

# FRIEDENS REFORMED CHURCH

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## Message from the Pastor

Dear Friedens Family,

We have now been here in Tripp for three months. These have certainly been some of the oddest months we've ever been through. The normal adjustment period has stretched long past what is "normal." Getting to know everyone has been difficult, but we're making progress. Online only services didn't help, but praise God, we're past that hitch in the road.

God's Providence has been quite the sight to behold! For one, I began working on a couple months' worth of sermons before we left Illinois because I anticipated being very busy trying to squeeze in sermon preparation and visitation with unpacking. As it turned out, Covid pretty much stifled all visitation, and since I came to Tripp with about 8 sermons prepared, we were able to get unpacked and completely moved in far quicker than we anticipated.

But what was particularly amazing to me was to notice how timely the sermons turned out to be. When we came to Tripp, we had no idea that things were going to shut down the way they did. The message of God's sovereignty is always timely, but to be reminded of it when things appeared to be spinning out of control was something only God could orchestrate. As it turned out, I ended up preaching on the twin subjects of Sovereignty and Providence for several consecutive weeks (sometimes it seems like this was all I preached), and this was completely unplanned on my part.

Over the next several weeks, at least until my installation on August 30, I intend, Lord willing, to preach on various Reformed distinctives. Every generation needs to be reminded of what makes us Reformed. When we forget, our distinctives degenerate into mere tradition. It is a very sad thing when meaningful things are forgotten and all that's left behind is a hollow shell of "this is our tradition." This is why catechesis is so important. Each generation of our children is taught in the doctrines of our most holy Christian faith and learns the Biblical reasons why we at Friedens Reformed Church baptize our babies, catechize our children, and hold the doctrines we do regarding the Trinity, Predestination, Grace, Faith, Justification, Sanctification, the Church, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

Again, on behalf of my family, I wish to extend to everyone a hearty "Thank you," for the warm welcome you extended when we arrived and have continued to extend as we gradually settle in to our new life at Friedens and in Tripp.

Pastor Andy.

## INSTALLATION SUNDAY SCHEDULED

Unless something unexpected arises, Pastor Andy's installation service will be on August 30. Jim Barnes, National Minister of the EA will be here, as well as one or two other minister friends of Pastor Andy. More detailed information will be provided in the bulletin and on our website.

## REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

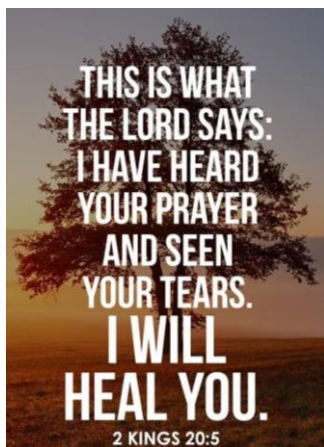
After the Palm Sunday service (4/5/2020), the Consistory decided that it was in our best interest to hold services via livestream for several weeks to monitor the progression of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Tenebrae Service (4/9/2020) was the first service to be done solely via livestream. The service was available on both the church website and on YouTube. The May 10 service was the last livestream only service. We resumed our regular in-house Lord's Day worship on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020. However the services have continued and will continue to be available for livestreaming, <https://www.friedensreformedchurch.com/events>. This will continue for the foreseeable future.

For those without the ability to view the services live, DVD's and CD's of the services are available. Please let Pastor Andy or any member of the Consistory know if you need DVD's or CD's and we will be sure to get them to you.

All the sermons since the arrival of Pastor Andy and his family are up on the media player of the church website, <https://www.friedensreformedchurch.com/sermons>. Older sermons will be added gradually. The process is slow and the backlog is long.

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### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

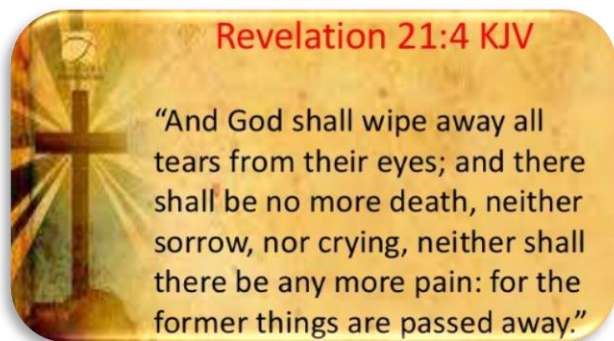


- Gary Stoebner
- Warren Brown
- Nursing Home Residents
- Shut-ins (list on page 4)

If you or a loved one would like to be included on the prayer list, please contact Pastor Andy.

Quinn Marie, daughter of Tim and Jane Mehlhaff, was born sleeping in the arms of Jesus on March 17.

Gideon Schultz went to be with the Lord on April 12, 2020. His funeral was held on Friday, April 15, 2020 at Goglin Funeral Home in Tripp.



### CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

High School graduates Dalton Fischer and Montana Stirling were recognized during the May 24<sup>th</sup> service.

Dalton plans to attend Mitchell Technical Institute, Mitchell, for diesel ag.

Montana will be attending SDSU, Brookings, in the fall then plans to transfer to Ridgewater College in Willmer, MN, for veterinary technology.

Along with our high school graduates, Friedens also had members graduate from technical schools this past May.

Brianna Stoebner and Jason Schnabel graduated from Lake Area Tech, Watertown. Brianna holds a degree in Dental Assisting. Jason graduated with a degree in Diesel Technology.

Cody Fischer graduated from Southeast Tech, Sioux Falls, with a degree in Law Enforcement Science.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK  
TO ALL THE GRADUATES!



## UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Caleb Finck and Toni Hanson  
were united in marriage on June  
6, 2020.

MAY GOD BLESS  
YOU AND YOUR UNION.

## UPDATE ON CHURCH SIGNS

Two signs have been completed. However, since powder coating costs have gone up, we are still a bit short for the two remaining signs.



If you would like to contribute to this project, please specify that on your donation.

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## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY HELD

On June 14th, five young adults affirmed their Christian belief and were admitted as members of our church. Friedens confirmands were Daniel Huether, Morgan Gemar, Megan Reiner, Jaden VanPelt, and Mason Reiner. Our Friedens confirmands were joined by the Salem Reformed confirmands Hunter Masterson and Kailie Derby. Pastor Mike Hecht from Salem Reformed officiated for the Rites of Confirmation.



Friedens Reformed Church would like to say a special thank you to Pastor Mike Hecht and Salem Reformed Church for helping with confirmation.

Thank you  
so much for  
letting God use  
your life  
for His glory.

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## OFFERING SCHEDULE

July 5 General Fund  
July 12 General Fund  
July 19 Benevolent Fund  
July 26 General Fund

August 2 General Fund  
August 9 Building Fund  
August 16 General Fund  
August 23 Benevolent Fund  
August 30 General Fund

September 6 General Fund  
September 13 Building Fund  
September 20 General Fund  
September 27 Benevolent Fund

If you are unable to attend weekly worship but wish to give to the church, the offering can be sent to Friedens Reformed Church, P O Box J, Tripp, SD, 57376.

## Women's Guild Update

With mission work being a large focus of the Women's Guild, in our April meeting, the Guild unanimously approved to contribute \$100 towards Morgan Gemar's July church campership at Swan Lake. We wish Morgan a wonderful Christian experience!

On Sunday, May 24, the Guild recognized our two Friedens Tripp-Delmont high school graduates during the church service. We wish to extend our congratulations and God's blessings to Dalton Fischer and Montana Stirling.

Confirmation Sunday was held at Friedens on June 14. The Guild recognized the confirmands which included Morgan Gemar, Daniel Huether, Mason Reiner, Megan Reiner and Jaden VanPelt of Friedens Reformed Church, as well as Kailie Derby and Hunter Masterson of Salem Reformed Church of Menno. We wish you God's guidance and blessings.

Church World Service Blanket Sunday was observed June 21. One blanket costs \$10 and is a vital resource for Americans in need. Thank you, Friedens, for your generosity.

The Guild's current mission project is the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox project. Operation Christmas Child is a worldwide outreach which ministers to children in war-torn and famine-stricken countries and provides more than 100 million gift-filled shoeboxes to needy children in over 100 countries yearly. Shoeboxes and additional information are now available in the church narthex.

We thank you for your prayers, donations and contributions to our mission work here at Friedens! AND, ladies, we welcome you to visit our next month's meeting, July 8 @ 7:30 PM. We'd love to have you!

### Friedens' Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents (With Addresses and Birthdays)

1. Ruby Batterman – David M. Dorsett Health Care-Memory Care Center, 1020 N. 10th St., Spearfish, SD 57783 Birthday: March 13
2. Maydean Dewald – Borman Manor Nursing Home, 501 N. 4th St., Parkston, SD 57366  
Birthday: Feb. 13
3. Betty L. Meyer – Trail Ridge Assisted Living, 3408 Ralph Rogers Rd #122, Sioux Falls, SD 57108  
Birthday: Aug. 4
4. Bob Pietz – Sister James Health Care Facility, 2111 W 11th, Chalkstone; Yankton, SD 57078  
Birthday: June 24
5. Elva Brosz – Borman Manor Assisted Living, 400 W Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Feb. 22
6. Violet Ehresmann – Bormann Manor Assisted Living, 400 W Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366  
Birthday: March 11

### Friedens' Shut-ins

1. Meta Herr–P.O. Box 131, Tripp, SD 57376
2. Janelle Meisenhoelder–101 S. Carpenter St., Tripp, SD 57376
3. Maynard and Adeline Dewald–P.O. Box 152, Tripp, SD 57376
4. Leroy Pietz–41115 284<sup>th</sup> Street, Tripp, SD 57376



## A NEW LOOK FOR THE BULLETIN



A new image has been added to the front of the church bulletin. The hand drawn picture was done by Aletheia Underhile. Thank you Aletheia for sharing your talents!

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### CHURCH OFFICE MAKEOVER

Thanks to the generous contributions made for the parsonage renovations, we were able to apply the extra funds to the church office. The carpet was removed and new plank flooring put in with fresh coats of paint for the walls.

### VBS POSTPONED with SUNDAY SCHOOL PLANNED FOR THE FALL

The community Vacation Bible School has been postponed for this summer. Plans are to use this year's material for next year. As of now, Sunday School will start up after Labor Day.

### EA NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

Friedens belongs to the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches. If you are interested in viewing their newsletter, The Networker, printed copies are available in the narthex. You can also sign up on their website to receive their newsletter. Their website address is <http://evangelicalassociation.org/>.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR BULLETIN

If you would like to place an announcement in the bulletin, please leave a message for Judy Mehlhaff by Friday of each week.

Watch the bulletin and website for more information on upcoming events and services.

Three ways to receive our newsletter:

1. View and download from church website.
2. Sign up to have it e-mailed to you.
3. Sign up to have it mailed to you.

To let us know how you would like to receive your newsletters, please sign the notebook in the narthex **OR** send us an email. Our email address is [friedensreformedchurch@gmail.com](mailto:friedensreformedchurch@gmail.com).