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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Jacob's Pleading Grounds in Prayer

I am not one for "secrets" in the Christian life. The word smacks of Gnosticism. There are no secrets in the Christian life. We have been given all that we need for life and godliness. Secrets regarding prayer are especially troubling. Countless books have been published on the subject of prayer that purport to give us methods of guaranteeing success in prayer, as if God is bound by laws of physics that force Him to respond the way we want once we get the formula right. The Prayer of Jabez comes to mind. Millions of people were led to believe that by simply repeating this prayer in a mantra-like manner, they were certain to get untold blessings, most of which were financial.

Having said that, Scripture does give us models of prayer. These are prayers that were mighty. Mindlessly repeating them today does not guarantee an answer for us any more than a mindless speaking of them would have guaranteed anything when the prayers were originally uttered. However, these prayers do exhibit attitudes that please God.

An example of such is Jacob's Prayer at Mahanaim, which is found in Genesis 32:9-12. The prominent features of Jacob's prayer are the grounds on which he pleads with God.

First of all, he pleads with God on covenantal grounds. He says, "God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac."

Secondly, Jacob pleads on God's command and promise – He says, "Who said unto me, 'Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will do thee good.'"

Thirdly, Jacob pleads on the pure grace and mercy of God. – Jacob prays, "I am not worthy of the least of all the loving kindnesses, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two companies."

Fourthly, Jacob pleads on the grounds of God's deliverance. Relying solely on the unmerited mercy of God, he asks, "Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, the mother with the children."

And finally, Jacob pleads with God based on His past faithfulness. Jacob casts his eye back, not just to God's faithfulness to him, but all the way back to his father and grandfather's life. He says, "And thou saidst, 'I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

This is no claim to a secret to success in prayer, but it is certainly a model of a God-honoring prayer and one from which we can learn much.

Pastor Andy

Please know that if you would like to visit with Pastor Andy or have any concerns, feel free to reach out to him. You can contact Pastor Andy by calling the church office at 605-935-6758 or his cell phone at 605-505-1010.



WOMEN'S GUILD UPDATES

Our fall season was kicked off with the Friedens' Guild's 26th Potato Topper fundraising event on Wednesday, September 17. We greatly appreciate the welcomed turnout with approximately 190 baked potatoes served, including multiple topping choices and a great variety of delicious desserts. We thank all who attended, and we certainly appreciated the donations and all the gals and guys (young & not so young !) who were part of our "Kitchen Crew" and the many on "Other Assigned Duties"! Our purpose of mission work will continue, largely due to the success of this event! Thank you very much! The Guild's Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox mission project concludes Sunday, October 12. Shoeboxes are available in the church narthex, along with literature listing gift suggestions, etc., and how to pack the gift box. OR you may choose to simply drop your gifts in the box provided in the narthex! Guild members will pack these gifts for shipment to needy children in more than 100 countries worldwide. A \$10 fee may be added to each shoebox to cover shipping and handling charges, as well as Gospel lessons for each child as they continue to learn and grow in Jesus Christ.

We extend a sincere THANK YOU for your support in all our mission projects throughout our church year!

And for some really great news, we welcome two new members to our Friedens Women's Guild! Welcome, Hope Maag and Pat Reiner! We're so glad to have you, and we hope we've started a trend!! Come one, come all!!!

The following is a list of the various missions that our Guild supported this church year.

- *Feed the Children--\$180 yearly
- *Bible to each baptized newborn—one in 2025
- *Palms for children—Palm Sunday service
- *Donation to youth group—Estes Park camperships--\$1000 in 2025
- *Gifts to graduating seniors & confirmands
- *Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief (2025 TX flood) \$200
- *Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Mission Project (\$ TBD)
- *Union Gospel Mission--\$50 yearly
- *Bibles to our 3rd graders—none this year
- *Tripp Snack Pack Program (TAG)--\$200 yearly
- *Our Daily Bread devotionals--\$200 yearly
- *Children's Care Hospital (Lifescape) \$50 yearly
- *ZoeCare--\$500 in 2025
- *Blanket Sunday--\$343 donated by congregation & matched by Foundation
- *T-D School Classroom Supplies (\$ amount yet TBD from Potato Topper)
- *Friedens Sunday School (\$ amount yet TBD from Potato Topper)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Myron Stoebner passed away on October 6.
His funeral was held on October 12 at Salem
Reformed Church in Menno.

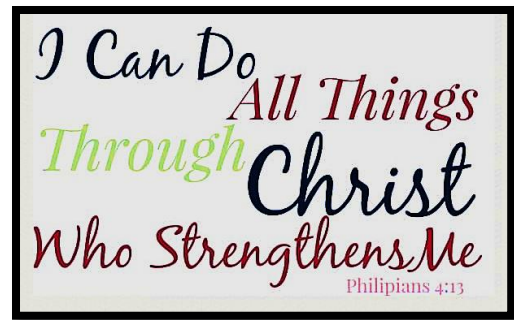
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

1. Curtis Huether – Avera Assisted Living; 400
West Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday:
Sept. 24
2. Mary Fischer – Borman Manor, 401 West
Glynn Drive, Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday:
July 20
3. Elton Stoebner – Good Samaritan Center,
130 6th St, Scotland, SD 57059 Birthday:
Mar. 30
4. Diane Stoebner – Good Samaritan Center,
2304 Laurel Street, Tyndall, SD 57066
Birthday: Dec. 24
5. Doris Schneider – Salem Mennonite Home,
106 W 7th, Freeman, SD 57029 Birthday:
May 7
6. Melvin Finck – Good Samaritan Center, 130
6th St, Scotland, SD 57058 Birthday: Nov.
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SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- ♥ Kelley Hartman, daughter-in-law of
Glenn and Marilyn Hartman, continues with her
health issue battle.
- ♥ Troy Hartman, son of Glenn and Marilyn
Hartman, for hope, courage, and strength.
- ♥ Rev. Greg Way for enduring each day
with faith and fortitude.
- ♥ Betty Sandau renewed strength for each
day's challenge.
- ♥ Gary Frank for comfort and strength to
overcome his health struggles.
- ♥ Mel Muntefering, asking God to give him
peace and courage.
- ♥ Marlene Nuss, praying that you feel God's
presence and find comfort in His love.



MISSION FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 19

Kyle Sorenson from the Avera Hospice Chaplaincy program will be the speaker at our 10:00 worship service. Avera hospice chaplains provide spiritual, emotional, and pastoral care to patients and families receiving end-of-life care, offering empathy, prayer, devotional materials, and a supportive presence to address existential questions and emotional needs. A potluck dinner will follow the service.



VOWS OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Jeffrey Schnabel and Kassidy Watters began their journey of faith together on July 12, 2025.

Logan VanPelt and Anna Bowers were united in the eyes of God on August 16, 2025.

Ethan Stoebner and Michaela Kokes were joined in a blessed union on September 20, 2025.



CONGRATULATIONS

Cody and Shelby Fischer welcomed their baby girl, Lainey Rose, on July 26th. Lainey joins big sister Paisley.



YOUTH GROUP SPREADS KINDNESS THROUGH SERVICE

Our youth group members, along with others in the Tripp Community Youth Group, spent an afternoon providing a free meal to the families staying in the Ronald McDonald House in Sioux Falls.



YOUTH ATTEND FLY CONVENTION

Members of the youth group attended the Free Lutheran Youth (FLY) Convention, an event designed to win the lost, build the believer, and encourage student discipleship within the local congregation. The convention was held June 30th through July 5th at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. The convention's theme was "Behold," drawing from the scripture John 1:29.

Mia Reiner shared that the experience helped the group grow closer together. "I felt like we really bonded," she said. Her favorite part of the convention was the morning sessions. "The speaker talked about how we connect with God through the Bible. When we read Scripture, we're not just learning about Him—we're reading with Him. We don't need to memorize the Bible; we need to internalize it."

Youth leader Becca Mehlhaff reflected on the Wednesday evening message, noting that the pastor reminded attendees that "the Holy Spirit always has the next best thing for you." She added that 1 Corinthians 1:7-9 continues to inspire her in her leadership role.

The group also emphasized that faith and joy go hand in hand. "God gave us these experiences not only to glorify Him," they shared, "but also to remind us that it's okay to have fun along the way."

The youth group thanks everyone for their continued support.



FOURTH QUARTER GREETERS

October

12 – Tiffany Horstman
 19 – Phyllis Dewald
 26 – Keith and Lynn Stoebner

November

2 – Marlin and Karen Nuss
 9 – Dale and Amy Brown
 16 – Chase and Bobbi Stoebner
 23 – Jeff and Becca Mehlhaff
 30 – Duane and Gail Vahl

December

7 – Diane Kuper
 14 – Jerry and Brenda Stoebner
 21 – Jason and Melissa Schnabel
 28 – Marvin Frey

January

4 – Tiffany Horstman
 11 – Phyllis Dewald
 18 – Keith and Lynn Stoebner
 25 – Marlin and Karen Nuss

OFFERING SCHEDULE

October	5	General Fund
	12	General Fund
	19	Mission Fest Benevolent Fund
	26	General Fund
November	2	General Fund
	9	General Fund
	16	Building Fund
	23	General Fund
	30	General Fund
December	7	General Fund
	14	Building Fund
	21	General Fund
	24	Youth Group & Sunday School
	25	Benevolent Fund
	28	General Fund



SPECIAL SERVICES

Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Wednesday, November 26,
 at 7:30

Christmas Eve Service
 Wednesday, December 24,
 at 7:30

Program Practice will begin in December. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

Christmas Day Service
 Thursday, December 25,
 at 10:00

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Ephesians 5:20

Giving thanks always for all things unto
God and the Father in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ