

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Ruth and I live at Carriage Glen, 70th and Shamrock Road. We just enjoyed a concert with Bill Chrastil. We both are overjoyed and excited about Sunday, July 17 when Bill will be here with us!

The patriotic segment of his performance set our patriotic juices in motion and filled us with pride as he reminded us that we live in a great nation. But more than that, we live in a great world. This little planet, called earth, is a tiny little place in a gigantic universe. It is amazing to recall that God above created this wonderful planet for us to love, to enjoy and to care for! A song came to mind from my college days, when we sang to our new best friend:

“I do believe that God above,
created you for me to love,
and picked you out from all the rest,
to be the one that I’d love the best!”

Our Native American friends teach us what it means to love God’s creation. They remind us that we are created like all other creatures, and we need to remind one another that we are all brothers and sisters. We are not only one family with all the people who share this place, but also the other creatures that God made.

“All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small. All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all!

“Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings. He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

“The purple headed mountains, the rivers running by. The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

“The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun. The ripe fruits in the garden. He made them everyone.”

Add to that: “Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in his sight.”

These are things we teach our children. Let’s ask God for the grace to carry these wonderful thoughts into our adult lives. Let’s ask God to give the same grace to friends and enemies alike. Perhaps, by the grace of God, we all might see through the smoke and rubble of war and be restored to the loving creatures we were all meant to be.

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic thy name is. How great is thy name in all the earth. Who has lifted thy glory above the high heavens, and stilleth thy foes through a child in its birth!” (Paraphrase of Psalm 8). Open our eyes Lord, that we may see!

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

July will be a great month at Friedens. New member Sunday and reception has been rescheduled for July 10th, Bill Chrastil will be singing his gospel songs during worship service on July 17th, Friedens regular Annual Garage Sale is July 21st through the 23rd, (they can always use some help), VBS with Grace Lutheran Church will be the 27th through the 30th and the 52nd International Convention of the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will be July 27th through the 30th, with some special events planned at Friedens. So July will be a busy month at Friedens Lutheran Church with a lot going on. And we are making plans in August to have our 115 Year Anniversary with a special worship service and luncheon to follow. There will be 115 Year Anniversary memorabilia available for that special occasion. And In September we are planning on getting back to our annual Neighborhood/Church picnic. Look for more information on that to follow.

If you know someone who would like to become a member at Friedens, have them contact the church office. And remember that we now have our new lift. Anyone who needs that assistance coming to worship services, or any other event at Friedens, can access all levels of the church with our new lift. Please come and participate in the life of Friedens, celebrating 115 years of service to our community and beyond. We would love to see you at church.

Gary Hardt

Church 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: June 2022

Receipts: \$ 10,767.00

Disbursements: \$8,284.31

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

Donna Splichal

Verlene Owens

Molly Lyons

Bob Hogg

Jean Wheat

Lee Alexander

Sharon Trout

Carolyn Hogg

Ron McKinney

Kimberly Render

Marlene Baughman

Barbie Creveling & her Family (Mother-In-Law of Anne Melang-Thoren)

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

Janice Zackery (Crystal Anderson's mother)



Sending Healing Prayers



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, July 9th, 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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Member Sunday

On July 10th, we will welcome several new members at our Worship Service. The new members are: Rachel Pickering, Austin Landis, Hermann Siegl, Bonnie Nelson, Debra Schellhorn, Naomi Grimes, Ken and Gloria Schmidt, and Kay Wood. There will be a short reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall serving cookies and beverages.

Bill Chrastil — Special Music Sunday July 17th

Bill Chrastil will be performing some of his Gospel Songs during our church service on that day! For those of you who are not familiar with Bill, Bill is an Elvis Impersonator and does about 265 shows a year all over the country including Branson Missouri. He does a number of Gospel songs that Elvis did, and Bill is very good. Bill has done special music at Friedens over the years, and Bill's family has had Friedens connections for many years. Come join us on Sunday July 17th and enjoy the Gospel music that Bill Chrastil will be performing for us.

Bring your friends!



*Amazing
Grace*
how sweet the sound



American Historical Society of Germans from Russia 2022 Convention

The 52nd Annual Convention of American Historical Society of Germans from Russia will be held July 27th thru July 30th with some special events held at Friedens. For more details, please contact Karen Scribner 402-499-8365.

The Annual Garage Sale

Thursday, Friday & Saturday — July 21, 22 & 23



8:00 AM — 5:00 PM, Thursday & Friday

8:00 AM — 12:00 PM, Saturday

Items can be dropped off starting:

Sunday, July 17th, 1:00 PM — 5:00 PM

Monday, July 18th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Tuesday, July 19th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Wednesday, July 20th, 9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Help is needed at any of these drop-off times listed above.

Please plan to stay and help.

Mark your calendar!

Thursday, July 21st, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Friday, July 22nd, 8:00 AM — 5:00 PM

Saturday, July 23rd, 8:00 AM — 12:00 PM

Help is needed at each of these days

and cleanup on Saturday.

Bake Sale and Lunch

We will be asking for bake sale items and lunch items.

Sign up sheets will be in back of the church or you can call Fran.

Questions can be directed to **Fran Zessin—402-314-0800**





115th Anniversary

We hope to have our 115th Year Anniversary Celebration sometime in the month of August. We will have a special worship service and a luncheon afterwards. There will be 115 Year Anniversary memorabilia available for that special occasion. We have so many blessings to celebrate.



Annual Church Picnic

Plans are in the making of our annual Neighborhood Church Picnic on **September 11th**. As time gets closer , we will post details in a future Messenger. It is always a fun day, so be sure to watch for details.



SCRIP Program

Our Scrip program is a great way to purchase gift cards for items you would be buying anyway (ie. groceries) and support the ministry of Friedens. We participate in the Lincoln Lutheran Schools Scrip Program. Funds raised through this program are currently designated to the general fund.

In 2022 we have seen an uptick in the number of individuals or families participating. So far this year, our earnings each month have averaged \$36.00 which is about twice the amount earned for this same period in 2021. If even 2-3 more people regularly participate in this program, we could see our earnings double again.

Scrip orders are taken the second Sunday of the month and your gift cards are delivered to you on the third Sunday of the month. If you are not familiar with the Scrip program please speak with Kathy Holland. More information and order forms may be found in the entry way of the church.

JULY Birthdays and Anniversaries

(2) Debra Schellhorn

(3) Jackson Moore

(4) Katie Andrews

(6) Joyce Boerger

(7) Charles & Lori Schwahn (17 yrs)

(8) Loretta Michael

(8) Alexander Schon

(9) Landyn Johanson

(9) Ken Schmidt

(10) Ethan Zweerink

(11) Dale Rempe

(12) Pastor Howard & Linda Rasmussen (52 yrs)

(13) Neoma Jones

(14) Susan Towns

(14) Elizabeth King

(15) Rick & Kathy Holland (44 yrs)

(16) Don Urban

(16) Ashlie Uribe

(22) Cindy Worster

(23) Greg Neemann

(28) Dale & Kathy Rempe (33 yrs)



JULY WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

7-3 Kathy Holland

7-10 Sue Busker

7-17 Steve Russell

7-24 Sue Busker

7-31 Peggy Russell

UKRAINE FAMILY

I personally want to thank our church family for responding to the needs of the family who is from Ukraine. Although I try to imagine what it would be like to be in their situation, I know that I can't even come close to understanding it. Our church was built by Germans from Russia who were also fleeing and seeking refuge and hope for their families-needing help from those who were already here in Lincoln. I thank God for your love and care for a family you've never met. They will always remember your gift of love. Our donation project for this family has ended with \$2525 raised to pay two months of rent with some money left over for some basic needs of the family. Every time I was in contact with this family, they expressed their thankfulness. The family (thru an interpreter), asked me to tell you on their behalf, how grateful and thankful they are, for what you have done for them. Thank you!!

Julie Erickson



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Deutschland Musik



Hermann Siegl, a new member, will sing some German songs after church services.

Hermann has been learning some secular German songs and would like to share them. For Friedens 115th year, this is fitting. Towards the end of July and beginning of August, those who would like to hear these songs, may stay after church service. It will be announced at church the week before. We asked Hermann for some information about the German influence in his life. Here is his reply:

I was born in Karlsbad in Sudetenland/Germany (now Karlovy Vary in Czechia). My twin brother and I entered the USA in 1952 via USS Stewart, a US Navy vessel. I was raised speaking German and I learned English from student volunteers at *Park Elementary School* in Lincoln. I was mainstreamed into the classroom in 60 days. Had to leave Bohemia CZ because my father passed away. Father contracted TB while a 16 year old Austrian WW1 Prisoner of War in Russia. My mother, I, and my brother were considered a burden to the new CZ.

My father, Anton Siegl worked for a German speaking Russian farmer as a (POW). The Russian farmer wrote a letter home to my father's mother, Marie Siegl, in perfect German. It is likely this Russian farmer was a Volga German and may have been related or acquainted with the Volga Germans, the ones that built Friedens Lutheran Church.

"Gott Signe Sie" (God Bless You)