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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

On May 31st, we celebrated the new season, Pentecost, with white doves adorning our sanctuary.

On the wings of a snow white dove, God sends his pure sweet love,
a sign from above, on the wings of a dove.

The doves remind us that God's Spirit descended upon Jesus at his baptism in the River Jordan. Then that same Spirit escorted him into the wilderness for a period of temptations. After forty days he came out preaching a message about the coming of the Kingdom of God.

The Spirit of God came to common people like us at the first Pentecost in Jerusalem. They received power and were sent throughout the world to bring good news of God's love and mercy to all people.

That Spirit is passed on through the gift of baptism. From generation to generation God renews that gift and continues to equip and send his people.

During these troubling days, I encourage you to reflect on God living at your house, in your heart, and with your family. The world needs God's people, not only as speakers of Good News but as models of the Good Life.

On Pentecost Sunday we spoke about the gifts of the Spirit being given to the Family of God on earth. We also spoke of the fruit of the Spirit. These are not for us to cultivate on our own. Think with me about what the world would be like if these characterized the lives of all people on earth. We wouldn't need demonstrations of any kind. Peace would reign!

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

(Galatians 5:22-24)

God bless you and keep you and your family safe, and keep producing the fruit of the Spirit in us.

Pastor Bud



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Message from Friedens Council President

On May 31st, we started welcoming people back to Friedens, to worship in our sanctuary. We are following the state, city and county health departments guidelines of 6 feet between families. We will also restrict pews, so there is 6 feet between pews. Given the size of our sanctuary, and the additional seating area in our balcony, we have no problem in making these accommodations and having enough room for anyone who wants to come and worship. We also are not passing anything between members. We will be following all state, city and county health guidelines and we will have plenty of hand sanitizer available. The sanctuary will be wiped down and sanitized in between each week's services. If you are comfortable coming back and worshiping with us, we welcome you.

We plan to continue, on a permanent basis, live streaming our worship services each Sunday on our Facebook page as well. We are working on upgrading our equipment so that the visual and audio parts of the live stream, are as high quality as possible. If you are not able to come and worship with us at the church, please continue to worship with us through our Facebook live streaming worship services. We enjoy seeing your "likes" and your comments. It's nice to know you are out there.

For the time being, on communion Sundays, we will be using individual communion packages. They consist of a wafer and juice, packaged together. You peel off the 1st layer, and you have the wafer. Then you peel off the 2nd layer and you have the juice. These individually wrapped communion packets will be on the ushers stand each communion Sunday, as you come into the sanctuary. Please take one, as you also pick up a bulletin.

Until you are able to come back and worship with us here, we hope you will remember to continue supporting Friedens by mailing in your offerings, or by going to our church website, friedens.org, and making your offerings electronically through our PayPal option. Your support in helping the church pay its bills, will help us weather the current situation.

If you have any questions, you can call or email myself, or the church. We hope you continue to worship with us either in person, or though our live streaming on Facebook.

Gary Hardt-Council President

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Future Events

Garage Sale:

July 23rd thru July 25th. Setup on July 20th.

More details will be in The Messenger as time gets closer.



Future Events



Vacation Bible School:

Due to Covid-19, we will **not** be meeting together in our building for VBS. We are in the process of looking at and exploring other options for Friedens and Grace Lutheran to provide VBS in another way to our children and families this year. More information will be available at a later date

Bill Chrastil — Special Music Sunday July 12th

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 12th and enjoy the Gospel music that Bill Chrastil will be performing for us.



Bring your friends!

Loretta Michael Remembrance

Lifetime member of Friedens, Loretta (Starkel) Michael, passed away May 8th at the age of 93 years. Loretta was baptized, confirmed and married at Friedens. Our sympathy goes to the family, including daughters, Barbara and Sharon. A private graveside service was held May 12th. Memorials have been designated to Friedens Lutheran Church.

Thank You

I would like to thank my Friedens family for your prayers, cards and words of condolence upon the loss of my mother, Jean High, May 13th. Mom became a resident of Lincoln when she moved here to receive care through Tabitha in the fall of 2012. She had just turned 95 at the time of her death.

Thanks again for all your support.

Kathy Holland



JUNE Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (2) June Simpson
(3) Greg Zessin
(5) Bill and Deb Marr (26 Yrs)
(6) Michele Bukoske
(8) Christina Strong
(9) Lori Schwahn
(11) Don and Jodi Urban (31 Yrs)
(12) Gregory and Marjorie Loos (49 Yrs)
(15) Timothy Bukoske
(21) Gary Hardt
(25) Nancy Ripenburg
(26) Al and Karen Scribner (49 Yrs)
(26) Chris and Amanda Zweerink (20 Yrs)
(27) Maria Kildau
(27) Mike and Becky Roberts (22 Yrs)
(28) Mark Detty
(29) Greg and Frances Zessin (45 Yrs)
(29) Kevin and Anne Melang-Thoren (18 Yrs)



JUNE WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer and Carolyn Hogg

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

7— Kathy Rempe
14— Peggy Russell
21— Anna Fullerton
28— Steve Russell



FRIEDENS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Live Streaming Worship on Facebook and in
Friedens Sanctuary every Sunday at 10:30am

JUNE CALENDAR

There will not be a June calendar inserted this month in the Messenger. However, worship in our sanctuary, as well as live streaming worship are both at 10:30am. As activities resume, we will start inserting a calendar again. Thanks for your patience.

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	Dwayne Greenwalt
Larrie Schmidt	Lee Alexander	Molly Lyons
Reece Nelsen	Adam Vollenweider	Bob Wessels
Crystal Anderson	Kimberly Render	
	Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister)	
	Bill Koelzer (Fran Zessin's brother)	
	Ron Shoup (Jodi Urban's brother)	
	Family and Friends of Loretta Michael	
	Family and Friends of Jean High (Kathy Holland's mother)	



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 God what has been generously given to us.

Monthly Report: May 2020

Receipts \$ 8,080.41

Disbursements \$8,748.81



Here is a list of items that Bridges To Hope is currently in need of. Please drop off donations at the church office between 9am-1pm M-F. Thanks for your much needed help.

Men's underwear (Boxers, all sizes)
Men's Shirts (Dress & Casual, all sizes)
Men's Jeans (sizes 38, 40, 42)
Men's T-Shirts (White) Pots and Pans
Men's work socks Kitchen Appliances (small)
Hygiene products Lamps (small)

BRIDGES TO HOPE

Second Chances...It's what we do

Filling a need, filling stomachs



Boys and Girls Club serving the community by handing out free dinners

The team of teenage volunteers thought 750 meals would be enough for Monday's drive-up distribution.

They weren't even close.

The first time the members of the Boys and Girls Club of Lincoln/Lancaster County tried this, they gave away more than 630 dinners—waking early to fill paper grocery bags with chicken patties and cheese pizzas, corn dogs and fruit cups, and delivering them to the long line of cars outside Friedens Lutheran Church in the South Bottoms.

The club had spotted a need in the community and decided to help fill it, said Brylin Brown, its vice president of operations.

Across the city, Lincoln Public Schools was offering free breakfasts and lunches—to-go meals for each child every Monday—at 14 distribution sites, including nearby Park Middle School.

"But there's a real dinner void for the kids," Brylin said. "LPS is doing breakfast and lunch, and we wanted to start offering dinners."

They had to find a base first. Brown reached out to churches near school distribution sites, so families picking up breakfast and lunch wouldn't have to travel far for dinner, and almost immediately heard back from Friedens Lutheran Church, he said.

The church at Sixth and D is a focal point of the neighborhood, founded by Germans from Russia at the beginning of the last century.

It served its nearest neighbors for years, never building a parking lot because most of its members lived in walking distance, said Gary Hardt, its Council President.

"And 113 years later, we're trying to do the same thing. We're trying to be there for the community in any way we can, regardless of whether they're members of the church or not."

To donate money for the meals, go to: lincolnbgc.org/support us

Article and photos courtesy of Lincoln Journal Star

Endowment Fund

Friedens Endowment Fund was established many years ago to provide a vehicle for our Church to provide "outreach into the community" and to help others in our congregation to "grow in Christian faith and service to God's people or new ministries of the congregation". In 2018 we were blessed with a significant contribution to this fund by the estate of Daniel Wacker. During the past year, the Endowment Committee has managed the fund and worked to invest the principal so that it will continue to grow in value and allow for the distribution of the income. The Committee looks forward to accepting applications for grants from those who have a need for funding in the following areas:

- Scholarships or grants to members of Friedens for the purpose of attending Lutheran institutions of higher education
- Outreach into the community with grants to ELCA colleges, seminaries, social service agencies, or individuals with spiritual or economic needs
- Mission of the ELCA in America or overseas for development of professional leadership, educational ministries, world mission and ecumenism, and capital financing

To learn more about the Endowment Fund or to request a Grant Application, please contact one of the members of the Committee or the Church Office.

Endowment Committee Members:

Steve Russell – Chairperson

Bob Hogg – Treasurer

Irene Newhouse – Secretary

James Plucknett

Margaret Vogt

