

FRIEDENS REFORMED CHURCH
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Thank you, Pastor Way!

After 19 years of serving our church, Pastor Way held his last service on Sunday September 1st. It was a day filled with laughter and tears.

During the service, the Consistory presented the Ways with a Terry Redlin print entitled "God Shed His Grace on Thee."

The last hymn sung that day was "God Will Take Care of You." It was a comforting way to say our farewell to Greg and Ladonna.

Following the service, a potluck dinner was shared downstairs, giving people of the church and the community a chance to say their goodbyes.

The members of Friedens Reformed Church wish the very best to Greg and Ladonna in this next chapter of their life. Greg and Ladonna have found a home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The mailing address is as follows:



LaDonna and Greg Way
1909 South Wheatland Court
Sioux Falls, SD 57106



FIND US ON THE WEB!

The church has a website. The address is:

friedensreformedchurch.com

Check it out. Some parts of the website are still under construction with information continuously updated.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Mother Nature seems to have her own plans for our area. It has been a difficult 2019 for many! Please pray for comfort for all who are affected.

Marcella Breitreutz passed away on July 14, 2019. Her funeral was held at Friedens Reformed on July 17, 2019. Please keep her family in your prayers.

On August 3, 2019, Pastor Way conducted graveside services for Donna Brosz, who died on July 31. Donna's funeral service was at Salem Zion Mennonite Church, rural Freeman. Our sympathies to her family.

WEDDING BELLS:

Tiffany Mehlhaff and Seth Horstman were united in marriage on June 29, 2019.

Laura Brown and Austin Bitterman exchanged wedding vows on July 13, 2019.

BEST WISHES IN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES.



Emma Dale Schroeder, born February 14, 2019, was baptized on August 18, 2019. Emma's parents are Rebecca Brown and Dudley Schroeder Jr. Emma joins big brother Dudley Schroeder III.

A love box was placed in the narthex for Gary Stuebner. Gary was diagnosed with liver cancer in the spring of 2019. Please pray for continued healing and strength for Gary and Robin.



SUNDAY SCHOOL and ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

September 8th was the first day of Sunday School for the school year. Sunday School begins at 9:00. Teachers this year are Jennifer Gemar, Lori Dewald, Eileen Gall, Jody Schnabel, Amy Brown and Lennis Mehlhaff. Jeff Mehlhaff plays piano for special music. If anybody wants to teach or help with music, please contact Gary Schnabel.

The adults also have Bible study time. They meet down in the multi-purpose room every Sunday at 9:00. Kathleen Barton is their leader.

Christian Education Sunday was held on September 29th. The students, teachers, and Christian Education members served cookies and coffee after church.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

With the start of a new school year, students in grades six through eight have begun confirmation classes. Our eighth grade class includes five students Morgan Gemar, Daniel Huether, Mason Reiner, Megan Reiner and Jaden VanPelt. They attend weekly classes with Pastor Mike Hecht of Salem Reformed Church in Menno. Confirmation Sunday at Friedens Reformed is planned for April 26th.

Emily Dewald, Jacey Friman and Izzy Schmidt, the sixth and seventh graders, attend confirmation every Wednesday at Friedens with their teacher Amy Brown.

Women's Guild Updates

The Women's Guild hosted its 21st annual Potato Topper event on Sept. 11 at Friedens Church with more than 200 attending. We thank all who attended and extend a BIG thank you for all the donations of time and delicious food. We greatly appreciate it! The proceeds will be used to continue the mission work of the Guild within the church and other areas of need.

On Sept. 29, as is tradition, the Guild presented a Bible to each of our Sunday school third graders: Leah Dewald, Emily Mehlhaff, and Jacob Mehlhaff.



Next month the Guild will focus on the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox mission project. All information can be found in the church narthex. These shoebox gifts are sent to needy children in the US and other parts of the world who are experiencing poverty or natural disaster.

Our Friedens youth may already be considering attending a summer church-related camp for 2020! One of the Guild's missions is to make a contribution towards fees to help offset the cost of camperships. Parents/Youth leaders, please provide necessary information to the Guild by the end of April for the Guild's consideration.

We are also including in this newsletter a list of Friedens members who are currently in care facilities or are shut-ins. A greeting card, phone call, or a visit surely would brighten their day!

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

1. Esther Hieb – Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs; 2111 W. 11th St.; Yankton, SD 57078
Birthday: July 27
2. Edna Hoff – Scotland Good Samaritan Center; 130 6th St.; Scotland, SD 57059
Birthday: March 2
3. Ruby Batterman – David M. Dorsett Health Care-Memory Care Center; 1020 N. 10th St.; Spearfish, SD 57783
Birthday: March 13
4. Maydean Dewald – Borman Manor; 501 N. 4th St.; Parkston, SD 57366
Birthday: February 13
5. Gideon Schultz – Sister James Health Care Facility, #122 Country; 2111 W. 11th St; Yankton, SD 57078
Birthday: February 23
6. Betty L. Meyer – Trail Ridge, Ind.; 3408 W. Ralph Rogers Rd., Apt. #301; Sioux Falls, SD 57108-2672
Birthday: August 4

Friedens' Shut-ins

1. Jean Finck – 103 W. Zeno St., Tripp, SD 57376
2. Elva Brosz – P.O. Box 367, Tripp, SD 57376
3. Meta Herr – P.O. Box 131, Tripp, SD 57376
4. Janelle Meisenhoelder – 101 S. Carpenter St., Tripp, SD 57376
5. Violet Ehresmann – P.O. Box 127, Tripp, SD 57376
6. Delores Winckler – 2505 Capital #203, Yankton, SD 57078
7. Adeline Dewald – P.O. Box 152, Tripp, SD 57376
8. Maynard Dewald – P.O. Box 152, Tripp, SD 57376
9. Leroy Pietz – 41115 284th Street, Tripp, SD 57376

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

In July, seven members of our youth group along with their leader Lisa Stuebner attended the Free Lutheran Youth Convention at Estes Park, Colorado. The theme this year was "I AM" based on the Bible verses of Isaiah 45:5-6. Upon their return, the youth gave a presentation sharing their favorite parts of the convention.

The convention is held every two years. The youth do a variety of fundraising to help fund the trip.

Besides attending the convention, our Youth Group has monthly meetings with the youth from our community. Lisa and Darold Bitterman are the leaders.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR FRIEDENS?

The Search Committee has been working hard to get our information out to different groups. We will be adding our name to the Evangelical Association of Reformed and Congregational Christian Churches website, the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference website, and area seminaries.

At this time, we will be using pulpit supply for Sunday services. A listing will be included in the bulletin weekly.

The Consistory will continue to visit those in care facilities and the home bound. If pastoral support is requested, we will contact local pastors for help. Please call the church phone number, 605-935-6758, to let Tim Mehlhaff, consistory president, know of hospital stays. The phone will ring a few times at the church and then will be forwarded to Tim's cell phone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 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 the following events:

October:

- Mission Fest, October 20, 2019
Speaker: Bobbie Friederich
Potluck to follow church service
- Annual Music Night

November:

- Thanksgiving Eve Service

December:

- Christmas Eve Service
- Christmas Day Service

OFFERING SCHEDULE:

October 6 – General Fund
13 – General Fund
20 – Mission Fest-Benevolent Fund
27 – General Fund

November 3 – General Fund
10 – Benevolent Fund
17 – General Fund
24 – General Fund

December 1 – General Fund
8 – General Fund
15 – General Fund
22 – Benevolent Fund
24 – Youth Group & Sunday School
25 – Benevolent Fund
29 – General Fund

A new greeters list is
available in the narthex.