

Friedens MESSENGER

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PASTOR'S PAGE...

Dear Friedens Family,

The past three weeks have been the strangest time I can remember. Coughing and fatigue...what a strange combination. A visit to the hospital proved that I test negative for covid, flu, and pneumonia. As you know I have tried to work through it, but it persists. Now I have decided to take the doctor's advice and rest. I guess, if nothing else works, do what the doctor says...can't hurt!

I hope you and yours have had a restful and renewing summer.

There are exciting days ahead at Friedens. The annual yard sale is behind us. It was a huge success. Generous donors gave us lots of wonderful merchandise. Many volunteers worked for days to make it happen. Next the neighborhood picnic/party is scheduled for the second weekend in September. The bounce house, climbing wall, obstacle course and giant slide have been ordered and paid for, thanks to our friends at Runza. Now Gary is busy recruiting workers. Nothing good happens without willing workers!

Julie and her "Sunday school Elves" are busy providing fun learning experiences for the children. We see them serving on Communion Sundays and look forward with them to the seasons ahead.

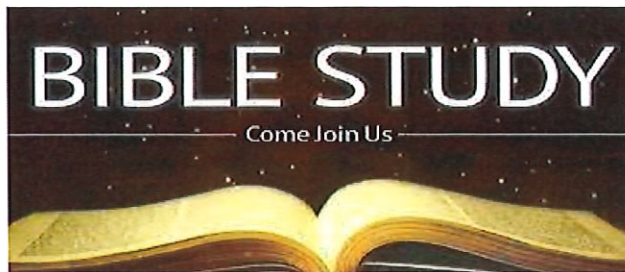
The "season" we sometimes call the holiday season is on the horizon: All Saints day and All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), Thanksgiving Day and, biggest of all, Advent and Christmas. We are all children when it comes to things like "hanging the greens," putting up and trimming the Christmas tree, setting up the stable as a "birthplace" for our Savior and planning programs to highlight the story of our Savior's birth.

Mai is busy recruiting talented people for the Adult Choir and the Chime Choir. I'm busy thinking of a new hymn medley that the men can share. Hermann's occasional German solos remind us that the German Christmas service will kick off our celebrations. German speakers around the city look forward to our annual service. I can't help but think that our German's from Russia ancestors will be rejoicing with us and singing along with some favorite Christmas carols.

Long ago I lost my ability to taste or smell, but memories of Christmas cookies and candy still make my mouth water.

Meanwhile we continue our trek through the Pentecost Season following the experiences of Jesus and his early disciples as they are shaped by trials and tribulations into the church that will carry the message of God's plan for the nations. May God continue to bless us as we go on our way.

Pastor Bud



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 has started a Women's Bible study on the book of Galatians. The next gathering will be October 1st in the Annex kitchen. We will meet once a month (the first Sunday of the month). Please call Deb (402-540-3014) with any questions.

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: August 2023

Receipts: \$ 17,003.99

Disbursements: \$ 13,131.76



Many Thanks to Rick Harris

Friedens is very grateful for Rick Harris' great work in repairing our Fellowship Air Conditioner. He contacted a supply house that was closed on Sunday. He managed to convince them to open their shop so he could purchase the part and repair the air conditioner. This isn't the first time that Rick has pulled us out of a jam. We are forever grateful, Rick!

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

Sharon Trout

Joyce Boerger

Michael Ernst

Carolyn Hogg

Carolea Adams

Dennis Michalski



Sending Healing Prayers

Jim & Nadine Kraus (friends of Donna Splichal)

Josephine & Tommy Manno (friends of Patrick Crawford)

Garth Scism (brother-in-law of Jodi Urban)

Michael Crawford (Patrick Crawford's brother)



"We Care" Door Offering"

Our Friedens families at times need help. This door offering will be on the first Sunday of every month. 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. Friedens has already helped three families.

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)

Garage Sale 2023

So many thanks and blessings TO ALL.

This year we were blessed to have so many great donations, baked goods, and prayers. In doing so, all those volunteers who worked so hard to get everything in order for the sale. Then when the sale actually started, the volunteers worked hard in keeping things in order.

Without the donations, baked goods, good weather, and God watching over us , we were able to make over \$5,500 this year. It was by far the most we have ever made in one garage sale.

A woman stopped me to tell me that she has been coming for years. She always looked forward to coming. She brought her children and gave them money to spend at the sale. They are now in their 20's and 30's. The first place they would go was the toy aisle. If they did not find a toy they wanted, they would go to the baked goods.

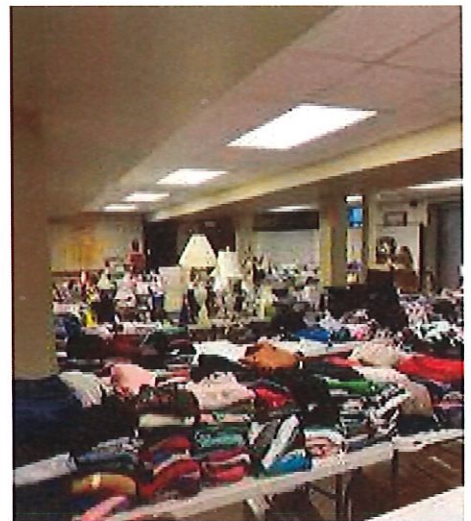
We have touched so many lives for so many years.

We, as a church, make a small but important difference to those who come to visit, to shop, to eat, and just get baked goodies.

People love us and we love them. God shows his love thru us to them.

Thanks to everyone! God Bless!

Fran Zessin



**Friedens Sunday
School/Neighborhood/Church Picnic
6th & D Streets
Sunday September 10th 3:00pm to 7:00pm**



For the kids!!!!
BOUNCE HOUSE!
18' DUAL SLIDE!
50' ULTIMATE OBSTACLE COURSE!
ROCK CLIMBING WALL!
FACE PAINTING!

GAMES

We will have games for all ages starting at 3:00pm and running until 5:00pm.

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES

FOOD

We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, and dinner will start at 5:00pm

BINGO

Bingo will start after dinner at 6:00pm. Bingo prizes include: grocery items, sunglasses, toys, cell phone accessories, novelty items, restaurant gift certificates and many others!!!!

The Youth Group will be selling

SNOWCONES!

ICE CREAM SANDWICHES!

POPCORN!

ICE CREAM BARS!

POP!

This year's picnic is made possible by a very generous gift from the Don & Sandy Everett family and their Runza Restaurants.

Please plan on attending and feel free to bring a friend(s)!

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SEPTEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 02 — Dan & Sharon Trout (45 yrs)
 03 — Gidge Schmidt
 03 — Logan Scribner
 05 — Nick King
 06 — Ryan Shannon
 08 — Mark & Sunny Detty (15 yrs)
 09 — Rachel Pickering
 10 — Jenna Rempe
 10 — Dan & Linda Koch (46 yrs)
 11 — Norm & Irene Newhouse (31 yrs)
 14 — Bryan Logewolf
 15 — Daniel Russell
 17 — Karen Sinn
 18 — Nancy Borrell
 19 — Jonathan Zweerink
 20 — Kathy Holland
 21 — Nathan & Kayla Johanson (15 yrs)
 22 — Marge Wessels
 23 — Jodi Urban
 25 — James Ripenburg
 26 — Kris Plucknett
 28 — Bryleigh Anne Garnham



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

LEADERS

Altar Guild

Jane Cosier and Fran Zessin

Head Usher

Gary Hardt

Lectors

9-3 Sue Busker

9-10 Zane Mindrup

9-17 Hermann Siegl

9-24 Amy Rezny

Cantors

9-3 Karen Scribner

9-10 Jodi Urban

9-17 Abby Newhouse

9-24 Patrick Crawford/
Karen Scribner

Counters

Irene and Abby Newhouse

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Gidge Schmidt celebrated her birthday with her Friedens family on September 3rd. Gidge furnished ice cream bars and birthday cake.



School Kits for Lutheran World Relief



Thanks to so many of you we have gathered tubs full of items for our School Kits! However, we are still in need of notebooks and pens. We could make 100 kits if we receive an additional 228 notebooks and 230 pens.

Lutheran World Relief has very specific guidelines for school kits items.

Pens must be ballpoint, black or blue ink.

Notebooks must be 70 page, spiral with no patriotic or other symbols. Items must be new.

We are searching for an on-line source where we could buy notebooks in bulk at a lower cost.

Please place your donations in the container marked “School Kits” in the entryway to the sanctuary or you may drop them off at the church office. Thank you!

Questions? Please contact Kathy Rempe or Kathy Holland.



Friedens Lutheran Sunday School

Friedens Lutheran Sunday School will resume on September 17, 2023 from 9:30-10:15am.

Children ages 3 to 5th grade are welcome in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, call Julie Erickson

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Dr. Mai Butler, Director of Music

Bev Mittan, Office Manager

Garage Sale Memories



Bob and Carolyn Hogg were members for so many years. They always remembered the garage sale each year. This year was no different. Their children Charlotte and Jim shared the last of Bob and Carolyn's items with Friedens. Bob passed away last October and Carolyn has moved to Texas to be close to her daughter. Their children put their extra items in storage for awhile. When the garage sale came around, Charlotte and Jim remembered us in a big way and donated so many great items. Bob was into train collecting and he had so many great stories of things he built and the fun he had with trains. Carolyn loved blue dishes, so many of those came to the sale. Bob and Carolyn and family truly blessed us in so many ways.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fran Zessin