

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

“What comes to mind when you think of the month of March?” Ask people in outstate Nebraska and you may get the answer, “State basketball tournaments and snow storms!” Experience tells us they sometimes go together.

Will March come in like a lion? God only knows. Not even the weatherman knows. It probably would be a good thing this year. Moisture in almost any form would be welcome. Our farms and our lawns are crying out for moisture.

As a pastor, I would answer the question in a little different way. March brings us to the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 2 this year. “Remember that you are dust...” While I write this, Kansas has a fire alert because of the drought conditions. This year it’s a little easier to “Remember that you are dust...” The second creation story pictures God picking up moist soil from the earth he had created and forming two special creatures from the clay. Then he breathed the breath of life into them and they became human beings. Us! Humans and humus are very closely related.

As the season of Epiphany draws to a close we have been reminded of the many ways God is revealed to us as the God of all nations:

Angels sang songs of joy to the shepherds and told them to go to Bethlehem to find the child. They found Mary and Joseph and the baby boy in Bethlehem.

The Magi came from the east in search of a new born, confident that a very important king had been born. The star led them to Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus.

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to present him before God. Simeon and Anna saw the baby boy and immediately rejoiced because they had been waiting a very long time, their whole life, to see the “salvation of God.”

John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River along with crowds of people and God spoke, loud and clear from heaven, “This is my Son!”

Shortly thereafter John introduced Jesus, “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the WORLD!”

Jesus went home to worship in Nazareth. The people seemed proud that one of their own was doing great things. He was talking about the kingdom that had come to earth. He was healing people, Jews and gentiles, of many diseases. All went well until he claimed to be the one promised in the prophecies of old. They shouted, “Blasphemy!” Then they tried to kill him by throwing him off the cliff on which their town was built. A portent of what was to come. Lent comes, followed by Easter. We’ve a story to tell to the nations! God bless us, one and all, as we move forward.

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

Next month is Easter, and we are all anticipating the completion of our new lift before then. We look forward to helping people access our sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, and we hope everyone who can attend worship services, will come. We will have our Easter Morning Breakfast again this year, and we would love to see a good turnout for that. We hope you make plans for you and your family to attend.

We still have a little ways to go to reach our fund raising goal, to pay for the new lift. We are very close, but not quite there. The goal is \$130,000.00, and we are currently at \$120,000.00. We need roughly \$10,000 more to pay for the new lift. We are hoping to receive that this month, as the lift project will be completed this month. And we would like to have the lift completely paid for when it is completed, so that Friedens does not have to take on any additional debt. If you are able to help at all, please do. If you have already helped with this project, thank you!

We will be planning Friedens 115th Year Anniversary Celebration for sometime early summer. We are in the stages of planning this right now, and we are hoping to put together a special worship service, followed by a luncheon and program. We will put out more details once everything has been decided.

We have a very special staff here at Friedens. Mai, Bev and Pastor Bud have helped us get through these last 2 years of Covid, and it's been through all of their hard work and dedication, that has helped us to get through these extraordinary times. If it weren't for them, and the financial support of all of our great members and friends, we wouldn't be in the shape we are today, as we are hopefully coming out of Covid. I just want to personally say "Thank you", to Mai, Bev and Pastor Bud, for the dedication and care that they have shown us through these past 2 years. They are a special group of people, and we are fortunate to have them with us here at Friedens. You are appreciated. Thank you!

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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 given to us.

Monthly Report: February 2022

Receipts: \$ 11,187.00

Disbursements: \$21,361.94

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.

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GENEROUSLY

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

Lee Alexander

Dorothy Loos

Jean Wheat

Reece Nelsen

Maria Kildau

Ron McKinney

Crystal Anderson

Kimberly Render

Sharon Trout

Bob Hogg

Carolyn Hogg

Gisela Niebuhr

Ron Vogt

Julie Erickson

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

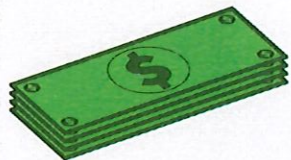
Janice Zackery (Crystal Anderson's mother)

Bryce and Chelsea Robinson (Bev Mittan's granddaughter & husband)

Scott Andreasen (Bev Mittan's nephew)



Sending Healing Prayers



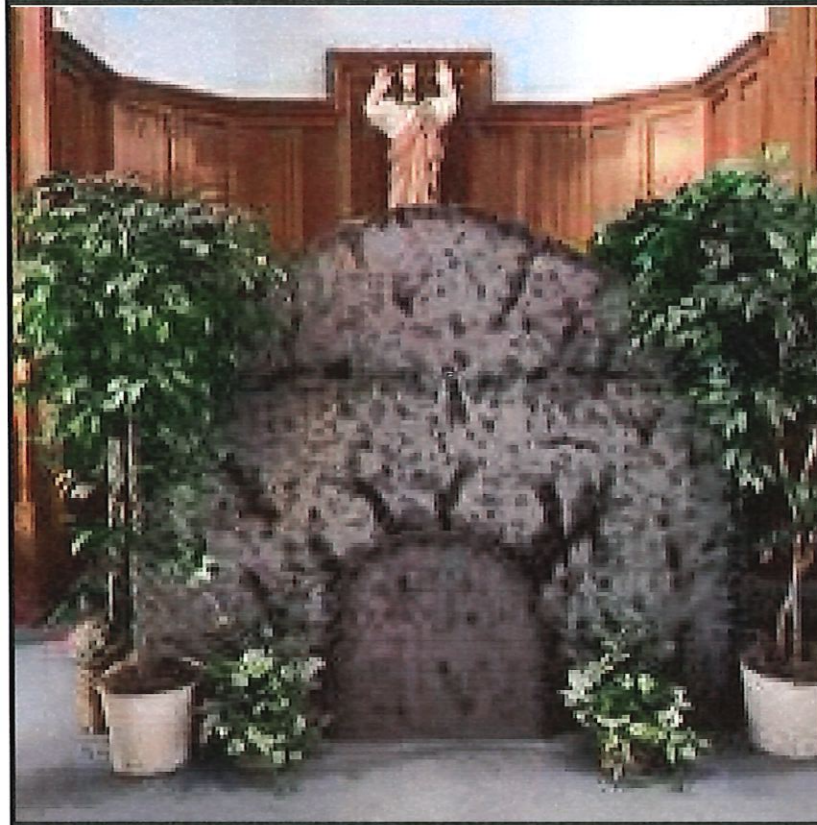
Volunteers Needed

Each week a group of faithful volunteers have counted, recorded, and deposited the offerings and other contributions that our congregation and friends of Friedens generously give to our Church. Additional volunteers are needed to ensure that this important work can be completed each week. Tasks include counting cash and checks, filling out bank deposit slips, entering information into the accounting software that we use to record information and making the weekly deposit at our bank. Volunteers work in groups of two and normally do this work in one-month intervals. If you enjoy working with numbers, have a general knowledge of data entry into a computer and are looking for a way to be more involved at Friedens as a volunteer, we look forward to hearing from you. For more information, please contact Irene Newhouse at 402-489-5445.

“Conversations with Jesus”

Lenten Season 2022

Thank you to Pastor Bud for writing the dialogues which are portrayed by several of our Friedens members.



Dialogue Schedule

March 2nd	Mary, Mother of Jesus
March 9th	Peter
March 16th	Martha
March 23rd	Lazarus
March 30th	Mary Magdalene
April 6th	Nicodemus

Please join us in hearing the stories of the special people in Jesus' life.

The dialogues are available in book form for anyone to request.

Please call the church office for a copy (402-476-3888).



EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

April 17th, 2022— 9:30am



We will be having our traditional Easter Morning Breakfast this year in our Fellowship Hall, at 9:30am, right before our Easter Worship Service.

Cracker Barrel will be supplying us with 2 different individually boxed breakfast meals. One will be pancakes, sausage or bacon and hash brown casserole and the other will be scrambled eggs, sausage or bacon and hash brown casserole. There will also be fruit and individual bottled orange juice, water and coffee.

We invite you to come to Breakfast Easter Morning prior to worship service, and then stay for a beautiful Easter Morning Worship service. Breakfast will start at 9:30am, so that when you and your family are finished, you can go straight upstairs for church.

So that we have an idea of how many meals to order, we are asking that you RSVP, if you would like to come to the breakfast Easter morning.

There will be a free will offering, but there will be no charge for the breakfast. To RSVP, please either call the church office at 402-476-3888, or e-mail the church office at office@friedens.org. The meals will come individually packaged directly from Cracker Barrel

Please RSVP as soon as you are able. We will need to get our count in to Cracker Barrel by Friday April 15th. Hope to see you there!

BOXED MEALS



BUTTERMILK PANCAKES BOXED MEAL.

Two Buttermilk Pancakes with butter and Pure Natural Syrup, served with Smoked Sausage Patties and Hashbrown Casserole. Min. order of 8.



BREAKFAST SAMPLER BOXED MEAL

Two Scrambled Eggs served with Smoked Sausage Patties, our signature Hashbrown Casserole and a Buttermilk Biscuit. Min. order of 8.

Upcoming dates...



Palm Sunday — April 10th— 10:30am

Maunday Thursday — April 14— 7:00pm

Good Friday — April 15 — 7:00pm

Easter —April 17—10:30am



Mid-Week Lenten Worship Services

March 9 — 7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and Peter)

March 16 —7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and Martha)

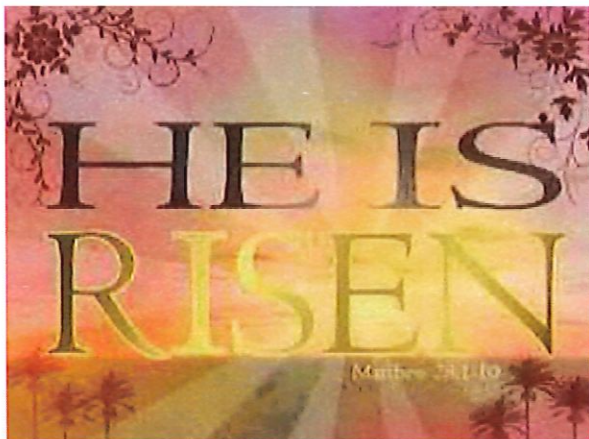
March 23 — 7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and Lazarus)

March 30 — 7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and Mary Magdalene)

April 6 — 7:00pm (Dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus)

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 — 10:30am



March 13th



MARCH Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (1) Joseph and Susan Towns (53 years)
 - (2) Bev Rasmussen
 - (2) Erin Schild
- (3) Dave and Pat Allen (61 years)
 - (4) Ronald Vogt
 - (4) Delmar Smith
 - (5) Chris Zweerink
 - (6) Darrell Wilson
 - (10) Nick Urban
 - (14) Pat Allen
 - (15) Liam Detty
 - (17) Anna Fullerton
- (17) Ronald & Margaret Vogt (49 Years)
 - (18) Janice Rutt
 - (18) Trenton Johanson
 - (19) Kathleen Rempe
 - (19) Karen Rempe
- (20) Paul and Christina Strong (12 years)
 - (23) Weston Schon
 - (25) Ronald Wilson
 - (29) Becky Roberts
 - (30) Linda Vollenweider
 - (31) Chantel Stavick



MARCH WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Deb Marr and Neoma Jones

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

- 3-2 Kathy Holland
- 3-6 Amy Rezny
- 3-9 Anna Fullerton
- 3-13 Hermann Siegl
- 3-16 Peggy Russell
- 3-20 Peggy Russell
- 3-23 Abby Newhouse
- 3-26 Anna Fullerton
- 3-30 Irene Newhouse

**Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and
in Friedens Sanctuary every Sunday at
10:30 and Lenten mid-week at 7pm.**



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Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager

ORDER FORM

EASTER LILIES

\$8.50 each

Please order _____ lilies for me. I am giving it/them:

_____ In memory of _____

_____ In honor of _____

_____ In celebration of _____

Ordered by: _____ Phone: _____

_____ I will take the plant(s) with me on Easter.

_____ Please deliver the plant(s) to
a home-bound member or
long term care facility.

Orders are to be into the church office by April 3, 2022
Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each lily ordered.