

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

Happy Easter! On Easter Sunday we begin the fifty days of Easter that lead to Pentecost (May 28).

For us, in 2023, Easter is a happy day of Easter baskets, Easter egg hunts, family dinners, baseball games and golf outings.

The first Easter was a day filled with fear. Death was in the air everywhere. The followers of Jesus had witnessed the death of their Master. Rome was celebrating the fact that they had gotten rid of a problem in the Empire. The Sanhedrin was thinking they had solved a mystery. Some people believed Jesus was the long awaited Messiah who had been put to death, and others thought he was a phony. Officially he was convicted of the crime of blasphemy. A crime that meant nothing to Rome and everything to the Hebrews.

The disciples were hiding out in a secret room. There was a price on their heads. A legal manhunt was underway for anyone who spoke the name of Jesus. The Sanhedrin would soon authorize the hunt and send out search parties. Saul (Paul) and his friends were eager to get started. They would soon find Stephen and stone him to death. Then they would head for Damascus. They were very serious about wiping out any trace of Jesus.

The odds of them winning this battle were slim to none. They had no idea in those early days that they were challenging the Creator of the universe! The gentleman named Jesus had left his eternal place in the godhead to appear on earth as a man. "Son of man" was what he called himself. He came to do battle, not with Rome or the Sanhedrin, but with death. How do you fight with death? Can you put death in a half nelson, or body slam death? No. You need to die, enter the realm where death reigns supreme, and preach good news to the residents. Then you break out of that realm and declare victory by rising from the dead and empowering your followers to proclaim the victory to all people throughout the world. It is God reclaiming his children.

On the Jewish Pentecost, people from all over the Empire gathered to celebrate. God moved boldly to get their attention. He empowered his fearful disciples with the sound of a mighty wind and with tongues of fire. He took possession of believers and empowered them to speak boldly against the law of the land and to tell the story of God's love for the cosmos and its whole population. Wow! Do you believe this?

You were baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus (His victory). You were marked with the cross of Christ forever. The Holy Spirit has taken residence within you.

Rejoice and sing! Beat the drums! Celebrate with joy! Happy Easter!

Pastor Bud

Message from our Council President

Thank you to everyone who came to the Easter morning breakfast and the Easter worship service. We had a great turn out for the breakfast again this year. Almost 100 people came to the breakfast this year. Those are numbers like we use to have years ago. It was good to see everyone enjoying Easter morning with a meal and with visiting with each other. And we had a number of families there, so those children got to have an Easter Egg hunt outside on Friedens lawn.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Easter breakfast this year. Without volunteers, these events wouldn't be possible. Friedens has always had great volunteers, it's what enables us to put on so many events. There are more, new events, coming up also. So watch your bulletins and Messengers for more information as those things come into place.

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Council President
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Weekly Breakfast Bible Study for men and women every Saturday morning at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Free Bibles available or bring your favorite Bible. Join us for coffee and a light breakfast.



Sunday Morning Women's Bible Study

Deb Schellhorn is starting a Women's Bible study on **Sunday, April 23rd at 9:00am**. Those interested can plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. It will be on the book of Galatians. Join us for a light breakfast and coffee. Please RSVP the office or Deb (402-540-3014) if you are interested.

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

Jean Wheat

Sharon Trout

Kathie Svoboda

Michael Ernst

Carolyn Hogg

Neoma Jones

Joyce Boerger

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

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)



Sending Healing Prayers



"We Care" Door Offering

Our Friedens families at times need help. This door offering will be on the first Sunday of every month starting on May 7th.

These donations will be for Friedens family only. We all know that the cost of everything has raised substantially (rent, utilities, food, medical, and so much more).

This box which is in the back of the church says it all, "We Care". Please think about it, pray about it, and give from your hearts for those who need our help.

Please be sure to note your giving to the "We Care" fund if using a check or envelope.

Any questions can be forwarded to Fran Zessin (402-314-0800) or Kathy Holland (402-310-9153)

Easter Weekend 2023 Memories

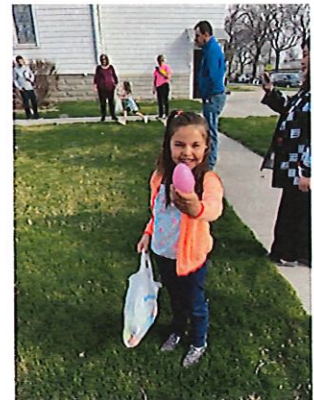
**Preparing for
the Easter Egg
Hunt**



**Some very
faithful
volunteers
filling 800 eggs.**



Many children of all ages really enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt on Friedens lawn and also on the Germans from Russia museum lawn.

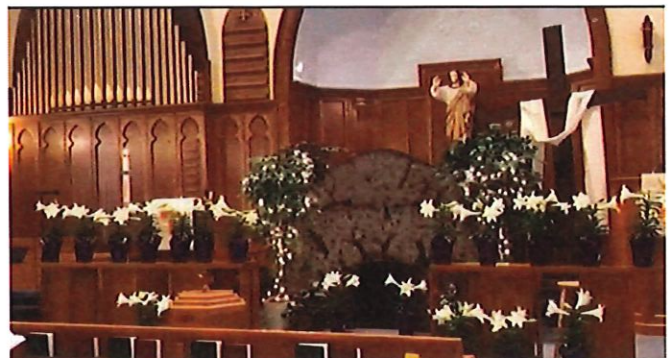


Easter breakfast catered by Cracker Barrel brought a crowd of roughly 90 people. Everyone was really enjoying themselves in eating with their great Friedens family.



Easter Worship Service

90 people attended the Easter Communion Service
Taps were played at the beginning of the service
Bob Wessels, Chuck Spencer, and Abby Newhouse narrated "Voices in the Dark"
Nancy Gibson (Pastor Bud's daughter) sang "Were You there When they Crucified My Lord"
Damian David played the trumpet.
Choir sang "Jesus is Risen! Alleluia!"





Easter Lilies 2023



IN MEMORY OF:

Fred & Lydia Ninneman by Myron & Deb Schellhorn
 Donald Brunken, (husband) by Barbara Brunken
 Clarence & Lena Deer (parents) by Nancy Borrell
 Earl Borrell (husband) by Nancy Borrell
 Alex Tinant and Dale Meyer by Mark & Megan Grimes
 Earl Ninneman (husband) by JoAnn Ninneman
 Arnold & Ella Schnell (foster parents) by Jim Oltmer
 John & Maria Kildau, Jennifer & Ryan Pinkerton by Norm and Irene Newhouse
 Martha Yost Kraft by Vicki Yost Norton
 Francis & Marj Koelzer, and Bill Koelzer by Greg & Fran Zessin
 Al & Dorothy Zessin, John & Katherine Welsch by Greg & Fran Zessin
 Leroy Butherus, Jacob & Emilie Butherus by Diane Butherus
 Alex & Lydia Hardt (grandparents) by Julie Erickson
 Kenneth & Jewel Hardt (parents) by Julie Erickson
 Pam, Luvern, & Phyllis Schultz by Lynn Pepperd
 John & Maria Kildau, & Brad King by Elizabeth, Nick, & Christin King
 John & Molly Schreiber (parents), by Kathie Svoboda
 Bill Svoboda (husband) by Kathie Svoboda
 Andrew & Elizabeth Beltz, and Steven Beltz by Melvin & Deloris Bellinger and Catherine Beltz
 Delta Schmidt & John Baker by Ken and Gidge Schmidt
 Willard & Gerald Harris by David & Jane Cosier
 Maxine Burger (mother) by Karen Sinn
 Stan Trampe by Judy Trampe & family
 Bob Hogg, Jack Pfrimmer (husband) by Maxine Pfrimmer
 Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Adams (parents), Marcia R. Adams (sister) by Carolea Adams
 Dr. & Mrs. H.M. Geode, Gerald Goede, Ronald Goede, by Carolea Adams
 Charles & Belva Adams by Carolea Adams
 Pastor Del Klover by Carolra Adams
 Roger Mittan (husband) by Bev Mittan

IN HONOR OF:

Jimmy Oltmer by Kathie Svoboda
 Bill Chrastil by Jean Wheat

IN CELEBRATION OF:

Autism Awareness Month by the Grimes
 Easter by Kathy Rempe
 Our Risen Savior by the Plucknetts





Graduation Celebrations

If anyone in your family will be celebrating a graduation, please let the church office know. We like to see any graduations with a picture and a short biography and the student's future plans. We like knowing about our Friedens family special occasions.

Outreach & Lay Ministry

We continue to collect the following items:

Bridges to Hope: Men's & women's good used clothing, household items, basic personal care items, new socks and underwear (boxers for men) .

Lutheran Food Pantry: non-perishable foods & personal care items plus Best Choice food labels which are taken to the Lutheran Food Pantry who in turn gives them to the Food Net program.

Ronald McDonald House in Omaha: aluminum pop tabs

Military Families in Europe: coupon flyers are passed onto a representative of the local Lions Club, who have coupon clipping volunteers.

People's City Mission: teddy bears and personal care items



You may leave your donations for any of these items in or on the wooden chest in the entryway to the sanctuary or, in the case of Bridges to Hope, in the large barrel.

When we all give a little, we give a lot!

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: March 2023

Receipts: \$9,348.62

Disbursements: \$8,999.66



APRIL Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (1) Tiana Dorsey
- (4) Linda Rasmussen
- (4) Norm Newhouse
- (8) Marissa Schild
- (11) Collin Detty
- (14) Jameson Moore
- (15) Judy Trampe
- (16) Julie Hauschild
- (18) William Ledford
- (22) Kimberly Render
- (22) Siobhan Allen-Logewolf
- (23) Danielle Hauser (Urban)
- (29) Donna Splichal



APRIL WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Maxine Pfrimmer

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Cantors

4-2 Karen Scribner

4-6 Jodi Urban

4-7 No Cantor

4-9 Abby Newhouse

4-16 Karen Scribner

4-23 Jodi Urban

4-30 Abby Newhouse

Lectors

4-2 Maxine Pfrimmer

4-6 Maxine Pfrimmer

4-7 Abby Newhouse

4-9 Anna Fullerton

4-16 Austin Landis

4-23 Amy Rezny

4-30 Hermann Siegl

Counters

Deb Marr & Neoma Jones

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Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager

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**Bud's Thrift
Shoppe**



**2226 O Street
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In 1997 Pastor Bud started Followers of Christ congregation in the penitentiary and soon after Bridges to Hope. Kathy Herr was a volunteer at the warehouse when we were sorting out some very nice things and giving them away to other programs because they didn't fit our needs.

Rhonda and Kathy decided to start the Thrift Shoppe to sell to the public. The money raised would help pay rent and utilities. Kathy had run her own store for many years. She is a master (artist) at displaying goods. Because of her skills some people say it is more like a boutique than a thrift store.

Stop and visit Bud's Thrift Shoppe at 2226 O Street. Hours are:
Monday - Friday 10:00 - 5:00
Saturday 10:00 - 3:00

Shop for a Cause...Shop for Hope. Second chances...it's what we do!