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# Friedens MESSENGER

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## ORDER FORM **POINSETTIAS** \$8.00 each

Please order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias for me. I am giving it/them:

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will take the plant(s) with me. \_\_\_\_\_ Please deliver the plant(s) to shut-ins.

Orders are to be into the church office by Dec 4th.  
Please attach/enclose a check or cash for each Poinsettia ordered.  
Or call church office @ 402-476-3888

Friedens Lutheran Church would like to welcome Pastor Bud Christenson, as our new Transitional Pastor. Many of you will know Pastor Bud, from his work in the prison ministry program. Pastor Bud spent 22 years developing that program into a very successful program. He still continues his involvement in that program today, even though he is retired. Pastor Bud brings many years of experience to Friedens. He started out as a Lutheran street minister in New York, and later downtown Denver. He has been Pastor of churches during his time, including Sheridan Lutheran when they were in their previous location. He has also been the transitional Pastor at many churches, and in the old ALC, he was an assistant on the staff. Pastor Bud started his new role with Friedens on November 1st. After worship service on Sunday November 10th, we will have a reception with coffee and cookies, to meet Pastor Bud and to get to know him more. Please come to worship service that Sunday, and stay to meet and welcome Pastor Bud. We are excited to have him and his years of experience, here at Friedens Lutheran Church.

### **Welcome Pastor Bud!**

### **Freed for Life November 10th**

The annual Freed for Life event will be held November 10th at Sheridan Lutheran Church, 70th & Old Cheney, 5:00—8:00pm. Proceeds support the following ministries: Bridges to Hope, FEAST, and Followers of Christ Prison Ministry. A catered dinner will be served at 5:30. Prison Ministry exhibits will be on display beginning at 5:00pm. The program, beginning at 7:00 will feature Jermaine Wilson, Mayor of Leavenworth, Kansas as the keynote speaker. Mayor Wilson was once a convicted felon. At his swearing-in January 8th, 2019, he said he felt as if he was living in a dream. "I know God gave me another chance and to see that the people gave me another chance... I was just overwhelmed with unexplainable joy". You may register online at [bridgestohope.org](http://bridgestohope.org) under Freed for Life. Reservations are \$30.00 per person.

## 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

### **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.

#### **Year To Date Report: October 2019**



Receipts \$ 80,982.57

Disbursements \$ 85,690.27

## **PRAYER CHAIN...**

The Prayer Chain at



Friedens a vital part of the ministry we do. Caring for others in general, but especially for those in our church family, is what we are called to do. You are needed. Please call Maxine Pfrimmer (402-464-3024) and tell her you would love to be part of the prayer chain.

## **School Kits for Lutheran World Relief—Final Report**

Thanks to the support of so many of you we assembled 130 School Kits this year! To pack this many kits we collected 520 notebooks, 650 each of pens & pencils along with 130 each of erasers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rulers and crayons. Our kits will be packed and delivered to the Nebraska Synod Ingathering location for our area, Sheridan Lutheran Church, on November 5th. Due to a tracking system that Lutheran World Relief has established we will eventually know where our School Kits are sent. Last year our kits (150) went to children in El Salvador. Thanks again for your on-going enthusiasm for this project!

Social Ministry Team



## **Lutheran Food Pantry**

Food items available for purchase from the Lincoln Food Bank are very limited at this time. Therefore, we are having to rely heavily on items donated as well as purchasing food from grocery stores. Even though we try to find items on sale, buying items at the grocery store makes the money donated to the Food Pantry not go as far.

Items needed at this time include:

- Canned fruit
- Canned Peas
- Cereal
- Fruit Juice
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Pancake Mix
- Pork and beans
- Monetary donations to purchase food



Thank you for your continuing support of the Lutheran Food Pantry!

## **DECEMBER WORSHIP**

### **LEADERS**

#### **Altar Guild**

Kathy Holland & Jodi Urban

#### **Head Usher**

Gary Hardt

#### **Communion Assistant**

1— Maxine Pfrimmer

15— Fran Zessin

24— Sue Busker

#### **Lectors**

1— Karen Scribner

8—Margaret Vogt

15—Irene Newhouse

22—Maxine Pfrimmer

24—Abby Newhouse

29—Kathy Holland

#### **Greeters**

1— Chuck & Lori Schwahn

8— Ron & Margaret Vogt

15— Steve & Peggy Russell

22— Amy Rezny & Anna

24— Irene and Abby Newhouse

29— David & Jane Cosier



## NOVEMBER Birthdays and Anniversaries

- (01) Bonnie Zweerink  
 (02) Rick Holland  
 (04) Marion Ripenburg  
 (06) Charlotte Hogg  
 (07) Fran Zessin  
 (14) Scott and Linda Dreith (34 Yrs)  
 (19) Sharon Trout  
 (19) Greg and Kim Neemann (43 Yrs)  
 (21) Jeremy Erickson  
 (21) Adam Vollenweider  
 (23) Gisela Niebuhr



## NOVEMBER WORSHIP

### LEADERS

#### Altar Guild

Nancy Borrell & Jane Cosier

#### Head Usher

Gary Hardt

#### Communion Assistant

3— Sue Busker

17 —Karen Scribner

27 —Peggy Russell

#### Lectors

3— Sue Busker

10—Abby Newhouse

17 —Karen Scribner

24 —Margaret Vogt

27 —Maxine Pfrimmer

#### Greeters

3—Kathy Rempe

10—Deb Marr & Neoma Jones

17—Bob & Carolyn Hogg

24—Joyce Boerger & Kathy Holland

27—Maxine Pfrimmer & Deb Marr



### Senior Potluck Fellowship...

“Senior Lunch” is held the second Tuesday of the month at 12:00 noon. All seniors are welcome! All are encouraged to bring a dish to share. This is a time of fellowship as we enjoy a potluck meal. Following the meal communion is offered to those who are not able to attend Sunday Worship. Arrangements can be made for transportation if needed.

Our next gathering will be November 12<sup>th</sup>. Come join us! Please speak with Maxine Pfrimmer or call the church office if you have questions.

**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](mailto:office@friedens.org)



### Prayers....

Gary Overfield

Glenn Kollars

Verlene Owens

Donna Splichal

Crystal Anderson

Jean Wheat

Larrie Schmidt

Robin Michael

Lee Huelle (Jean Wheat's brother)

Doris Massman (Jean Wheat's sister)

Jeanette Chistofferson (Jean Wheat's twin sister)

Dean & Angie Dreith (Scott Dreith's brother)

Nancy Carpenter (Cindy Worster's sister)

Pastor Jim Melang (Anne Melang-Thoren's father)



### Church Volunteers Needed

Additional volunteers are needed to help give the church a thorough cleaning prior to all our December activities. Please meet at the church Saturday, December 7th at 9am.

Thank you in advance from your volunteer cleaning crew:  
 Jane Cosier   Peggy Russell   Kathy Holland   Fran Zessin

### Friedens Facebook Page

If you use social media, please “Like” Friedens Facebook page. We will be using that page as one of the ways to let people know if there is a change in worship service this winter, due to bad weather. We also will have upcoming events at Friedens on our Facebook as well as pictures and information from events. Because of the weather that we had last winter, we would like to have several means available to us to let members know about any changes or cancelations due to weather. Please “Like” our page so that you can keep informed. Any questions, please contact Gary Hardt (402-314-5484).



## Upcoming dates...



November 3 — All Saints Day

November 12 — Senior Potluck 12:00pm

November 14 — Council Meeting

November 27 Thanksgiving Eve 7:00pm

November 30 “Hanging of the Greens” 10:00am

December 1 Christmas Caroling (time to be announced)

December 8 — German Service 2:00pm

December 12 — Council Meeting

December 15 — Children's Service

December 24 — Christmas Eve Service

*Merry*  
**Christmas**

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

A special door offering will be taken at Sunday Worship November 10th & 17th to help purchase food baskets for Friedens’ members in need. You may also contribute to this project any time in November by sending your donation to the Church Office, designated for “Thanksgiving Food Baskets.” Our goal is to raise \$200.00 to assist 6 individuals or families.



### Thanksgiving Service

We will gather on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving Day to pray, give thanks to God for our many blessings. Please bring something for the Lincoln Lutheran Food Pantry—see article in this newsletter for most needed items.

Following the service we will have our customary pie social. For this, each person or family is invited to bring two pies—one to share in our fellowship time with the other going to the City Mission. Each year we typically have 25-30 pies to share with the People’s City Mission for their Thanksgiving meal. This is a wonderful tradition! **We look forward to seeing you on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November at 7:00 pm.**



### Hanging of the Greens

Come join us as we decorate the sanctuary and fellowship hall for the Advent/Christmas season. Many hands make light work and there’s something that people of most ages and abilities can help with. So, come hang out, get “in the Christmas spirit” and help us decorate, Saturday, November 30th at 10:00am.

