

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

The wait is over. I waited for over a year since my cardiologist decided I needed a new valve in my aorta. Finally the day came when both the doctor and the insurance company decided it was time. Now I have a new bovine (cow) valve and all is well. Thanks for your concern and your prayers.

Time marches on. We are in the holiday season. Americans were back to our old tricks on Halloween night. Candy galore! When I went in for my rehab workout on Monday, I noticed that several people brought their left over candy to share. At the same time they lectured us on cutting down on our sugar intake. So it goes.

This weekend will be a very busy and eventful weekend for us. On Sunday we will “celebrate” All Saints Sunday. This is a very important holy day for Lutherans. Throughout the year we have grieved the loss of loved ones, while at the same time celebrating their victory in Christ. On Sunday we will light a candle in their memory and in memory of people who are dear to us. We will revisit our grief and our joy.

Sunday evening is the annual Freed for Life dinner hosted by Nebraska Synod prison ministry. We will gather with friends from the Nebraska Department of Corrections, parole workers, friends from near and far, and some prisoners to remind one another of the important work we are doing in the name of our Lord. For me it is a night of friendship overload.

Among our guests will be ten friends from the Oaks Indian Mission in Oklahoma. Reverend Don Marshall, Executive Director, will arrive on Saturday with three other adults and six young people to join us for the weekend. They will worship with us at Friedens on Sunday morning, enjoy a pizza lunch, visit Bridges to Hope, Bud's Thrift Shoppe, Morrill Hall at UNL, and the new Lutheran Campus Ministry site, before joining us at Freed for Life. It should be noted that Friedens Lutheran congregation has supported that Mission for many years.

I'm proud that twenty people related to Friedens will be there at the dinner serving in a variety of ways. We will all be wearing bright yellow shirts that say “God's Work...Our Hands” on the front and the name of our church on the back. We will be on display for all to see. Let's never forget that we are indeed God's working presence in the world.

Advent will soon be here. Then we begin a new “wait.” The Advent Wreath will mark our progress as we anticipate, once again, the incarnation of our Lord Jesus. God bless us, one and all, along the way.

Pastor Bud



Message from our Council President

All of the permits have been approved, and work on our new lift should start this month. Now we have to raise the funds to pay for it.

The total estimated cost for the new lift will be around \$130,000.00. Right now, with what we had in our lift fund, and with some very generous donations that we have already received, we have \$70,000 in our lift fund. We have another generous donor, that will match donations from this point, up to \$30,000. That means if we can raise another \$30,000 in donations, we will have \$130,000.00 in our lift fund, and will not have to take out any type of a loan to pay for the lift. We will have raised the entire amount needed for this project. That would truly be remarkable.

If you would like to donate to this new lift, you can do that by either mailing in your donation to the church office, or by going to our website, and donations page. Please mark your donation, "for the new lift".

Anything received after today's date, will be matched up to \$30,000. This is a way to make your donation go as far as it can, and get the lift paid for without any debt. Any size donation will be appreciated and will make a difference.

The generosity of Friedens members and friends, is remarkable. Thank you to all who have contributed so far to this much needed improvement in our facility, and to all of you who are considering it. Our Friedens family is amazing.

Gary Hardt
Council President
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Sunday Lunch at Don and Millie's

On the first Sunday of every month, **Don and Millie's** is inviting Friedens members to have lunch at their restaurant. In appreciation of our attendance, Don and Millie's will send us a check for 20% of their receipts from Friedens lunches. When you order, make sure to tell them you are from Friedens. Enjoy!!

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....

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| Donna Splichal | Verlene Owens | Kimberly Render | Roy McKinney |
| Larrie Schmidt | Lee Alexander | Molly Lyons | Sharon Trout |
| Reece Nelsen | Dorothy Loos | Crystal Anderson | Marie Kildau |
| Bob Hogg | Carolyn Hogg | Gisela Niebuhr | |



Sending Healing Prayers

Jeanette Christofferson (Jean Wheat's twin sister)

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

Thank You

Pastor Bud wishes to thank everyone for the many prayers, cards, texts, and emails during his absence. All of these were well received and gave him a very gratifying feeling to be part of the Friedens family. We missed him greatly, but also was so pleased the wonderful job Pastor Fred did for Friedens in Pastor Bud's absence. God bless both pastors.

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: October 2021

Receipts: \$ 10,139.00

Disbursements: \$20,178.36

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





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, November 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.

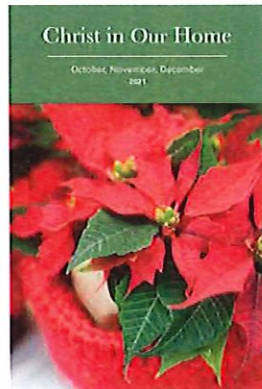
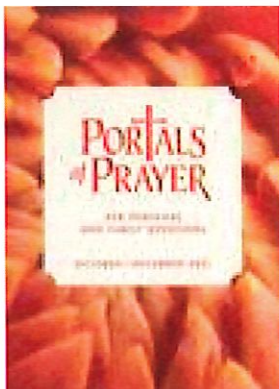
Come and bring a friend!

Daily Devotions

The following Daily Devotionals are available in the entryway to the Sanctuary for the current quarter (October, November, December). Please help yourself to a copy.

Portals of Prayer (Concordia)

Christ in Our Home (Augsburg)



Volunteer Appreciation

We have a lot of volunteers that help keep the church and annex (office) in good operating condition, so that we can continue our job at Friedens.

Thank you to **Rick Harris** for keeping our furnaces and air conditioners running. Last month he resolved a heating problem with our furnace in the annex. **Rick** discovered the air switch was bad, purchased the new part, and in no time it was warm and toasty in the office again. Thank you **Rick**. We appreciate it very much.

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief—Final Report

112 School Kits were assembled, boxed up and are now ready for transport to the “In-gathering” spot in Omaha. From there they will be transported to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minneapolis where they will be distributed overseas. In the past five years our kits have gone to children in the Democratic Republic of Congo (Central Africa), Lebanon (Middle East), Senegal (West Africa), El Salvador (Central America) and Mali (West Africa). Thanks to all who provided supplies and helped assemble our school kits this year! The Social Ministry Team by Kathy Holland



REX

WE'VE BEEN AROUND SINCE 1949

The Everett family has been a prominent name in the Friedens family.

Started by Sally Everett, expanded by her son, and still run by her grandchildren. Our recipes and processes are decades old.
Our ingredients are not.

WORLD FAMOUS



RUNZA SANDWICH

NOVEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

(01) Bonnie Zweerink

(02) Rick Holland

(04) Marion Ripenburg

(06) Charlotte Hogg

(07) Fran Zessin

(14) Scott and Linda Dreith (36 Yrs)

(19) Sharon Trout

(19) Greg and Kim Neemann (45 Yrs)

(21) Jeremy Erickson

(21) Adam Vollenweider

(23) Gisela Niebuhr



Anniversaries and Birthdays

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

11-7 Steve Russell

11-14 Kathy Holland

11-21 Amy Rezny

11-24 Peggy Russell

11-28 Anna Fullerton

Counters

Irene and Abby Newhouse

Sunday School Class

If you have children ages 3 thru 5th grade, please have them attend our Sunday School class every Sunday from 9:30 — 10:20am in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions about the class, contact Julie Erickson (402) 890-3113



Thanksgiving Service

We will gather on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving to pray, give thanks to God for our many blessings, and break bread together in the Lord's Supper.

Following the service we will have our customary Pie Social. For this each person is invited to bring two pies. Some of the pies are put out for folks to enjoy with coffee and conversation. The remaining pies will be taken to the People's City Mission for them to enjoy with their Thanksgiving Meal. These donated pies are always greatly appreciated. **We look forward to seeing you on the 24th of November at 7pm.**



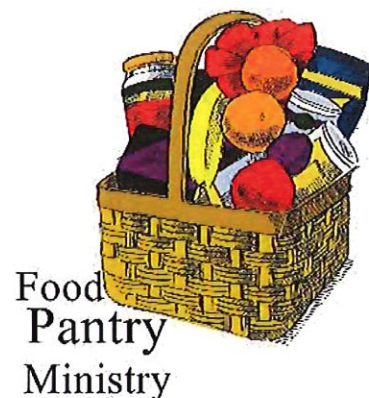
Hanging of the Greens

Come join us as we decorate the sanctuary and fellowship hall for the Advent/Christmas season. Many hands make light work and there's something that people of most ages and abilities can help with. So, come hang out, get "in the Christmas spirit" and help us decorate, Saturday, November 27th at 10:00am.



Items Needed By Lincoln Food Pantry

- Fruit juice (large bottles & juice boxes)
- Breakfast Bars (Pop Tarts, granola bars, oatmeal/fruit bars)
- Boxed instant oatmeal packets
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned Fruits (pears, peaches, pineapple, fruit cocktail)
- Canned Vegetables
- Condensed Soups (chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, Cream of chicken, cream of mushroom)



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Pastor Bud Christenson

Forwarding Service Requested

Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager

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POINSETTIAS
\$8.00 each

Please order _____ Poinsettias 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. _____ Please deliver the plant(s) to shut-ins.

Orders are to be into the church office by Dec 6th.
Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each Poinsettia ordered.
Or call church office @ 402-476-3888