

# Friedens MESSENGER

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## *PASTOR'S PAGE...*

Dear Friedens Family,

Fall is underway but the calendar doesn't seem to know it. Today is a near record forecast, 93 degrees, but more normal temperatures are on the way.

The baseball season ended yesterday and the playoffs are about to begin. Ruth and I cheered our Royals to victory in their final game. There is a Royals marathon coming soon, but we decided not to run. It might ruin my walker!

Our busy summer schedule at Friedens is over. I hope you have rested up from the neighborhood garage sale and the neighborhood party. Both were very successful. But, I know that is not new to any of you. It's what we have come to expect.

There are Halloween ads everywhere, so the children are preparing for the "Trick or Treat" season.

At Friedens we are preparing to celebrate All Hallows Eve (All Saints Day) and the Reformation. The men are rehearsing a medley of "happy" songs of praise for All Saints Sunday. As we visit the graves of loved ones and leave flowers in their memory, we might wonder why we sing happy songs. It's because Good Friday gave way to Easter. Death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord's resurrection. Our Lord ascended to heaven, from whence he came, and he has prepared a home for us. The saints (our loved ones) have gone on ahead of us, and we believe they are enjoying life in their home, and singing praises to God like they never knew they could sing!

Reformation Day was one of the most important days in the life of the church for our parents. It seems to have gotten lost in all the excitement of Halloween. Many denominations don't celebrate the Reformation because it has been viewed as a Lutheran holiday. Martin Luther never wanted the new church to be called the "Lutheran" church. He felt that it should simply be known as the Christian church. Both words were originally words of disdain. In the early days of the life of the church believers were still Jews. Critics called them "Christians." It was against the law to be called by the name of Christ, even though they considered it an honor. Luther didn't want his followers to be called Lutherans, but many of them considered it an honor and the name stuck.

I think it is proper for us to celebrate both names. We are Christians because we have been baptized into Christ. As brothers and sisters of Christ, it is our family name. We are Lutherans because of our history. We come from places like Denmark, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Norway, etc. But we also come from places like South Africa, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Kenya, Argentina, Chili, Japan and Brazil.

We sing with one voice, "To God be the glory, great things he has done," and celebrate All Saints Day and the Reformation with joy. There are more joyful days ahead: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany... joyful anticipation!

Pastor Bud



## Message from our Council President

Last months Annual Neighborhood/Church picnic was a solid success. I want to thank everyone who helped out with the picnic again this year. Without all of the help that our volunteers do, this wouldn't be possible. It is a big event, and it takes a lot of help for it to run as smoothly as it runs every year. I want to thank our grill masters, Randy Koch and Steve Russell. It is a large task to grill 100 hamburgers and 75 hot dogs, and to have all of them ready at just the right time. But for a second year since Covid was over, Randy and Steve have made that happen. I would also like to thank all of the people who helped out with the games, the inflatables, concessions, the kitchen, the cleaning up, way too many for me to mention names. But all of you helped to make this years picnic run smooth again this year. And I would like to thank Sandy Everett and the Everett family, from Runza Restaurants for helping with the cost of all of the inflatables that we are able to have on our lawn for all of our Sunday School kids and all of our neighborhood kids. Without Sandy's generous help, we couldn't have all of those things for the kids to enjoy at our picnic. Thank you to everyone who helped make this years Friedens Neighborhood/Church picnic a successful event for our neighborhood.



### **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: September 2023**

**Receipts: \$9,155.03**

**Disbursements: \$14,603.19**



**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

Barbara Brunken

Sharon Trout

Joyce Boerger

Michael Ernst

Carolyn Hogg

Carolea Adams

Dennis Michalski

Chad Shipps

Jim & Nadine Kraus (friends of Donna Splichal)

Josephine & Tommy Manno (friends of Patrick Crawford)

Garth Scism (brother-in-law of Jodi Urban)

Michael Crawford (brother of Patrick Crawford)

Family and Friends of Jean Wheat



*Sending Healing Prayers*

### Jean Wheat

A Celebration of Life will be held in memory of Jean Wheat on October 20th at 11:00am at Friedens. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Jean passed away on September 24th at the age of 74. Prayers and condolences to Jean's family.

**REST IN PEACE**



### "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 three 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)





### Men's and Women's Fellowship/Bible Study

Pastor Bud would like to invite interested men and women from Friedens for a **Fellowship Bible study at 9:00am every Saturday, 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!

### BRIDGES TO HOPE

### FREED FOR LIFE EVENT

In 1997 the bishop came to Pastor Bud with a letter of call to begin prison ministry at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. He started the Followers of Christ prison congregation and soon after started Bridges to Hope.

On Sunday, November 5th, we will celebrate another successful year of this ministry with a "party" from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. at Sheridan Lutheran Church. There will be hors d'oeuvres served. The informal setting will allow for conversations with prisoners from the FEAST program and from time to time a prisoner's testimony will show on the screens in the Family Life Center.

Thanks for your continued support of the FEAST Program & Followers of Christ Prison Ministry.

There is no charge. It is a fundraiser based on donations.

## Friedens Neighborhood/Church Picnic

Thank you to everyone who came to our neighborhood picnic, as a guest or a volunteer. We had a wonderful attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves from inflatable toys and hamburgers and hotdogs, to playing Bingo. A special thank you to **Randy Koch and Steve Russell** for being our grill masters and a very special thanks to **Gary Hardt** for coordinating the whole event. This year's picnic was made possible by a very generous gift from the **Don & Sandy Everett family** and their Runza Restaurants. It takes a lot of people to make an event like this a success and we did just that. Thanks to all!





## OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 03—Tina Strong  
04 — Matthew & Julie Hauschild (20 yrs)  
05 — Shawn Johanson  
07 — David Cosier  
08 — Linda Dreith  
10 — Sunny Detty  
12 — Brad Magnuson  
14 — Richard & Susan Busker (34 yrs)  
14 — Bev Wilson  
16 — Amy Rezny  
20 — Kent Vollenweider  
22 — Jeremy Cosier  
25 — Kayle Hardt  
30 — Rich Anderson  
20 — Myles Hardt



## OCTOBER WORSHIP

### LEADERS

#### Altar Guild

Deb Marr

#### Head Usher

Gary Hardt

#### Lectors

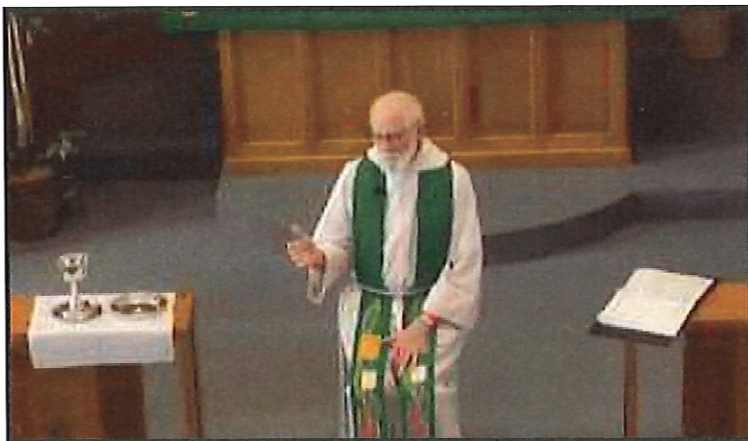
- 10-1 Irene Newhouse  
10-8 Sue Busker  
10-15 Zane Mindrup  
10-22 Maxine Pfrimmer  
10-29 Hermann Siegl

#### Cantors

- 10-1 Jodi Urban  
10-8 Irene Newhouse  
10-15 Karen Scribner  
10-22 Karen Scribner  
10-29 Steve Russell

#### Counters

Deb Marr and Neoma Jones



October is Pastor Appreciation month. On Sunday, October 8th, we will be having a potluck luncheon after our worship service to celebrate and show our appreciation for Pastor Bud.

If you can, please come and help show Pastor Bud how much we appreciate him.

## Congratulations



**Alyssa**

**Alissa Holland Hinz** was recently inducted into the Lincoln High School Athletic Hall of Fame. She is the daughter of Rick & Kathy Holland and grew up at Friedens. She is married to Nick Hinz and they have a 5 year old daughter, Addi. Below is a portion of the write-up included with her induction.

Alissa graduated from Lincoln High in 2004, receiving four letters in basketball, four in volleyball and two in soccer. Alissa is one of a handful of girls at Lincoln High who lettered in basketball and volleyball as a freshman. In basketball she played in 17 of 20 games as a freshman, starting four games and scoring in 10 games. She earned a starting position on the basketball team her sophomore, junior and senior years. In her senior year she averaged 10.7 points per game and 11.7 rebounds per game, scoring a total of 235 points and pulling down 257 rebounds. Her rebounds as a senior is a Lincoln High record in one season. She also holds the record for rebounds in one game with 19. She led the Links to the District A-1 Championship, qualifying for the Class A Girls State Tournament in 2004. Alissa was named second team All-City and Honorable Mention Class A, All-State following her senior year. In volleyball, Alissa helped Lincoln High qualify for the 2000 and 2001 Class A State Volleyball tournaments. She was named second team All-City in 2002 and first team all-City in 2003. Alissa was named to the All-Conference team in 2003. She was chosen as a member of the Nebraska All-Star Volleyball team in 2004.

Alissa continued her athletic career as a member of the Doane Women's Basketball team, playing all four years. She received several all conference awards and was a member of the 1000-point club scoring 1256 points during her career at Doane. Alissa graduated from Doane in 2008, continued her education at UNO and Doane, receiving Master Degrees in Community Counseling, Curriculum & Instruction. She currently works as a Special Education teacher at Kiewit Middle School in the Millard School District.

**Alissa was among 19 athletes honored at the 2023 Hall of Fame induction banquet September 7th . This is the 36th year of the Hall of Fame with the first class inducted in 1983. Alissa is just one of many Friedens members who have been honored in this way at Lincoln High.**

### School Kits for Lutheran World Relief —October Update

We have purchased notebooks needed for our School Kits on-line. Unlike past years, it was difficult to find notebooks at a reasonable cost, even during the best "school shopping" sales. Buying in bulk has helped solve this problem. If you would still like to help, please consider a donation to help cover the cost of notebooks and the back packs we need to package our kits.

If you have any items for our kits that you have already purchased, please bring them to church. We will either make more kits or save extra items for next year. Place your donations in the container just inside the main door in the entry way to the sanctuary. Any monetary donations should be marked "School Kits" and placed in our Sunday offering or mailed to the church office. Thank you!

We will be scheduling school kit assembly work times in mid to late October. Watch for these dates & times. We can always use help in assembling our kits!

Questions? Please contact Kathy Rempe or Kathy Holland.





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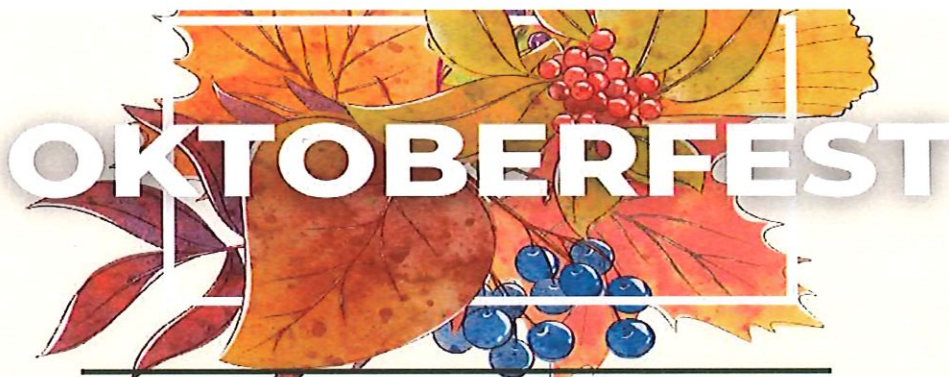
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**SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH 2022**

**FAMILY FUN | FREE FOOD & DRINK | GAMES | BEER GARDEN  
2 - 5:00 PM**

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