

Friedens Reformed Church

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Newsletter *January through March* **2019** *From Pastor Greg:*

Psychiatrists tell us that we don't have to live very long before each one of us is carrying around a bag of guilt. We don't measure up to our parent's expectations of us as children, so we started filling up our bag of guilt early. We read the Ten Commandments and try to measure up, but do not and we add to our bag of guilt. We hear Jesus tell us that we must love our enemies, but we can't, and we fill up the guilt bag once again. We read about the fruits of the Spirit being love, joy, peace, long suffering, patience, compassion, kindness, meekness, and we look at our lives full of sour fruit, and we add to our bag of guilt. "Love one another," said Jesus, but some of us can't even love ourselves and we have added to our bag of guilt. "Turn the other cheek," we hear, but we don't and we've added to our bag of guilt once more.

All of us are overloaded with a personal bag of guilt that we carry with us wherever we go, adding to it daily. This guilt paralyzes us. Fear of failure overcomes us. We will "never be able to measure up." So we either quit or, worse yet, don't even try.

I recently saw a very simple, but striking illustration, which served as a challenge to discipleship. An artist had drawn a picture of two bowls, with water in each. He explained that these two bowls were found in the passion story of Christ.

The first bowl was the one used by Pilate when he washed his hands of the responsibility of sending an innocent man to his death. The other was the larger bowl of water used by Jesus to wash the feet of His disciples at the Last Supper, whereby He reminded His followers to be humble and willing to serve one another.

The artist then asked, "Which bowl of water are you going to use? Do you wash in the one in which you wash your hands of your responsibility as a Christian? Or, the one where you accepted responsibility as a disciple and give yourself in service to others?"

President Theodore Roosevelt once said: "In the battle of life, it is not the critic who counts; nor the one who points out how the strong person stumbled, or where the doer of a deed could have done better. The credit belongs to the person who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotion, spends oneself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at worst, if he or she fails, at least fails while daring greatly.

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those timid spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory or defeat."

As people who call themselves "Christians" we have a directive to meet. We are told to "pick up our crosses and follow Him." This is active faith. This is what motivates us to life over death.

May God bless you as you follow your faith and live a life in Christ.

God Bless

Pastor Greg

From the Financial Secretary:

To give a **contribution** to Friedens Reformed Church, you can put your cash in a **contribution envelope** and place it in the offering plate. Another way to make a **contribution** is to write “**contribution**” in the memo line of your check and simply place it in the offering plate. Contributions may also be mailed directly to the Financial Secretary. Any and all checks placed in the offering plate that **DO NOT** have “**contribution**” written in the memo line will go towards **offering**. On the Sundays that are designated as **Benevolent Sunday or Building Fund Sunday**, any undesignated funds will be placed in these specific funds. If you would like a receipt for your contribution at the end of the year, you **must** use the contribution envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Stoebner, Financial Secretary, at 605-935-6689.

Future Events:

In October 2018:

October	7 th , 2018	Worship Service [Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper]	@ 10:00am
October	7 th , 2018	Christian Education Sunday	@ 10:00am
October	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	Worship Services	@ 10:00am.
October	3 rd , 2018	Consistory Meeting	@ 8:00pm
October	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st ,	2018 Confirmation Class	@ 4:00pm
October	10 th , 2018	Friedens Foundation	@ 7:30pm
October	10 th , 2018	Friedens Women’s Guild	@ 7:30pm
October	21 st , 2018	MISSION FEST	

In November 2018:

November	4 th , 2018	Worship Service [Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper]	@ 10:00am
November	4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th	2018 Worship Services	@ 10:00am
November	7 th , 2018	Consistory Meeting	@ 8:00pm
November	7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	2018 Confirmation Class	@ 4:00pm
November	11 th , 2018	Veterans Day	
November	14 th , 2018	Friedens Women’s Guild	@ 7:30pm
November	21 st ,	THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE	@ 7:30pm

In December 2018:

December	2 nd , 2018	Worship Service [Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper]	@ 10:00am
December	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd , 30 th	2018 Worship Services	@ 10:00am.
December	5 th , 2018	Consistory Meeting	@ 7:30pm.
December	4 th , 2018	Friedens Women’s Guild	@ 7:30pm.
December	5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th	2018 Confirmation Class	@ 4:00pm
December	24 th , 2018	Christmas Eve Service	@ 7:00pm
December	25 th , 2018	Christmas Day Service	@ 10:00am

Friedens Members in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:

- Esther Hieb: Avera Sacred Heart Majestic Bluffs;
2111 W. 11th Street
Yankton, SD 57078
Birthday: July 27th, 1917
- Neil Finck: Scotland Good Samaritan Center,
130 6th Street
Scotland, SD 57059
Birthday: July 2nd, 1926
- Edna Hoff: Scotland Good Samaritan Center,
130 6th Street
Scotland, SD 57059
Birthday: March 2nd, 1918
- Ruby Batterman: David M. Dorsett Health Care Center
1020 N. 10th, Street
Spearfish, SD 57783
Birthday: March 13th, 1931
- Marcella Breikreutz: Wagner Good Samaritan Center
515 Highway 46
Wagner, SD 57380
Birthday: January 26th, 1934
- Del Ray Herr: Wagner Good Samaritan Center
515 Highway 46
Wagner, SD 57380
Birthday: May 12th, 1932
- Gideon Schultz: Avera Sister James Care Center
2111th, Street
Yankton, SD 57078
Birthday: February 9th, 1925