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# Friedens MESSENGER

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## FRIEDENS CHURCH COUNCIL

### Church Council News...

The following committee chairs and officers were elected at the February council meeting:

President: Peggy Russell  
Vice President: Stacey Schild  
Secretary: Kathy Rempe  
Resource Ministry: Carolyn Hogg  
Outreach Ministry: Kathy Holland  
Education Ministry: Karen Rempe  
Spiritual Life Ministry: Linda Drieth



**The next council meeting will be Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.** At this meeting, Pastor Meagan Marrow, Assistant to the Bishop, will be sharing more information regarding options for Friedens to move forward in the future. As with all council meetings, the congregation is welcome to attend!

## Flea Market Coming May 20th...

Please spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers about this event. This is a fund raiser for the church. If you do not want to sell your items but would like to donate them, the youth will sell them in their booth.

Mark the date on your calendar because this is also a bake sale and lunch event. We will need help and donations! Any questions, call Fran 402-314-0800



## Upcoming dates...

### Lent Schedule

Mar 2 — Ash Wed. — 7:00 pm

Mar 8 Soup supper 6 to 7 p.m.

Mar 15 Youth Choir 6:30

Mar 22 Worship 7:00

Mar 29 Adult Choir— After Worship (7:40)

April 5 \*Times are good for Mar 8 — April 5

April 9 — Palm Sunday — 10:30 p.m.

April 13 — Maundy Thursday — 7:00 p.m.

April 14 — Good Friday — 7:00 p.m.

April 16 — Easter — TBD



**Note: Confirmation classes will not meet at Grace during Lent. Instead, confirmation students should attend the midweek service.**

## Second Sunday Jazz

Join us on March 12th at 9:15 am to enjoy coffee, cookies, fellowship and jazz piano; played by our very own Anne Melang-Thoren. (Featured in article on Page 4 of this newsletter) It'll be a great way to ease into your morning! Then stick around for meaningful worship afterward and re-energize for the week ahead!



## Save the Date

Spring Cleaning  
at Friedens  
Saturday April  
8th at 9 am



Education Ministry

Adult Education

Adult Bible Study meets each Thursday morning at Friedens in the Annex from 10:00-11:00. The group is self-lead and reads through a book of scripture while discussing what they have read.

The Sunday morning Adult class has adopted a new format: coffee and conversation for the first 15-20 minutes followed by a 30 minute discussion/lesson. Topics covered have included: cultural art of Jesus, Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue, other denominations, some current events, and toward the end of the year, a 500th anniversary of the Reformation study was begun with Luther’s Small Catechism.

An Evening Bible Study was offered in the Fall on the book of Acts, but ended due to lack of participation.

Confirmation

Confirmation youth met on Wednesday nights during the school year, except during the seasons of Lent and Advent, when they participated in mid-week services instead. Confirmation is being held in partnership with Grace Lutheran Church at 22nd and Washington. Pastor Eric Leshar (Grace) and Pastor Kate Woolf (Friedens) take turns leading the class. On some weeks the confirmands from Friedens have met with Pastor Kate for some additional confirmation work. In 2016 we finished our year on Lutheran Confessions and started “Living Lutheran”. Both are from Spar-khouse’s “Collaborate” curriculum.

Sunday School

Sunday School at Friedens runs from September through May. The following church members have taught Sunday school during 2016 (Spring, Fall or both):

3 year olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Julie Erickson

Middle/High School: Steve Russell, KC Melang-Thoren, Karen Rempe, Erin Schild, Linda Drieth, Sunny Detty

Substitute teachers include: Sunny Detty, Kathy Rempe

Adult Class: Pastor Kate Woolf

Children’s time is held in the Summer Months during the Worship Service after the children’s sermon. Children partic-ipate by watching Christian videos and making crafts in the fellowship hall.

Vacations Bible School (VBS)

Vacation Bible School was held July 7-10 and the theme was “Cave Quest-Following Jesus, The Light of The World. Twenty four students registered. Nine of the older youth volunteered to be helpers and assist the adults. Fifteen adults from the congregation also volunteered their time to help make VBS a success. The VBS mission project raised money to help support the services that Oaks Indian Mission provides for children ages 4-18. Thanks to Sheridan Lu-theran Church who shared their really cool decorations with us!

Child/Youth Activities:

Youth Activities during 2016 included helping with: Church Picnic, Garage Sale, Children’s Christmas Program, Carol-ing, Halloween Party, and making crafts to give out when Christmas Caroling.

Fundraisers: Monthly “SCRIP” Sales

Renovation Loan

Thank you to those who took part in the matching fund challenge to raise additional funds to cover the remaining principle of our renovation loan. Thanks to an anonymous donor who offered to match any donation up to \$1,500.00 in November - December, we raised \$3,823.00. This amount was put towards the principle of our loan leaving the remaining balance of the loan \$19,821.57 .

Any donation to the renovation loan is always welcome. Our goal is to pay off this loan during our 110th year!

Winter weather could be with us for a few more weeks...

Please remember that if you are unable to come to Sunday morning worship service during the winter because of bad weather, our operating expenses still go on. If you are unable to come to church, you can still mail in your offering to the church office or make your offering on line on Friedens website. Either way, it will help us to be able to pay our bills and keep our lights on. Thank you in advance for remembering Friedens even when you are unable to come worship.

PRAYER CHAIN...

The Prayer Chain at Friedens (and all other churches) is a vital part of the ministry we do. Caring for others in general, but especially for those in our church family, is what we are called to do. You are needed. Please call Maxine Pfrimmer (402-464-3024) and tell her you would love to be part of the prayer chain.



APRIL WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Carolyn Hogg & Maxine Pfrimmer

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Communion Assistant

- 2 — Becky Roberts
- 9 — Peggy Russell
- 14 — Maxine Pfrimmer
- 16 — Carolyn Hogg

Lectors

- 2 - TBA
- 9 — TBA
- 16 — TBA
- 23 — TBA
- 30 — TBA

Greeters

- 2 - Irene Newhouse & Maria Kildua
- 9 — JoAnne Ninneman & Jimmy Oltmer
- 14 — Rempe Family
- 16 — Bob & Carolyn Hogg
- 23 — Linda Dreith & Carol Boellstorff
- 30 — Maxine Pfrimmer & Deb Marr



**Lenten Suppers begin March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**

There will be a light supper prior to Lenten Worship every Wednesday, starting March 8th. We will begin serving at 6 pm but join us when you can any time prior to our Lenten Service at 7 pm.

If you can volunteer to help with the meal or clean-up, look for the sign-up sheet in the entry way to the sanctuary.

**Mother's Day Brunch...Saturday, May 13th, 2017**

We are looking for people to help with the Mother's Day brunch. If this is something you would like to help with please call the church office and we can give you more information. Do you like to shop, decorate, organize, set up tables? You can help make this years Mother's Day brunch special with your great Ideas.

**ORDER FORM**

***EASTER LILIES***

**\$8.50 each**

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ lilies 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 on Easter. \_\_\_\_\_ Please deliver the plant(s) to shut-ins.

Orders are to be into the church office by April 1st (preferably sooner)

Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each lily ordered.

**The UNL Big Event...**

The Big Event is a community service organization within the Student Government at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. An appointed executive group of students plan and host the event. This year it will be held Saturday, APRIL 8, 9 am-1 pm.

The mission of the Big Event is simply saying "Thank You" to the residents of the Lincoln community. More than 3,000 students, faculty and staff are expected to volunteer. The event is entirely student-run and funded by donations from the community. It was started at Texas A&M in 1982 and adopted by UNL in 2006.

Anyone in Lincoln needing help around the house can request volunteers. To fill out your application go to [bigevent.unl.edu](http://bigevent.unl.edu) web site and click "request volunteers". If you prefer, you may call Emily Locke at [\(402\) 540-6048](tel:4025406048) OR Jake Eastman at [\(402\) 763-7455](tel:4027637455) to get your application in. If they don't answer, please leave a message and they will return your call. Be prepared to tell them what jobs you want the volunteers to do and how many volunteers you are requesting. The deadline to apply is MARCH 24. The volunteers can do small paint jobs, yard work, cleaning, washing windows and other miscellaneous task. They cannot use ladders or power tools, so please don't ask them to break the rules!

Any questions may be sent to the [bigevent@gmail.com](mailto:bigevent@gmail.com) or by phone to the contacts for the UNL Big Event listed above.

**BUNZA FUNDRAISER...**

**See form below**

We are having a fund raising event to help the church's general fund. We will be selling home made frozen Bunzas. They will sell for \$2.00 each or 12 for \$22.00. We will be taking orders after church up to April 1. Bunzas will be ready for pick up beginning May 7th. Payment is required with orders. You may also mail the form with payment to the church office. If any questions call Peggy Russell, Fran Zessin or Kathy Holland

**ORDER FORM**

***BUNZA FUNDRAISER***

**\$2.00 each / 12 for \$22.00**

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Single Bunzas (\$2.00 Each) Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ 12 Bunzas (\$22.00 a dozen) Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ORDER** \_\_\_\_\_ **AMOUNT PAID** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ready for pick up beginning May 7th.**

Orders should be mailed to church office by April 1st

Please enclose a check with order.

Friedens Lutheran Church, 540 D Street, Lincoln NE 68502

Call if you have questions 402-476-3888





## FROM GERSHWIN TO STRAYHORN; AND ALL THAT JAZZ

With her Bachelor's degree in concert piano and a four-year Bennet scholarship for piano performance, Anne Melang-Thoren has been a freelance musician providing a variety of piano music to restaurants, hotels, and bars in the Lincoln and Omaha, NE area. In addition to teaching piano and

being the Director of Music at three consecutive church positions in Lincoln over the past 12 years; she has performed at numerous venues. Past appearances include the grand re-opening of the Cornhusker Hotel, an International Quilt Museum gala entitled, "Indigo: America gets the blues", Wesleyan University presidential society dinners and leadership luncheons, Wilderness Ridge Lodge, Venue, Krem Le Bistro, and Rogues Gallery, to name a few; as well as many other private events and parties. From society dinners, hotels, and galas to restaurants, bars and retirement communities, Anne plays a wide variety of locales. Anne's interpretation breathes new life into jazz standards, the music that America pioneered.

ANNE MELANG-THOREN



### 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 Him what He has generously given to us.

#### Year To Date Report: 1/31/2017

Receipts \$5,685.00

Disbursements \$10,181.59

### Prayers....

Rod Magnuson  
Brad Magnuson  
Delores Kaufman

Ethan Butler and Family  
Berneta Miller (Peggy's Mother)  
Karen Melang (Anne's Mother)  
Nick Busker (grandson of Sue & Dick Busker)  
Family of Gladys Herstein



Has your Email changed? If so, please let the office know by sending an email to ...

Office@friedens.org



## MARCH Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (1) Joseph and Susan Towns (48 years)
- (2) Bev Rasmussen
- (2) Erin Schild
- (3) Dave and Pat Allen (56 years)
- (4) Delmar Smith
- (5) Chris Zweerink
- (6) Darrell Wilson
- (10) Nick Urban
- (14) Pat Allen
- (15) Liam Detty
- (17) Anna Fullerton
- (18) Janice Rutt
- (18) Trenton Johanson
- (19) Kathleen Rempe
- (19) Karen Rempe
- (20) Paul and Christina Strong (7 years)
- (23) Weston Schon
- (25) Ronald Wilson
- (29) Becky Roberts
- (30) Linda Vollenweider
- (31) Chantel Stavick

## MARCH WORSHIP

### 2017 LEADERS

#### Altar Guild

Donna Splichal & Deb Marr

#### Head Usher

Gary Hardt

#### Communion Assistant

1 — Fran Zessin

5 — Carolyn Hogg

19 — Karen Scribner

#### Lectors

1 — Carolyn Hogg

5 — KC Melang-Thoren

12 — Mark Grimes

19 — Abby Newhouse

26 — Kathy Holland

#### Greeters

1 — Rempe Family

5 — Linda Dreith & Family

12 — Alma Wilson & Judy Trampe

19 — Chuck & Lori Schwahn

26 — Steve & Peggy Russell

## MARCH Opportunities to Grow in Faith

Thursday morning Bible Study — 10:00 — 11:00 at Friedens (Annex)

Women of the ELCA Bible Study — 4:30 — 5:30 at Van Dorn Villa, the first Tue. of each Month

Watch for more information about Special Sunday educational opportunities.

