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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Happy Easter! I have dismantled the tomb. It was a little sad because it is such a vivid reminder of what Easter is all about. The best part: the tomb is empty.

Easter is a day for Easter bunnies, Easter eggs and greetings exchanged, but it is so much more. Easter is the new norm for Christians, for all people, and for the whole universe. Easter is the story that needs to be told over and over again. Easter is our new status in life. God has come to live among us. God has come to live in us. We have died with Christ. We have risen with Christ. Christ has moved to the right hand of God. The Lamb is on the throne. We are all in this together with God who loves us and wants us to enjoy the abundant life that is ours for eternity. Wow!

I'm certain that we are all tired of our masks, tired of social distancing, tired of waiting to get on with our lives. We are beginning to experiment with re-entry into the work world. There is much disagreement among us about how to cautiously proceed from our homes back into society. We know the masks must remain for a while. We know social distancing is not too much to ask. But what more must we do to wrest control from the coronavirus? We will learn together as we tip-toe out of our homes and experiment with new ways to be together.

It has been a joy to watch people respond to the needs of others during this pandemic. In little ways and in very large ways, people have been caring for one another: athletes and movie stars giving huge donations, businesses treating employees in ways that we would not ordinarily expect, wealthy philanthropists joining our government in offering billions of dollars, working together to fight the virus and help people in need. Wow!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if this became the new norm? What if "loving one another as I have loved you" became our new norm? That's Easter in action. Let's hope! Let's pray!

God bless all of you. I hope to see you in church soon. Meanwhile, live-streaming is a good thing. Let's stay connected.

Pastor Bud

LET YOUR
FAITH
BE BIGGER
THAN YOUR
FEAR

Message from Friedens Council President

On Sunday May 17th, we anticipate resuming regular worship services in our sanctuary. We will be following the state, city and county guidelines of 6 feet between families. We will also restrict pews, so there is 6 feet between pews. Given the size of our sanctuary, and the additional seating area in our balcony, we will have no problem in making these accommodations and having enough room for anyone who wants to come and worship. We will also not be passing anything between members. We will be following all state, city and county health guidelines and we will have plenty of hand sanitizer available. The sanctuary will be wiped down and sanitized in between each week's services. If you are comfortable coming back and worshipping with us, we welcome you. Whatever level of comfort you need, we will provide. As time goes on, we hope to see all of you back worshipping with us at Friedens. We plan to continue, on a permanent basis, live streaming our worship services each Sunday on our Facebook page. We are working on upgrading our equipment so that the visual and audio parts of the live stream, are as close to like being here as possible. If you are not able to come and worship with us at the church, please continue to worship with us through our Facebook live streaming worship services. We enjoy seeing your "likes" and your comments. It's nice to know you are out there. Until you are able to come back and worship with us here, we hope you will remember to continue supporting Friedens by mailing in your offerings, or by going to our church website, friedens.org, and making your offerings electronically through our PayPal option. Your support in helping the church pay its bills, will help us weather the current situation. If you have any questions, you can call or email myself, or the church. We hope you continue to worship with us either in person, or through our live streaming on Facebook.

Gary Hardt-Council President

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Enclosed Pre-addressed Envelope

In your Messenger this month, there is a pre-addressed envelope as a convenience to mail your offerings.

We appreciate everyone that has continued to support Friedens during this time when we are to follow the state, county, and city guidelines.

We welcome any donation whether it be from a member or a visitor that has followed us through this pandemic. God bless you.

Future Events

Vacation Bible School:

July 9th thru July 12th. More details will be in The Messenger as time gets closer.



Garage Sale:

July 23rd thru July 25th. Setup on July 20th.

More details will be in The Messenger as time gets closer.



SCRIP Program Update

The Scrip program is a "silent" fundraiser here at Friedens. Unlike other fundraising projects, the only thing you have to do is order gift cards for items you would be already buying anyway, like groceries. Currently we earn about \$20.00 per month through this program. Although this does not seem like much, it does add up.

In the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic, purchasing Scrip cards is one way we can support businesses. The decision to make the SCRIP program available in April & May was for this very reason. If you prefer to support local businesses directly (not through SCRIP program) use this link: <https://shop.nebraskabuylocal.com/Products>

If you are interested in purchasing SCRIP cards and need an order form, please contact the church office. Orders will be taken over the phone by Kathy Holland (402-310-9153) beginning Wednesday, May 6th through the evening of Sunday, May 10th. Payment can be made for your order by mailing your check to the church or by using Paypal through our website. Cards will either be mailed to you or delivered to your door sometime after May 14th.

Lutheran Food Pantry Update

The Lutheran Food Pantry is open and functioning. In addition to the food boxes that are routinely supplied to the People's City Mission, the Good Neighbor Center and Matt Talbot, they do supply emergency food boxes upon request through local Pastors.

Items on the Lutheran Food Pantry's "wish list" at this time include: canned spaghetti sauce, canned meals (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.), canned chicken, canned fruit, canned kidney and chili beans, pancake mix, pancake syrup, bag of rice (1#), jelly, dry pasta, macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, hamburger helper, Ramen noodles, shampoo, and any shelf stable item. The Pantry can always use monetary donations to purchase food. You can donate to the Food Pantry by writing your check payable to Friedens and designating to the Lutheran Food Pantry.

Please drop off donations at the church office between 9am-1pm M-F. Thank you..

MAY Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (7) Steve & Peggy Russell (37 Years)
 (7) Scott & Semira Milliken (16 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
 (16) Jim & Kris Plucknett (38 Years)
 (20) Kate Woolf
 (22) Anaise Kaufman
 (23) John & Chantel Stavick (5 Years)
 (23) Deborah Marr
 (24) Kevin Melang-Thoren
 (26) Kent & Linda Vollenweider (36 Years)
 (29) Carolea Adams
 (29) Irene Newhouse



MAY WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jodi Urban and Deb Marr

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

- 3— Kathy Rempe
 10— Anna Fullerton
 17— Sue Busker
 24— Amy Rezny
 31— Kathy Holland



FRIEDENS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Live Streaming Worship on Facebook
every Sunday at 10:30am

MAY CALENDAR

There will not be a May calendar inserted this month in the Messenger due to the cancelation of activities because of the coronavirus pandemic. However, tentatively, worship in our sanctuary will begin **May 17th** as well as live streaming worship both at 10:30am.

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 |
| Larrie Schmidt | Lee Alexander |
| Reece Nelsen | Adam Vollenweider |
| Crystal Anderson | Kimberly Render |
| Dwayne Greenwalt | Molly Lyons |
| Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister) | |
| Bill Koelzer (Fran Zessin's brother) | |
| Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother) | |

When we give freely.....

We are able to be a part of God's Kingdom 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.

Year To Date Report: April 2020

Receipts \$ 5,598.39

Disbursements \$6,805.28



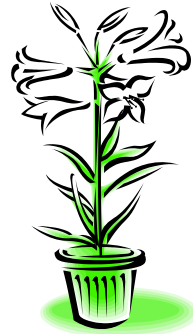
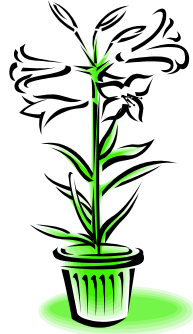
Here is a list of items that Bridges To Hope is currently in need of. Please drop off donations at the church office between 9am-1pm M-F. Thanks for your much needed help.

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| Men's underwear (Boxers, all sizes) | |
| Men's Shirts (Dress & Casual, all sizes) | |
| Men's Jeans (sizes 38, 40, 42) | |
| Men's T-Shirts (White) | Pots and Pans |
| Men's work socks | Kitchen Appliances (small) |
| Hygiene products | Lamps (small) |

BRIDGES TO HOPE

Second Chances...It's what we do

EASTER 2020 MEMORIES



IN MEMORY OF:

Donald Brunken, husband by Barbara Brunken

Andrew and Elizabeth Beltz by Steven & Catherine Beltz, Melvin and DeLoris Bellinger

Stan Trampe by Judy Trampe

Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Adams, beloved parents, Dr. & Mrs. H.M. Goede, Gerald Goede, Marcia Adams, precious sister by Carolea Adams

Jack Pfrimmer, husband by Maxinne Pfrimmer (would have been their 51st anniversary on April 12th)

Martha Yost Kraft by Vicki Norton

Alex and Lydia Hardt, grandparents by Julie Erickson

Kenneth Hardt, father by Julie Erickson

Leroy Butherus, Emily and Jacob Butherus by Diane Butherus

Alex Tinant by Mark and Megan Grimes

John and Molly Schreiber, parents by Kathie Svoboda

Jacob Rohrig, (builder of Friedens) and grandfather by Kathie Svoboda

IN HONOR OF:

Misha Estrada (Birthday is April 12th) by Kathleen Rempe

Chip Martin (Birthday is April 11th) by Kathleen Rempe

Dale Meyer by Mark and Megan Grimes

Dorothy Loos (forever member of Friedens and 97 years old) by Kathie Svoboda

Alma Wilson (Long time friend now living in Iowa) by Kathie Svoboda

Kathy Rempe and Maxine Pfrimmer for their continual leadership by Kathie Svoboda

IN CELEBRATION OF:

Autism Awareness Month by Mark and Megan Grimes

Endowment Fund

Friedens Endowment Fund was established many years ago to provide a vehicle for our Church to provide “outreach into the community” and to help others in our congregation to “grow in Christian faith and service to God’s people or new ministries of the congregation”. In 2018 we were blessed with a significant contribution to this fund by the estate of Daniel Wacker. During the past year, the Endowment Committee has managed the fund and worked to invest the principal so that it will continue to grow in value and allow for the distribution of the income. The Committee looks forward to accepting applications for grants from those who have a need for funding in the following areas:

- Scholarships or grants to members of Friedens for the purpose of attending Lutheran institutions of higher education
- Outreach into the community with grants to ELCA colleges, seminaries, social service agencies, or individuals with spiritual or economic needs
- Mission of the ELCA in America or overseas for development of professional leadership, educational ministries, world mission and ecumenism, and capital financing

To learn more about the Endowment Fund or to request a Grant Application, please contact one of the members of the Committee or the Church Office.

Endowment Committee Members:

Steve Russell – Chairperson

Bob Hogg – Treasurer

Irene Newhouse – Secretary

James Plucknett

Margaret Vogt

