

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

As I look around the country where some of my children live, I see lots of places where there is rain, in some places, lots of rain! Little Rock, 4 inches; Denver, 3 inches of rain and snow mix; Houston, 5 inches; Daytona Beach, 3 inches; Columbus, 4 inches; and so it goes. Then I look at Lincoln and see we had .80 inch of rain last week. Nebraska has been called the Great American Desert and so we are grateful for every hundredth of an inch of precipitation, in any form. But, I must admit, I do look with a bit of envy at some of these other places out of concern for dry lawns and Nebraska farmers who are preparing to plant crops.

The season of Lent is passing by very quickly. On Wednesday evenings we have heard brief conversations between Jesus and

his mother, Mary,
the man who he named Peter, the rock on which the church is built,
the best cook in his life experience on earth, Martha,
and his very best friend, Lazarus.

Next we will listen in on his conversation with the woman who stayed closer to the cross and tomb than anyone else, Mary Magdalene. And next week we will finish the series with his conversation with the man who searched for him in the night, Nicodemus.

While we listen in on these conversations, we are having our own conversations with Jesus, praying for our families, our friends, our co-workers in the Gospel around the world, the homeless people, the hungry people, those who are suffering with Covid-19 and others issues, our planet and our friends in Ukraine.

We talk to him because we know he listens. As our little Lenten song says:

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in,
And then a little light from heaven filled my soul.
He bathed my heart in love and He wrote my name above,
And just a little talk with Jesus makes me whole.

Holy Week is just around the corner. We will relive some of the saddest days in the life of God's people as we watch from a distance his death on the cross and his burial in Joseph's tomb.

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and night.
I go to him in prayer, He knows my every care,
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

But then comes the joy! Easter! News of a resurrection! Not only for Jesus but for us as well!

Oh, death, where is your power, your sting? We do have doubts and fears. Our eyes do get filled with tears at times. But our Lord is alive, seated on a throne, listening, watching, loving, forgiving, healing. Just a little talk with Jesus makes us whole, makes things right.

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

This month on Easter Sunday, we will have the opportunity to gather for our Annual Easter Breakfast before our Easter Worship Service, and we will be able to welcome our friends and members who have needed to use a lift, and haven't been able to come to worship services for awhile. Our new lift should be operational for Easter morning, and we hope that it gets plenty of use. The new lift will be able to take our friends and members to all levels, including the Fellowship Hall, for Easter morning Breakfast. So please, plan to come to Friedens on Easter morning for both the breakfast and the Easter worship service.

We are getting close to Easter, and so we will need to know how many breakfast to order, so that we have enough for everyone. If you would like to come to Friedens for Easter Morning Breakfast, please let us know so that we know how many to order. We will have a deadline to let Cracker Barrel know, so the sooner you can let us know the number of people that will be coming with you, the better. There is no charge for breakfast. It will be a free will offering. Please call the church office at 402-476-3888 or e mail the church office at office@friedens.org. Or you can e mail me with your RSVP. Either way, we would like to see you and your friends and family come.

We are getting close to reaching our goal for our lift. We will undoubtedly have some over runs on costs and there are a few things that we will need to do when it is completed, that are not reflected in our initial goal. But we are almost to our goal, and that is good. Everyone has been very generous in contributing to this project, and we want to say "thank you". We will have this new lift, that will last decades, and because of the generosity of Friedens members and friends, Frieden's will not incur any on going debt to pay for it. This is something that a few years ago, we could not even have imagined. Around 20 years ago, when Pastor Nystrom was our transitional Pastor after Pastor Klover retired, I remember Pastor Nystrom telling us at council meetings, that sometimes you just have to do things by faith. I think that rings very true for me with our lift project. We started a few years back trying to figure out how to do this, and at that time, we thought the cost would be around \$30,000. As we got more and more into what actually was involved in putting in a new lift, we found that that cost wasn't very realistic. But no matter how the price of this endeavor continued to go up and up, we knew that it was something that we just had to do and had to trust, have faith, that there would be a way.

Come celebrate Easter and our new lift on Easter Sunday. Hope to see you there.

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: March 2022

Receipts: \$ 18,106.26

Disbursements: \$7,968.20

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
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

Dorothy Loos

Jean Wheat

Kay Wood

Reece Nelsen

Maria Kildau

Ron McKinney

Crystal Anderson

Kimberly Render

Sharon Trout

Bob Hogg

Carolyn Hogg

Gisela Niebuhr

Ron Vogt

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

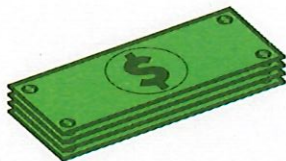
Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

Janice Zackery (Crystal Anderson's mother)

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.

Progression of ADA Lift Project



Stained Glass Window Moved to new location



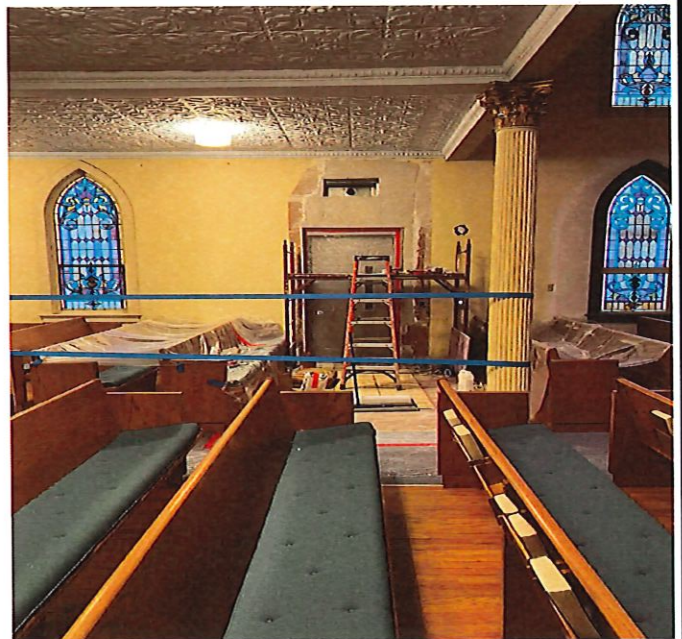
Close up view of the continued lift construction



Inside view of the lift installation and finishing work to be completed

Lift is installed, now just finishing work on the inside levels and the exterior side of the lift.

Our new lift should be operational for Easter morning, and we hope that it gets plenty of use.





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.



**C H U R C H
GARAGE SALE**

WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED IN SO MANY WAYS!

So many people have donated money for the lift. We have been blessed to get whole house donations for the garage sale.

Because of so many blessed donations we will be having **two garage sales** this year.

The first sale will go toward the Lift Fund. The second sale will go for our general fund.

May 19, 20, and 21 will be the first sale. We need help—**LOTS OF HELP!**

Please volunteer on the sign up sheet that will be posted. More information in the Messenger in the following months.

There will also be a Bake Sale and Lunch.

Any questions, please call Fran Zessin (402-314-0800)

All Hands Needed!

The beautiful lift is almost done and as with all construction everything is very dusty. An all church cleaning on **April 9th — 10:00am — until?** It will be dusting and vacuuming. If you would like to bring your own vacuum that would be great. We will have dusting supplies. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Zessin (402-314-0800)



FRIEDENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to the pandemic and Covid-19, we were forced to shut down our Friedens Sunday School prior to our church service. We are now back in session. The Sunday School is for 3 year-olds thru 5th grade. It is held from 9:30am to 10:20am every Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Erickson thru the church office.

APRIL Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (1) Tiana Dorsey
- (4) Linda Rasmussen
- (4) Norm Newhouse
- (8) Marissa Schild
- (11) Collin Detty
- (14) Jameson Moore
- (15) Judy Trampe
- (16) Julie Hauschild
- (18) William Ledford
- (22) Kimberly Render
- (22) Siobhan Allen-Logewolf
- (23) Danielle Hauser (Urban)
- (29) Donna Splichal



APRIL WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer

Head Usher

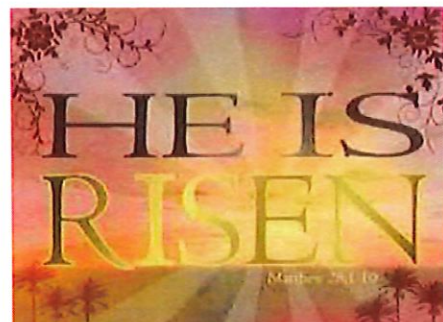
Gary Hardt

Lectors

- 4-3 Sue Busker
- 4-6 Kathy Holland
- 4-10 Maxine Pfrimmer
- 4-14 Amy Rezny
- 4-15 Anna Fullerton
- 4-17 Sue Busker
- 4-24 Mark Grimes

Easter Sunday

April 17, 2022 — 10:30am



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Bev Mittan, Office Manager

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FOOD, SHELTER AND EMERGENCY
FUNDS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS
IMPACTED BY THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE.**



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**GIVE NOW AT
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Gifts can be made online at lwr.org/match or by mailing to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write "Ukraine Match" in the memo line. Gifts can be given thru Friedens Lutheran Church or individual members will be matched. The deadline for the match is April 25th to allow you to give donations through Easter Sunday.