

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Happy Easter! I think we can never say it enough! Easter is not one day in the year. Easter is a season. It is a 50 day season. But, Easter is even more than a 50 day season. Easter is an on going event that will go on for the remainder of human history. Easter is God's believing people being sent out to continue the work that Jesus started. Easter is a time for proclaiming the presence of the Kingdom. Easter is a time for healing the sick. Easter is a time for caring for God's creation and God's creatures. We can never say it enough. Happy Easter!

May is here. May is the time to plant gardens. As I drive around in Lincoln I see community gardens. People are working together to help one another learn how to grow a garden and to help each other do gardening well.

This reminds me of the days during World War II when we were encouraged to grow Victory Gardens. It did inspire us to grow larger gardens. I was too young to know where the food went, or how it would get distributed, but I was old enough to plant seeds and to pull weeds. The fact that I had three brothers in the Pacific Theatre made it seem more important.

We are God's Easter people, sent out from the baptismal font, empowered by the Spirit, planting seeds of hope. As our yellow t-shirts say, "God's work...our hands."

We have celebrated the event of the first Easter, the discovery of the empty tomb. Now we are hearing about the consequences of the empty tomb. Jesus has not only left the empty tomb behind, he has left his human form behind. The disciples didn't know what to do without their Lord and Master, so they decided to go fishing with Peter. They all know it would be best for them to get out of Jerusalem. They were surprised when Jesus appeared to them while they were hiding out in a locked room. Now they are surprised that Jesus has found them again at the Sea of Galilee.

They probably thought their cowardice at the time of Jesus' arrest and trials would disqualify them from being his disciples. But Jesus is determined. He finds them and surprises them with an amazing catch of fish. He prepares breakfast for them and then proceeds to recall them to the task that is ahead of them. It's a very simple call. "Do you love me?"

"Yes, you know that I love you."

"Feed my lambs."

By the power given to them by the Spirit of God, they had courage to face a hostile world with a loving message. "God loves you! ALL of you!" We face the same world with the same message. Happy Easter!

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

With the new lift completed, we now have access for everyone to both the Sanctuary and to the Fellowship Hall. This has been a years long project, and we are thankful that it is done. We hope those needing assistance with stairs, will come and make good use of it. It is self operated, and the instructions are simple. If the lift is on your level, just press in one of the buttons once and the door will open automatically. If it is not on your level, hold the up or down button in, until it is on your level. Release the button when it is on your level, and the door will open automatically. If you need some help the first couple times that you use it, just let someone know.

While we have now raised the \$130,000.00 that we were hoping to raise for this project (thank you to everyone), we are hoping to raise a little more. The driveway had to be replaced, and the cost of that was \$7,000. So we will continue to have fund raising efforts through this spring and summer, to cover that cost. So if you haven't donated to this project yet, there is still a need. Continue to mark your donations Lift Fund, and mail them to the church office or drop them in the offering plate. The driveway has been in need of replacing for quite some time, and has been on our list of things to do. And with all of the construction activity to work on the lift, the driveway got even more torn up. So it has been replaced with a new, even wider driveway. As we come to our 115 Year Anniversary Celebration this summer, we will continue to have fund raising projects, to take care of the improvements to our church without creating any ongoing debt for Friedens. Our friends, former members and members have been so good and loyal, making sure that these needed improvements have been able to be made to our church. Thank you to all.

Gary Hardt

Council President

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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: April 2022

Receipts: \$ 10,667..00

Disbursements: \$44,015.79

Note: The excess cost of disbursements this month is due to our expenditures for our lift project. We are asking for your prayers and financial support during this project.

Thank You
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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

Deb Marr

Kay Wood

Ron McKinney

Kimberly Render

Sharon Trout

Bob Hogg

Carolyn Hogg

Ron Vogt



Sending Healing Prayers

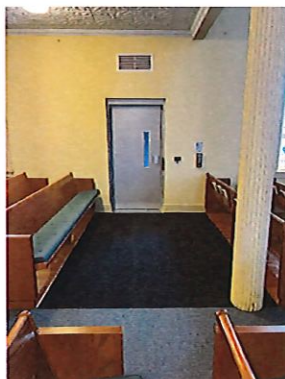
Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

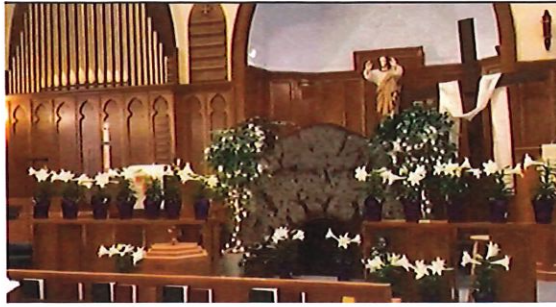
Janice Zackery (Crystal Anderson's mother)

The New Lift — Thank You—Chuck Schwahn

The new lift is done and ready to use. The only thing remaining to do, is siding work which is on back order. We want to thank **Chuck Schwahn** for all of the personal time that he put in working on the lift. Chuck worked hard to make the new lift a reality. When you see Chuck, tell him "thank you." It wouldn't have come together as it did, without all of Chuck's hard work, determination and dedication. **Thank you Chuck.**



Easter 2022 Memories



IN MEMORY OF:

Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Adams, beloved parents, Marcia R. Adams, precious sister,
Dr & Mrs. H. M. Geode, Gerald Goede, Ronald Goede , Charles T. Adams by Carolea Adams
Pastor Del Klover by Carolea Adams
Alex and Lydia Hardt (grandparents) by Julie Erickson
Kenneth and Jewel Hardt (parents) by Julie Erickson
Robert and Rose Rezny, Jim Hofpar, and Chip Fullerton by Amy Rezny & Anna Fullerton
Pete and Mollie Harris, George and Martha Cosier by David and Jane Cosier
Alex Tinant and Dale Meyer by Mark and Megan Grimes
Andrew and Elizabeth Beltz by Steven and Catherine Beltz and Melvin & Delores Bellinger
Jack Pfrimmer (spouse) by Maxine Pfrimmer
Earl Borrell (husband) and Clarence and Lena Deer (parents) by Nancy Borrell
Pam Schultz and Buzz Pepperd by Lynn Pepperd
Delta Schmidt and John Baker by Ken and Gidge Schmidt
Bill, Margie, and Francis Koelzer by Greg and Fran Zessin
Dorothy and Al Zessin, John and Catherine Welsch by Greg and Fran Zessin
Pastor Del Klover by Kathy Rempe
Martha Yost Kraft by Vicki Yost Norton
Leroy Butherus, Jacob and Emilie Butherus by Diane Butherus
John and Molly Schreiber (parents) ,and Sally Svoboda (daughter) by Kathie Svoboda
Donald Brunken (husband) by Barbara Brunken
Stan Trampe by Judy Trampe
John & Elizabeth Kildau Sr., John Kildau Jr., Brad King, Ryan Pinkerton, Jennifer Pinkerton
by Norm and Irene Newhouse

IN HONOR OF:

Mai Butler for her beautiful music each Sunday by Jim & Kris Plucknett
Gary Hardt for video recording each service by Jim & Kris Plucknett
Pastor Bud and Ruth Christenson by Kathie Svoboda

IN CELEBRATION OF:

Pastor Bud and Ruth Christenson by Carolea Adams
Bob and Carolyn Hogg by Amy Rezny
Autism Awareness Month and Naomi's adoption by Mark and Megan Grimes
Pastor Bud Christenson by Kathy Rempe

Lift Fundraiser Garage Sale

Thursday, Friday & Saturday — May 19, 20, & 21

8:00 AM — 5:00 PM, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM, Saturday

Items can be dropped off starting:

Sunday, May 15th, 1:00 PM — 5:00 PM

Monday, May 16th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Tuesday, May 17th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Wednesday, May 18th, 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, May 19th, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Friday, May 20th, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Saturday, May 21st, 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**



Time and Talent Sheets

Enclosed in this month's Messenger, you will find a "Time and Talent" sheet. The load for everyone is less, when there are "many hands" helping. We hope that you will find an area of interest, to help volunteer your "Time and Talent". It can be a little or it can be a lot. Whatever you feel like helping with. We think that you will find volunteering a rewarding experience. You can drop your "Time and Talent" sheet in the offering plate at church, or you can mail it to the church office.



Graduation Celebration

Raven Pinkerton, granddaughter of Irene and Norm Newhouse will be graduating from Lincoln East High School on May 27th at 6pm, Pinnacle Arena.

You are welcome to send cards to 3900 Morgan Street, Lincoln, NE 68521

Please join Raven for a celebration honoring her accomplishments Saturday, May 21st from 1-5pm at 6521 Perry Circle, Lincoln, NE. Irene Newhouse will be hosting the graduation party.

Congratulations to Mark, Megan, and Naomi Zitkala-Sa Grimes



Naomi Faith Zitkala-Sa Grimes was officially adopted to Mark and Megan Grimes on May 3. Naomi is the Grimes' niece and has been living with them as a foster child since fall 2019. Naomi's biological mother is Megan's adopted sister and will continue to be an active part of Naomi's life. Naomi is Sicangu Lakota and a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. Her second middle name, Zitkala-Sa, means red bird in Lakota. Naomi will be five on May 19 and start kindergarten in the fall. On Sunday, May 22nd, Pastor Bud will hold a "religious adoption ceremony" as part of the church service.

Welcome Naomi to Friedens!

MAY Birthdays and Anniversaries

(7) Steve & Peggy Russell (39 Years)

(7) Scott & Semira Milliken (18 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

(15) Hermann Siegl

(15) Jim & Kris Plucknett (40 Years)

(19) Naomi Zitkala-Sa Grimes

(22) Anaise Kaufman

(23) John & Chantel Stavick (7 Years)

(23) Deborah Marr

(24) Kevin Melang-Thoren

(25) Wendy Clement

(26) Kent & Linda Vollenweider (38 Years)

(29) Carolea Adams

(29) Irene Newhouse



MAY WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jodi Urban

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

5-1 Mark Grimes

5-8 Anna Fullerton

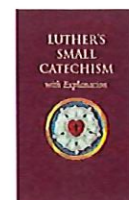
5-15 Hermann Siegl

5-22 Abby Newhouse

5-29 Megan Grimes

Confirmation Class

Members and non-members of all ages are invited to come to a Bible/Catechism class on Wednesday evenings thru July 13th and will be held in the basement Fellowship Hall from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Pastor will focus on two things: (1) An overview of the Biblical story, and (2) Luther's Small Catechism. There is plenty of room for all of us. Come, bring your Bible and your friends. See you there!!



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Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager



Friedens Evangelical Lutheran Church Time & Talent Survey

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of god"

1 Peter 4:10

Time is a precious gift and God has blessed all of us with special talents. We hope you will be able to share your talents and time with Friedens as we continue to grow our ministry! Thank you for your continued support!

Name _____ E-mail _____

Cell Phone # _____ Home Phone # _____

Please select the SKILLS/INTERESTS you may have in either your professional or personal life that you feel you could share with the church.

- Technology(Audio/Visual; Web/Internet) Computer skills, Social Media
- Publicity (posters, signs, flyers and other artwork)
- Bible Study
- Cooking/Baking
- Special Event Planning, Funeral Lunches, Potlucks, seasonal dinners, anniversary events
- Gardening, Lawn Care
- Sewing (Costumes, Quilts, Banners, Embroidery, etc.) Specific skill _____
- Community Outreach
- Photography/Video
- Musical Talent (Instrumental) What instrument do you play? _____
- Musical Talent (Vocal) Voice part that you sing _____
- Construction Repair - General
- Construction Repair - Plumbing
- Construction Repair - Electrical
- Drama/Staging/Props
- General Housekeeping/Cleaning () weekly () special one time
- Driving/Transportation
- Hospitality (greeter/usher/bell ringer)
- Men's Group
- Women's Group
- Public Speaking () Reader/lector () Event Host
- Fundraising
- Offering Counters (done in teams of two with data entry and banking deposits)
- Administration (Making phone calls, data entry; church communication)
- Leading or Facilitating Teams
- Pastoral Care () home/sick visits () prayer chain () Home bound Communion () Lancaster Manor Worship
- New Member Connection with follow up phone calls and other communication

Willing To Serve with/in the following ministries:

- Teaching Sunday School or Vacation Bible
- Altar Guild () Setting up for Communion () Changing banners/vestments () flower arrangements
- Property Team
- Adult Christian Education and Bible study
- Worship/Music Ministry
- Finance Ministry and Budget Development
- Social Ministries
- Parish Growth and Life, Community Outreach
- Technology Team

Special Events

- Picnic
- Garage Sale
- German Service
- Christmas Caroling
- Holy Week and Easter
- Special Social Events such as Mother's Day, Halloween Party, New Year's Eve Party

Ideas for new ministries.

I prefer to serve or donate my talents during the following times:

- Mornings
- Afternoons
- Evenings
- Weekdays
- Weekends
- One-time projects
- Short-term projects
- At home projects
- Long-term projects

How do you prefer to receive communication?

- Email
- Phone Call
- Text Message
- US Postal Service