted at the greble demo. Paul Loos, member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in the north bottoms, gave a sausage making demo at Friedens. Participants thoroughly enjoyed the demos and delicious food. There were so many wonderful sessions offered at the convention. I attended (1) Preserving Your Photos and Documents (2) War in Ukraine: situation and historical background. The perspective from German-Russians (3) Ukraine & Russia...A family at War (4) The First Pioneers: Daring Escapes and the Perilous Journey to the Volga Frontier (5) Time Travel Using Historical Maps (6) Traditions from the Past, Traditions for the Future: Folklore of the Germans from Russia, and others. Some of the sessions were virtual. Many of the presenters were professors from universities, including universities in Germany. There was a quilt raffle, a silent raffle, a bookstore, a research room, prizes given at the banquet, and a Dutch Hop Dance (a type of dance and style of music brought to the US by the Volga Germans) with music provided by The River Boys, and so, so much more. The AHSGR staff and board of directors worked diligently to make this a wonderful convention. I highly recommend attending this convention in the future. Next year this international convention will be in Greeley, CO, but it is often in Lincoln.

**Paul Loos &
Dean Pawelko
demonstrating
making sausage**



**Julie Erickson, Nancy
Borrell, and Karen
Scribner
demonstrating
making kuchen**



Second Chances Matter Concert

August 19th, at 7pm (doors open at 6pm)
Christ Lincoln Church, 4325 Sumner
Free Will Offering



This concert will include Chef Brandon Chrostowski as keynote speaker and Nashville Country/Christian musician Ben Fuller.

We will be highlighting **testimonies** from reentrants who have benefited by the services provided by Bridges to Hope.

Come early as we will have **FOOD TRUCKS** beginning at 5:00 pm!

RAFFLE PRIZES to include a 4 night, 5 day stay in an ocean front condo in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Brought to you by: Bridges to Hope

You're Invited!

Friedens Lutheran Church, Sunday School &

Neighborhood Picnic

Sunday September 11th

3:00pm to 7:00pm

6th and D Street



For the kids!!!!

Bounce House!

18' Dual Slide!

**50' Ultimate Obstacle
Course!**

Rock Climbing Wall!

Face Painting!

GAMES

We will have free games
for all ages from 3:00pm
to 5:00pm

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

Meal

Russ's Market at Codington and A
Streets is furnishing our picnic
with hamburgers, hotdogs and
buns. Please bring a side dish or
dessert to share.

Dinner starts at 5:00.

BINGO

Bingo will start after dinner at 6:00pm. All ages welcome.

Bingo prizes will include: grocery items donated by Russ's Market,
sunglasses, t-shirts, cell phone accessories, novelty items, restaurant gift certificates
and many others!!!!

Snacks...SNOWCONES! ICE CREAM SANDWICHES! POPCORN! POP!

This event is possible with contributions by Runza Restaurants and Russ's Market.

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