

FRIEDENS REFORMED CHURCH

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Scripture contains many expressions of God's faithfulness to His people. They are usually defined with phrases like "from generation to generation," "before the foundation of the world," or "to a thousand generations."

Even in the Decalogue, we see it in regard to the 2nd Commandment. God says, "The Lord your God is a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the 3rd and 4th generation of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands..." This is an expression of contrast. God declares that He shows His wrath to 3 or 4 generations, but His mercy to thousands," which means thousands of generations. The contrast is between 3-4 generations and thousands of generations.

Phrases such as this are intended to convey to us some idea of God's eternity and infinity is contrast with the brevity of our creaturely lives and the finitude of our existence. James reminds us, "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." (James 4:14). Our lives, even at their longest, are mere vapors – mists that disappear as quickly as they appear.

In Psalm 90, Moses worships God as the "dwelling place" of His people in all generations. He elaborates this idea with these words, "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God." God's love for His people is eternal. He has loved us with His faithful love, even before we were created. This is something we would all benefit from thinking about.

He continues by reminding us that God dwells completely outside of time. He says, in verse 4, "A thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night." God is unaffected by the passage of time. He does not break down and weary because Time itself is His creature.

Then down in Psalm 90:10, we read, "The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." The point of bringing up our 70-80 year lifespans is to set it in contrast with God and His eternal faithfulness. We do not live in constant unwavering faithfulness to God. We all know and admit this. But even assuming the best, that we were unwaveringly faithful to God for our entire 70-80 years, what's that in comparison with "everlasting to everlasting"?

Since our lives are circumscribed by the limits of 7-8 decades, the most reliable gauge we have for God's faithfulness is what we have witnessed with our own eyes. And that's what the significance of an event like our 125th Anniversary is. It's a way for us to see beyond our own short lives to witness how God has been faithful to us, in our own experience and the accumulated experience of our forebears.

Friedens Reformed Church is 125 years old, and the Tripp Charge of the German Reformed Church, to which it belonged, goes back another 25 years to 1876, when Jacob Orth pioneered Reformed Churches across this part of the state.

This anniversary is an open witness to us of God's faithfulness. Our church is older than our oldest living members. This fact is a witness to the faithfulness of God – His covenant faithfulness that reaches from generation to generation. Let us reflect gratefully on the unmerited goodness of God, who provided strength and resolve to our forefathers, men like Rev. Orth, to pioneer this work and the determination to persevere when times were tough. Our own congregation was first formed in 1901, pioneered by Rev. Michael Nuss. The continued presence of his descendants among us for the past 4 generations is yet another testimony to God's faithfulness "from generation to generation."

Our church bell has the following inscription, which should now and always be our true sentiments as we think about our history. "In memory of the fathers of the Faith who pioneered in this community and who labored to give us so rich a heritage of faith."
Pastor Andy

CELEBRATING
125th
Anniversary
OF FRIEDENS REFORMED CHURCH

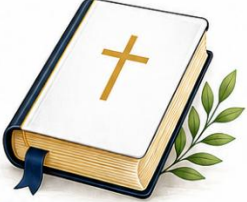


The 125th Anniversary Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in having a picture taken for the Church Directory. A special thank you to *Laura Lee* for taking the photographs and working around the various scheduling times.

Please join us on
Sunday, July 26, at 10:00 a.m.

for a meaningful worship service
celebrating the 125th Anniversary
of Friedens Reformed Church.

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Ron Nuss-Warren,
a former member of Friedens Reformed Church.





Following the service, a **catered meal** will be served at the Tripp Legion Hall, provided by Friedens Reformed Church.

We encourage you to share this invitation with family and friends.



The **Church Directory** and your **photographs** will be available to be picked up at the Legion Hall following the noon meal.

*We look forward to celebrating
125 years of God's faithfulness with you!*

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Continuing our mission service for our Friedens Church families, the Guild served Melvin Finck's funeral on March 20, 2026, and Gary Frank's funeral on May 7, 2026. Our sincere condolences to their families and a grateful thanks to those who volunteer to serve in these times of need.

Church World Service Blanket Sunday was observed on June 21st. Your donation to this Guild mission project was \$269, which will greatly benefit many impacted by homelessness, pandemics, poverty, weather disasters, etc. Thank you!

Copies of the Our Daily Bread devotionals continue to be available in our church narthex. Take one for yourself and gift one to a friend.

You will notice that the Guild's 2026 Samaritan's Christmas Shoebox display has also found its place in our narthex! This worldwide mission reaches children in 100-plus countries affected by famine, natural disasters, war, disease, and more. Shoeboxes are available in the church narthex, along with literature listing gift suggestions (what is acceptable & what is not), 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 then 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. The collection deadline is October 11, 2026. Thank you!

AND, the Women's Guild has set Wednesday, September 16, 2026, for our annual POTATO TOPPER fundraiser mission project! MARK YOUR CALENDAR(S)!!! More information to follow.

We thank you for your prayers, donations, and contributions of self to our mission work here at Friedens!



Hebrews 10: 23-25

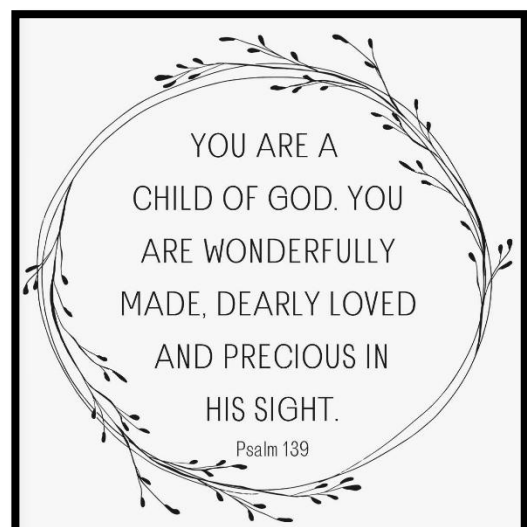
23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

During a fifth-grade Sunday School lesson this spring, the students were encouraged to think about how they could apply the message of Hebrews 10:23-25 to their own lives. Their lesson prompted me to ask all of us the same question: How can we, as a congregation, live out these verses by encouraging one another, gathering together, and growing in our faith?

CONGRATULATIONS

McKenzie and Ian Fisher welcomed Maverick Allen to their family on March 30.

Ramsey Lynn was born on May 21 to Tiffany and Seth Horstman. She joins big siblings Rowan and Palmer.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Gary Frank passed from the loving arms of his family into the Almighty Father's on May 2. Funeral services were held on May 7.

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. Elton Stoebner – Good Samaritan Center, 130 6th St, Scotland, SD 57059 Birthday: Mar. 30
3. Doris Schneider – Salem Mennonite Home, 106 W 7th, Freeman, SD 57029 Birthday: May 7
4. Warren Brown – Menno Olivet Care Center, 402 S Pine St, Menno, SD 57045 Birthday: May 23

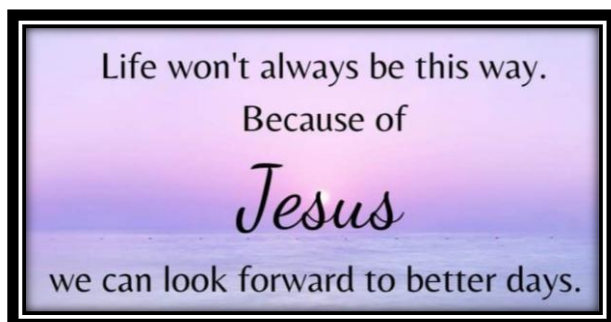
SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

♥ Rev. Greg Way for enduring each day with faith and fortitude.

♥ National Minister, James Barnes, for prayers that nodules are not malignant or metastasized from his old cancer. And if they are, pray that there is no further spread. Also, pray for peace for Rev. Barnes and his wife, Patti.

♥ Ramsey Horstman as she gains weight and strength in preparation for her next surgery. May He also surround her family with comfort, hope, and His peace.

♥ Marlin Nuss as he recovers from heart surgery. We pray that God will bless him with healing, renewed strength, peace, and a successful recovery.



ZoeCare Annual Dessert Fundraiser

Thursday, July 30, 2026
at Calvary Baptist Church

2407 Broadway Ave
Yankton, SD 57078

6:00 to 7:00 pm Social Hour
serving appetizers, desserts, and refreshments

7:00 to 8:30 pm Program

- ministry update
- client testimonials
- comedian Tim Boyd

Friedens has been a supporter of ZoeCare for the work they provide for pregnancy services and education.

RSVP by July 16, 2026



SUNDAY SCHOOL begins September 13th. New teachers are always welcome! If interested, please contact Gary Schnabel.



PLAYGROUND SOLD

At a special meeting, the congregation voted to sell the property located one block east of the church. Many years ago, the property was used as a playground during Vacation Bible School, but it had remained unused in recent years. The property has since been developed, and a beautiful new home now stands there. We hope it will soon welcome a new family to the Tripp community.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL A SUCCESS

Psalms 23 was the focus of this year's Vacation Bible School. Each day's lessons highlighted different truths from the Shepherd's Psalm, helping children learn that the Lord is their Shepherd, Leader, Comforter, Provider, and Promise Keeper. This year's mission project supported the area Snack Pack Program, and thanks to generous giving, we collected \$514.47.

Thank you for your continued support of VBS in making this a success for our community youth.



ROCK GARDEN MAKEOVER

The rock garden between the Sunday School addition and the narthex has been beautifully refreshed. Earlier this spring, the old plants were removed, and fresh rock was added. In May, new shrubs and a prayer bench completed the transformation. Memorial gifts made it possible to create this peaceful space where all are welcome to sit, reflect, pray, and enjoy God's creation.



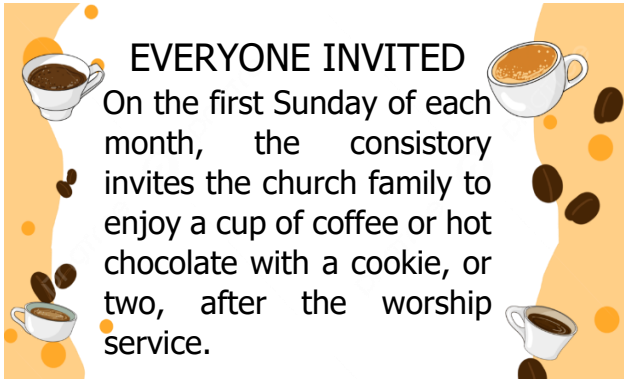
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EVERYONE INVITED
On the first Sunday of each month, the consistory invites the church family to enjoy a cup of coffee or hot chocolate with a cookie, or two, after the worship service.

Psalm 23



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.
HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES.

HE LEADS ME BESIDE STILL WATERS.

HE RESTORES MY SOUL. HE LEADS ME IN PATHS OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.

EVEN THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE
SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL.

FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF,
THEY COMFORT ME.

YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE

PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES; YOU ANOINT MY HEAD

WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME

ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I SHALL DWELL IN

THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER