

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Each week I look forward to the possibility that fall might arrive soon. As a young boy I remember Ma and Pa hoping for what they called an Indian summer. That was a long fall season that allowed crops in Minnesota to ripen naturally. If the heavy frosts came too early we had to pick things early. I remember when the watermelon and cantaloupe didn't have time to ripen on the vine so we put them in the grain bins where the warmth of the oats and wheat would help. Nothing ever seemed as good as when it had time to ripen naturally.

Each week we watch the news in hopes that Covid-19 will be losing ground as more people are vaccinated. It is a very persistent virus and I thank God for all the people who battle the pandemic on several fronts; for researchers who search for ways to improve the vaccines, for teachers who are determined to teach children under difficult circumstances, for health care workers who put their lives on the line to successfully treat as many patients as possible, for grocery clerks who keep filling the shelves and helping us find what we need. The list goes on.

Every time I hear the siren and see the flashing lights I think of the first responders and say a prayer for them as I pull over to give them the right-of-way. It is hard to measure our progress against the virus as it mutates, but it is easy to appreciate those on the front lines. Thank you! Thank You! Thank you!

Most of you are aware that my heart needs some repair work. The valve in my aorta has been gradually closing down. According to my cardiologist my heart is working too hard to get blood to my body and my brain. (You may have noticed!). On October 20 I will receive a new valve, thanks to the skill of heart doctors, and to a generous beef animal!

I will be in the hospital on October 13 for some prep work and on October 20 for the valve replacement. Thank you for your prayers. I'm grateful that Reverend Fred Anderson will be leading worship for us on October 17 and October 24.

Last Sunday was Streets Alive day in our neighborhood. I watched as our members did what they do very well, the art of being good neighbors. I find lots of reasons to be proud of the members of Friedens. This was just one more. Thank you to those involved for a job well done.

The church year marches on. Our next exciting adventure will be a fund raiser to pay for a new lift. We move forward with confidence that we will get this done soon. It will be a blessing to individuals and families in our congregation.

May God keep us safe and well as we serve him together.

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

On Sunday September 26th, Friedens held a special congregational meeting, and voted to go forward with fund raising for our new lift. The drawings are completed and it is hoped that the project will be started yet sometime in October.

The new lift will be in the same location as the old lift, but since it will be larger, the shaft will be made bigger. The new lift will be a front load and back exit, straight into the sanctuary. Pews and flooring will be moved up 3 rows, to create a new entrance point in the sanctuary. The stain glass window that will be removed to create the new entrance, will be relocated to where the old entrance was. That window will be balanced with the other windows on that side, to look as though they were always that way. The interior and exterior walls, will be redone to also look as though they were always that way.

Once the project is completed, the intention is that the building will look like it was built that way originally, similar to the front addition, when we did that remodeling and addition 14 years ago.

The outside of the lift will match the siding, mortar and roof of the rest of the outside of the building. The lift itself will be enclosed, and will be able to be self operated. Lift doors will open and close on their own when a rider calls it and exits it.

We have some of the money in the fund now, and have commitments from some members for an additional amount of what we need. We will be doing a fund raising to raise the remainder of the funds that we need.

In the mean time, anyone who is interested in contributing to this new lift project, can mail in their donation to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate at church. Please mark your check with the words "lift donation".

Thank you in advance for your help.

Gary Hardt
Council President
402-314-5484
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Choir Members Needed

Friedens Choir needs additional voices to help with special music during worship services this fall. If you haven't sung in Friedens Choir before and would be interested in more information about it, please contact the church office and they will let our Music Ministry Team get in contact with you.

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.

The following Daily Devotionals are available in the entryway to the Sanctuary for the current quarter (October, November, December). Please help yourself to a copy.

Prayers....

Portals of Prayer (Concordia)

Christ in Our Home (Augsburg)

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| Donna Splichal | Verlene Owens | Kimberly Render | Roy McKinney |
| Larrie Schmidt | Lee Alexander | Molly Lyons | Sharon Trout |
| Reece Nelsen | Dorothy Loos | Crystal Anderson | Marie Kildau |
| Bob Hogg | Carolyn Hogg | Gisela Niebuhr | |

Jeanette Christofferson (Jean Wheat's twin sister)

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)

Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)



Sending Healing Prayers

New Addresses

Bob and Carolyn Hogg, Joyce Boerger, and Gisela Niebuhr have moved recently and have new addresses. Please contact the church office, if you are wanting to update your directory or address list.

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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 given to us.

Monthly Report: September 2021

Receipts: \$ 7,865.44

Disbursements: \$ 7,483.90





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, October 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!

No Parking Signs

Please be aware of the new "No Parking" signs the city has installed on all sides of the intersection at 6th & "D" Streets. These intersections will have painted crosswalks in the future. The signs are a considerable distance from the corner. This follows the National Safety Guidelines for marked crosswalks with intersections marked with stop signs. This has been done because the city considers this an entrance to Cooper Park



Big Thank You

Friedens members would like to offer a huge thank you to Ken and Gidget Schmidt for offering the donation to replace the carpet on the front steps of the church and also the steps leading to the annex. It is a wonderful face lift to both buildings.

God bless Ken and Gidget



BUILT ON A ROCK... BUILDING FOR A FUTURE

FREED FOR LIFE

November 7, 2021 | 5:00 PM

Sheridan Lutheran Church

6955 Old Cheney Rd, Lincoln, NE 68516

Basic purpose is to tell the story and raise funds to continue support for two NE Synod prison ministries:

- Followers of Christ Church in the prisons
<https://bit.ly/3Ef4Gdx>
- The FEAST at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Lincoln



Three options for you and your congregation

1. **Attend the dinner**
\$300 per table, (or \$40 per plate)
7 guests per table plus one partner from prison ministry
2. **Attend the program only**
7:00 pm in the sanctuary
free will offering
3. **Send a donation to NE Synod with Freed for Life in the memo line:**
<https://bit.ly/3AaZmFI>



Covid contingency plans as health directives require

- Proceed with the dinner and program as in the past.
- Cancel the Dinner proceed with the program in person and on-line
- Program on-line only

Please follow the link below for more information, to register on line, or to make a donation.

<https://bit.ly/3tBhW7q>



OCTOBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 03—Tina Strong
04 — Matthew & Julie Hauschild (18 yrs)
05 — Shawn Johanson
07 — David Cosier
07 — Linda Dreith
10 — Sunny Detty
12 — Brad Magnuson
13 — Brian Husa
14 — Richard & Susan Busker (32 yrs)
14 — Bev Wilson
16 — Amy Rezny
20 — Kent Vollenweider
22 — Jeremy Cosier
25 — Kayle Hardt
30 — Rich Anderson
20 — Myles Hardt



OCTOBER WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Deb Marr & Linda Vollenweider

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

- 10-3 Mark Grimes
10-10 Maxine Pfrimmer
10-17 Megan Grimes
10-24 Irene Newhouse
10-31 Anna Fullerton

Counters

Deb Marr and Neoma Jones

Congratulations to the Rempe Women

The Cornhusker State Games were in July with Opening Ceremonies the evening of July 16th. Before the ceremony, **Kathy Rempe** met former Husker Eric Crouch and former Royal Alex Gordon. She also received their autographs.

The following day, **Kathy** won the gold medal in the Women's Super Singles (Age 60+) in bowling.

A week later, July 24th, **Kathy Rempe** participated in the 6-mile CSG walk with her daughter, **Karen Rempe**.



Streets Alive 2021

Special Attraction was the renovation of the 3rd Street Tunnel

A mural in the South Bottoms pedestrian tunnel under the train tracks at 3rd & F recently got a facelift thanks to Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln and their Streets Alive! initiative. The original mural painted 20 years ago, along with the tunnel, were in need of improvements. The railroad patched the cracks and sealed the tunnel's interior. Then, artist, Micah Mullins, went to work. After volunteers from AmeriCorps assisted with prep work, 100+ hours later, a new mural has emerged. Micah was chosen as the artist by the South Salt Creek Community Organization after submitting sketches of his plans. Micah, who paints in a graffiti style, reached out to the organization prior to his submission, asking the neighborhood what they would like to see depicted. Various images of our neighborhood are highlighted in the mural, including Friedens, the Volga German crest, a train, the Quinn Chapel. The city has added brighter LED lighting, will soon repair the retaining walls at each end of the tunnel and rehab the landscaping.

To read more about the project, check out the article published in the Lincoln Journal Star, September 23rd ; https://journalstar.com/news/local/tunnel-vision-hard-fought-south-bottoms-underpass-in-lincoln-gets-a-redo/article_99311ed0-3f41-53c1-b58a-bcc459fcfe2b.html

3rd St. tunnel depiction of Friedens



Pastor Bud

Kathy Rempe

Abby Newhouse

Kathy Holland

Manning the booth
and giving out bottled
water & granola bars.



School Kits for Lutheran World Relief

We will be assembling our school kits this month so that they can be boxed and shipped to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Minneapolis, Minnesota-- date & time to be determined. If you would like to help with this, please speak with Kathy Rempe or Kathy Holland.

We have nearly enough items to make 110 kits. We could still use these items to get to this number:

Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink (Need 60)

Pencil Sharpeners (Need 20)

Rulers, with centimeters on one side and inches on the other (Need 10)



Items should be new. Please place your items in the container marked "School Kits" in the entryway to the sanctuary or you may drop them off at the church office. Thank you for your support!

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Pastor Bud Christenson

Forwarding Service Requested

Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager



Jeani's Sewing Service

If interested in alterations, please contact Jeani @ 402-742-6221 or 402-646-0992

Jean Wheat, originally from Pierce, NE is the owner/operator of Jeani's Sewing Service. She has been in business since 1995 and this is the first year that she hasn't advertised in the Yellow Pages.

Jean studied Interior Design @ Wisconsin State University, River Falls, WI; then undecided about her major, transferred to Kearney State Teacher's College (Now the University of NE) at Kearney, NE.

She also attended the Academia 'de la Chopin in Guatemala City, Guatemala until she was forced to flee the country to escape the Civil War.

Jeani's work has included upholstery, alterations and design. She has done work for Duncan Aviation, Cowboy D Bank (a Country Western Bank), Tailoring Department at Ben Simons, Brass Buckle, and numerous customers. Her biggest challenge was downsizing a size 16 bridesmaid dress down to a size 8!!

In addition, she also enjoys playing the harmonica, gardening and entertaining.