

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Memorial Day weekend is always a meaningful weekend for me and I hope for you. I remember three brothers who served during World War II. Last Monday I did a funeral at the Omaha National Cemetery for a man who served his country in the U. S. Marines. It was very moving for me, an old veteran, to hear the 21 gun salute and watch two young marines present the flag. Taps sent a tingling sensation down my spine and brought tears to my eyes.

We called it Decoration Day when I was young. It was a time to decorate the graves of loved ones with flowers and flags. Everyone went to the cemetery at our little country church to cut the grass and trim around the grave stones. Some of my family members continue that tradition.

What a joy it was to share a celebration of adoption with Naomi and her parents, Mark and Megan Grimes. We sang, "It's a happy day, and I thank God for my family." We all sang it with our own families in mind also. It was a very happy day.

Meanwhile, we were starting a campaign to raise funds to support a Ukrainian family. They are here legally, but it takes time for dad to get a green card so he can get a job and support his family. If you would like to help with support for them, you may send your donation to the Friedens Lutheran Church office. We thank you in advance. "It's a happy day and we thank God for their family."

It was a joy for me on Easter Sunday to see some members of our congregation for the first time. They were in church because of the new lift. Thank you to everyone who helped raise funds to make that possible. It was a nice family gathering with over 100 people in church and over 80 people at the Easter breakfast. It was, "A happy day, and I thank God for our Friedens family."

Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter. This year it was on May 26. Jesus told his family (that's us!) that he was going to make provisions for all of us to be united in one family, God's family, for all eternity. That's a happy thought as we experience death in various ways in our families here and now. It almost seems too good to be true. Even though we can't prove it, we believe it. Again, we can say, "It's a happy day...." It's happy because we know that it is God's dream to reclaim all of his children, throughout the world and reunite us in his family!

We have been commissioned in baptism to be his workers in the re-uniting process. What a privilege! What a joy! What a family!

May God give us his peace, which includes courage and confidence to "walk the walk" and "talk the talk" so others may see in us the presence of Christ and want to unite with us in one family on a mission with and for our Lord.

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

Summer time is here, and we have a lot going on at Friedens. We just got done with our added Garage Sale last month, and it was very successful. Thank you to everyone who helped with that. We will be doing a mutual VBS this summer with Grace Lutheran Church, as we have been doing the past few years. This year it is at Grace. Contact the church office for more information on that. We will be having Bill Chrastil at our worship service on Sunday July 17th. You won't want to miss that. And our second Garage sale this year will be July 21st, 22nd and 23rd. We hope to have our 115 Year Anniversary Celebration sometime in August. We will have a special worship service and luncheon afterwards. And on September 11th we will once again have our Neighborhood/Church picnic. Covid has kept us from having that the past couple of years, but we are planning for it again this year. So there is a lot going on at Friedens this summer. Hope you and your family plan on attending some of those things, if you can. There are also weekly Confirmation classes going on and Pastor Bud has a monthly Men's Bible Study Class the 2nd Saturday of the month.

The lift is all done. Thank you to Cheevers and Chuck Schwahn. We have been using it since Easter Sunday. The only thing that had not been completed was the siding on the lift. That was on back order given the supply chain issues that everyone is experiencing right now. But those material have now been delivered to the church, and that should be finished very shortly.

We raised the money that we needed for the lift. Thank you to everyone. The cost of the lift has been paid for, which is a big accomplishment for our church. No on going debt for Friedens to have to pay on each month. I would have not guessed that we could do that. But Pastor Nystrom, our transitional Pastor after Pastor Klover retired, always said that you have to do things by faith. I think I have mentioned that before. But that has always stuck with me, and it certainly applied to our lift project. It took many years to figure out, and once it was all figured out, we just had to proceed with it by faith. And it happened and it was paid for.

There are two additional costs associated with the lift, that we are now incurring, that are not part of the lift project. One was something that we were planning on doing after the lift was done, and the other is something that happened because of the lift project. Our driveway has needed replacing for many years. It has been the councils intention to replace it sometime after the lift was done. And the construction dumpster on the driveway during the lift construction, even wore the driveway down even more. So we were able to get a better price on replacing the driveway, and also make the driveway wider, if we had the driveway done at the same time the concrete was being poured for the new sidewalk around. So to save some money, we had the driveway poured at the same time. The cost of the new driveway was \$7,000. In addition, in widening the driveway, and needing to have more sidewalk around the new lift, we lost a few underground sprinkler heads. Mainly the ones that were in corners, that ended up being where new concrete was being poured. So we have some work to be done, as we lost 3 "zones" of our underground sprinklers. We should know the cost of that work, here sometime in the next week. But we will want to get that work done as soon as possible so that we don't lose parts of our lawn during this summer as it gets hot and dry. If you are looking for an added place to help the church, any contributions to these two items would help and would be appreciated. Anything helps, and you can send your contribution to the church office or put it in the offering plate at church. Just mark it Driveway/sprinklers.

Would love to see you all at church on Sunday. If you are traveling this summer, you can always watch the worship service live streaming on Friedens Facebook Page. Thank you for all that you do, to keep Friedens Lutheran Church vibrant and active in all of our lives.

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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

Jean Wheat

Ruth Christenson

Kay Wood

Ron McKinney

Kimberly Render

Sharon Trout

Bob Hogg

Carolyn Hogg

Ron Vogt



Sending Healing Prayers

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)

Janice Zackery (Crystal Anderson's mother)

Family of Ray and Lucille Rempe (Parent in-laws of Kathy Rempe)

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: May 2022

Receipts: \$ 13,921.70

Disbursements: \$19,256.65

Note: The excess cost of disbursements this month is due to our expenditures for our lift project. We are asking for your prayers and financial support during this project.

Thank You
FOR
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GENEROUSLY

The New Lift — Thank You—Chuck Schwahn

The new lift is done and ready to use. The siding is now on and it is 99.9% complete. We want to thank **Chuck Schwahn** for all of the personal time that he put in working on the lift. Chuck worked hard to make the new lift a reality. When you see Chuck, tell him "thank you." It wouldn't have come together as it did, without all of Chuck's hard work, determination and dedication. **Thank you Chuck.**



Garage Sale Fundraiser Results

It was a **fearless** garage sale fundraiser! From enormous amounts of items to be sorted and priced, to the weather that was 93 degrees on Thursday to 50 degrees on Saturday. We were blessed in so many ways. From the items donated, to the baked goods, and to the great help. We must remember those who came to buy the items and eat lunch. The grand total was almost \$3,600. What an amazing amount for a fund raiser! The next garage sale will be **July 21st thru July 23rd**. Please mark your calendars to come and help and donate! Thanks again to all the **fearless workers** for your time and energy. **God is great.**



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!



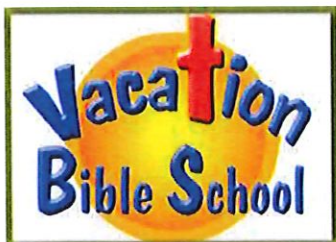
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**CHURCH GARAGE
SALE**

Garage Sale

July 21st thru July 23rd.

More details will be in July's Messenger.



VBS will be held in July in partnership with Grace Lutheran Church. More information will be available in July's Messenger. Children Preschool through 5th grade are invited to attend. Registration will be provided in July newsletter, at church, and also through email requests.



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, June 11th, 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!



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. Plans are only in the initial stages so watch for developments in future Messengers. 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.

JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (2) June Simpson
(3) Greg Zessin
(5) Bill and Deb Marr (29 Yrs)
(6) Michele Bukoske
(7) Mindy Gartner
(8) Christina Strong
(9) Lori Schwahn
(11) Don and Jodi Urban (34 Yrs)
(11) Sara Kutovy
(11) Gregory and Marjorie Loos (51 Yrs)
(15) Timothy Bukoske
(15) Daniellle DuSchene
(16) Blake Hauser
(20) Weston Hauser
(21) Gary Hardt
(25) Nancy Ripenburg
(26) Al and Karen Scribner (52 Yrs)
(26) Chris and Amanda Zweerink (23 Yrs)
(27) Maria Kildau
(27) Mike and Becky Roberts (25 Yrs)
(28) Mark Detty
(29) Greg and Frances Zessin (48 Yrs)
(29) Kevin and Anne Melang-Thoren (20 Yrs)



MAY WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jane Cosier & Susan Towns

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

6-5 Mark Grimes

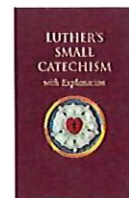
6-12 Bob Wessels

6-19 Hermann Siegl

6-26 Irene Newhouse

Confirmation Class

Members and non-members of all ages are invited to come to a Bible/Catechism class on Wednesday evenings thru July 13th and will be held in the basement Fellowship Hall from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. Pastor will focus on two things: (1) An overview of the Biblical story, and (2) Luther's Small Catechism. There is plenty of room for all of us. Come, bring your Bible and your friends. See you there!!



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