

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Ruth and I want to say thank you for a week of vacation that allowed us to take a trip to San Diego. While we were there we took a private tour of the city to see the sights the easy way. Then we took an evening dinner cruise on the bay and saw the night lights of the city. As far as we know we were the only two “Ancient Mariners” on the ship.

Other than that we walked along the waterfront and tasted of the local cuisine. Going to and from Lincoln, I had lots of wheel chair rides in the airports and Ruth got in a lot of walking. We had lots of time to relax. We also followed the results of the Husker games, both football and volleyball. Of course, the results in both sports made us happy!

Thank you to Patrick for doing such a nice job filling the pulpit. Thank you to Pastor Kate for the doing the funeral for Jean. I understand the funeral bell rang! Thank you to Chuck for doing what Chuck does. I heard that he and April visited the bell tower, found the problem and fixed it.

Lots of wonderful things happen when I go on vacation!

We are at the beginning of the Holiday Season. While we were traveling around San Diego we saw lots of preparations for the “Day of the Dead.” In Balboa Park we saw decorations for the Halloween party for children that is hosted by the city. This represents a supreme effort to have fun with children and keep them safe at the same time.

Next Sunday will be our turn to celebrate our history as Lutherans on Reformation Sunday. Of course, the Protestant Reformation is not just for Lutherans. The whole Christian Community learned that we are saved by grace, through faith, and not by works. The Roman Catholic community joins us through what we call the Counter Reformation. To God be the glory... God finds a way!

Then comes our All Saints' Day celebration on November 5. We will light candles in memory and honor of our loved ones and sing songs of joy to God.

We celebrate the good news that many of our friends and family have died in faith and are enjoying the home that God prepared for them. All of this is the result of Christ's victory over sin and death and God's merciful decision to send his son to die. In the process he won a victory that is for all time and for all people. Wow! That's GOOD NEWS!

May God bless us as we walk together with God into the future.

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

We are approaching one of the busiest times in our church year. This month we will have our "Thanksgiving Eve" worship service, then in December we will have our "Christmas Caroling" to our shut ins, our "German Christmas Service", our "Sunday School Christmas Program" and our "Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service".

In addition, Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year, so we will also have our regular Sunday worship service that day. There will be lots of special services for you to come worship at, and lots of things for you to help volunteer for.

Christmas caroling to our shut ins is one of those volunteer opportunities. It's not a choir thing, it's a choir, Sunday School and congregation thing. It's a very special thing that we can do for our shut ins, and the more people that can participate in that, the merrier it is for our shut ins.

So this season, please try to attend services that you are able, and if you can, volunteer to help in anyway that you can. Friedens has always had a very strong spirit of volunteering. It is one of the most common comments that I hear from people outside of our congregation, and from new members who join our church. It is one of the things that has helped maintain us all of these years.

Gary Hardt—Council President

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Volunteer Appreciation



Dave Cosier

Many thanks to Dave Cosier for devoting every week all summer and many summers for mowing our church lawn. We appreciate it very much.

Chuck Spencer and April Gilman

Many thanks to Chuck and April for repairing our funeral bell in the bell tower that was not working. We ring that bell at every funeral. Thanks. We appreciate it very much

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 2023

Receipts: \$ 12,573.00

Disbursements: \$ 8,846.02



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

Sharon Trout

Joyce Boerger

Michael Ernst

Carolyn Hogg

Carolea Adams

Dennis Michalski

Chad Shipps

Javier Lopez



Sending Healing Prayers

Josephine & Tommy Manno (friends of Patrick Crawford)

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

Michael Crawford (brother of Patrick Crawford)

Family & Friends of Jean Wheat

Family & Friends of Theodore Epp (father of Kristi Cosier)



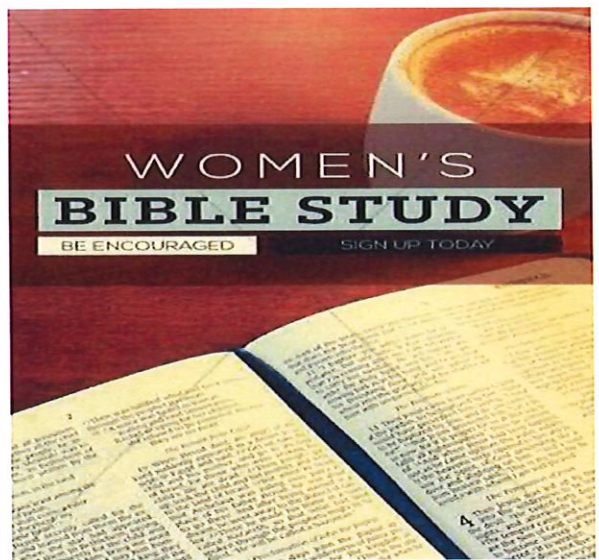
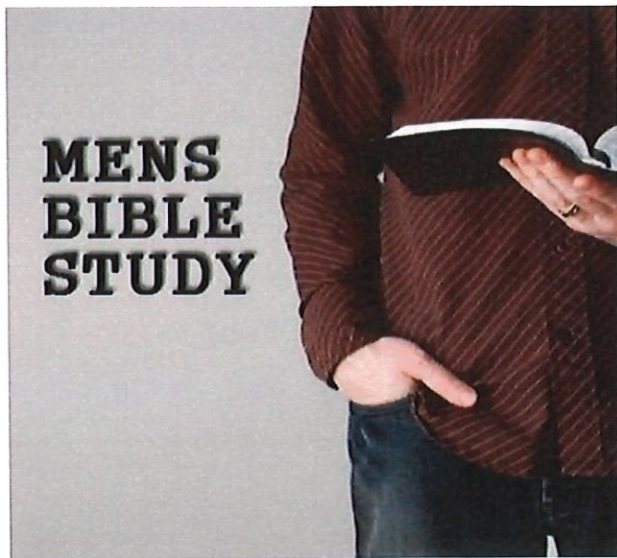
"We Care" Door Offering

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!

School Kits for Lutheran World Relief—Final Report

Thanks to the support of so many of you we assembled 103 School Kits this year! To pack this number of kits required 412 notebooks, 515 each of pens & pencils along with 103 each of erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rulers and crayon boxes. Our kits were packed and delivered to the Nebraska Synod Ingathering location for our area, Magnum Trucking Company in Omaha, on October 31. (Thanks Dick Busker!) From there they will be transported to the LWR warehouse in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Again, thank you for your generous donations of School Kit supplies and your financial donations that helped us reach our goal of assembling 100 kits this year! We appreciate your on-going enthusiasm for this project! Social Ministry Team

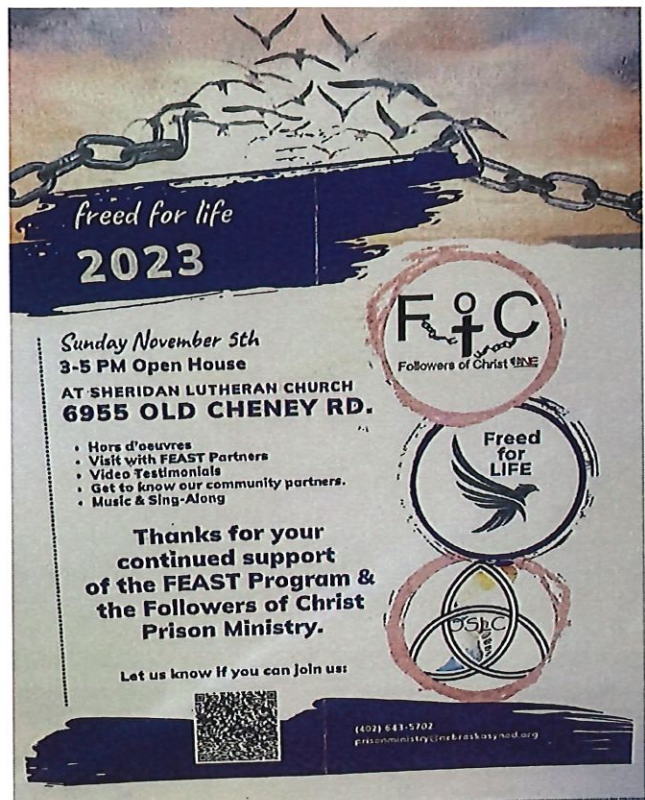


Freed for Life Event

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 5:00pm 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 story will show on the screens in the Family Life Center.

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

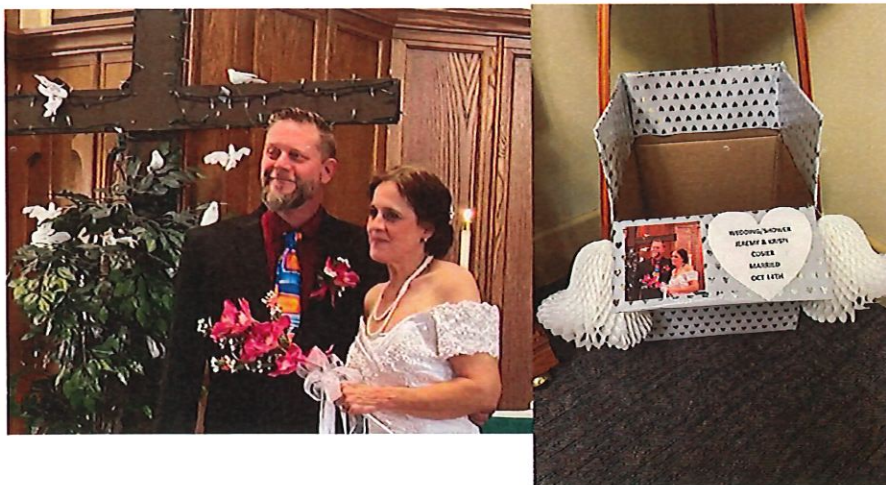


Thanksgiving Service

Happy Thanksgiving

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 22nd of November at 7pm.**



Wedding Box

Jeremy & Kristi Cosier were married at Friedens on October 14th. A tradition of Friedens is to set up a wedding box similar to a wedding shower. Anyone that wishes to donate paper goods, food, and or gift cards are free to do so. If you would like to drop off a donation at the church office that is fine also. The gift box will be available until November 19th. Thanks for your generosity.

NOVEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

(01) Bonnie Zweerink

(2) Rick Holland

(2) Haylee Zweerink

(04) Marian Ripenburg

(06) Charlotte Hogg

(07) Fran Zessin

(14) Scott and Linda Dreith (38 Yrs)

(19) Sharon Trout

(19) Greg and Kim Neemann (47 Yrs)

(21) Jeremy Erickson

(21) Adam Vollenweider

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

11-5 Amy Rezny

11-12 Megan Grimes

11-19 Mark Grimes

11-22 Anna Fullerton

11-26 Irene Newhouse

Cantors

11-5 Karen Scribner

11-12 Steve Russell

11-19 Jodi Urban

11-22 Abby Newhouse

11-2 Patrick Crawford/Karen
Scribner

Counters

Irene and Abby Newhouse



Christmas Caroling



We are planning an old-fashioned Christmas Caroling event December 3rd. We will have a light lunch immediately after worship on the 3rd then divide up into groups and head out. Car-pooling may be an option

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, December 2nd at 10:00am.



FRIEDENS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

540 D STREET

LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN!

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

2:00 PM

JOIN US AT THIS FREE FAMILY EVENT AND CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS STORY WITH WORD AND SONG

IN BOTH GERMAN AND ENGLISH!

FELLOWSHIP WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE WITH

TRADITIONAL GERMAN CHRISTMAS COOKIES!

The service will be live streamed at facebook.com/friedenslincoln

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 402-476-3888 OR EMAIL US AT office@friedens.org FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Childrens Christmas Pageant—Sunday, December 17th at 10:30am

Please join us on Sunday, December 17th for the Christmas story told by our children. We have the stable and the animals in place preparing for Baby Jesus. It is a wonderful story, don't miss it!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on December 24th, at 5:00pm. It is a beautiful service. Please come!

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Pastor Bud Christenson

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Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

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_____ **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 4th.
Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each Poinsettia ordered.
Or call church office @ 402-476-3888