

# FRIEDENS REFORMED CHURCH

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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

### Christ's View of Scripture

The Bible asserts its own inspiration. The Bible claims to deal authoritatively with all questions of religion and morality. The Old Testament uses the formula, "Thus saith the Lord," 413 times.

There are numerous direct quotations and allusions throughout by the Old Testament penmen to each other. The New Testament gives its familiar "It is written," 63 times. The New Testament also cites itself on many occasions. Peter classes all of Paul's epistles with the inspired Scriptures (2 Pet. 3:15-16). Paul quotes Luke's gospel as Scripture in 1 Timothy 5:18 (cf. Luke 10:7). Luke refers to his previous work (Acts 1:1). Jude cites 2 Peter 3:2-3 in verse 18 of his Epistle. John alludes to his own gospel. Paul mentions another Epistle he had penned (1 Cor. 5:9).

The clincher though is Revelation 1:2, where the Word of God is identified with the testimony of Jesus Christ! This statement runs in both directions. Firstly, it means that the testimony of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is as fully God's Word as the Old Testament. Secondly, it means that the Old Testament is just as much the testimony of Jesus Christ as is the New Testament.

If Christ possesses any authority or integrity as a teacher (not to mention His authority as God), then the Scriptures are inspired. This can be demonstrated by His use of Scripture:

1. He knew the Scriptures thoroughly, even to words and verb tenses. He obviously had either memorized vast portions or knew it instinctively. (John 7:15).

(Incidentally, Jesus need not verify every passage in the Canon or else we would find the whole Old Testament re-quoted in the New Testament. That would be unnecessary. He verifies enough of it to assure us of His complete agreement with us all, including passages from all but a few books. Yet those also were in His Canon. He did not refute any of them.)

2. He believed every word of Scripture. All the prophecies concerning Himself were fulfilled, and He believed beforehand they would be.

3. He believed the Old Testament was historical fact. This is very clear, even from the Creation (cf. Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:4, 5) onward. Much of what Jesus believed has long been under fire from the critics as being mere fiction. Here are some examples of historical facts from the Old Testament attested to by Jesus:

- Luke 11:51 Abel was a real individual
- Matthew. 24:37-39 Noah and the flood (Luke 17:26, 27)
- John 8:56-58 Abraham
- Matthew 10:15; 11:23, 24 (Luke 10:12) Sodom and Gomorrah
- Luke 17:28-32 Lot (and wife!)

- Matthew 8:11 Isaac and Jacob (Luke 13:28)
- John 6:31, 49, 58 Manna
- John 3:14 Serpent
- Matthew 12:39-41 Jonah
- Matthew 12: 42 – the Queen of Sheba
- Matthew 24:15 Daniel and Isaiah

4. He believed the books were penned by the men whose names they bear:

- Moses penned the Pentateuch: Matthew 19:7, 8; Mark 7:10, 12:26 ("Book of Moses"); Luke 5:14; 16:29, 31; 24:27, 44; John 1:17; 5:45, 46; 7:19; ("The Law was given by Moses; Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ.")
- Isaiah wrote Isaiah: Mark 7:6-13; John 12:37-41.
- Jonah wrote Jonah: Matthew 12:39-41.
- Daniel wrote Daniel: Matthew 24:15.

5. He believed the Old Testament was spoken by God Himself, written by the Holy Spirit's inspiration, even though the pen was held by men: Matthew 19:4, 5; 22:31, 32, 43; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37.

6. He believed Scripture was more powerful than His miracles: Luke 16:29, 31.

7. He actually quoted it in overthrowing Satan! The Old Testament Scriptures were the arbiter in every dispute: Matthew 4; Luke 16:29, 31.

8. He quoted Scripture as the basis for His own teaching. His ethics were the same as what we find already written in Scripture: Matthew 7:12; 19:18, 19; 22:40; Mark 7:9, 13; 10:19; 12:24,29-31; Luke 18:20.

9. He warned against replacing it with something else or adding or subtracting from it. The Jewish leaders in His day had added to it with their Oral Traditions: Matthew 5:17; 15:1-9; 22:29; (cf. 5:43, 44); Mark. 7:1-12. (Destroying faith in the Bible as God's Word will open the door today to a "new" Tradition.)

10. He will judge all men in the last day, as Messiah and King on the basis of His infallible Word committed to writing by holy guided by the infallible Holy Spirit: Matthew 25:31; John 5:22, 27; 12:48; Romans 2:16.

11. He made provision for the New Testament by sending the Holy Spirit. We must note that He Himself never wrote one word of Scripture although He is the Word of God Himself (the living Word in flesh and blood, see John, chapter 1). He committed the task of all writing of the Word of God to men guided by the infallible Holy Spirit. The Apostles' words have the same authority as Christ's: Matthew 10:14, 15; Luke 10:16; John 13:20; 14:22; 15:26, 27; 16:12-14.

12. He not only was not jealous of the attention men paid to the Bible, He reviled them for their ignorance of it: Matthew 22:29; Mark 12:24.

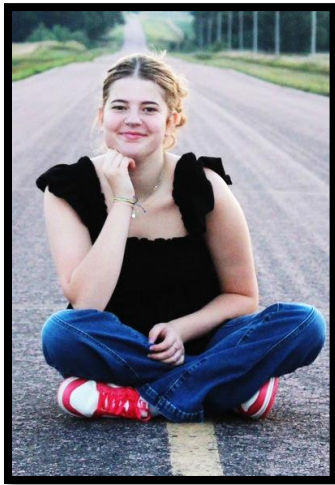
Therefore, we can only conclude that our Lord Jesus Christ considered Scripture as God's Word, written by the hand of men.

Pastor Andy



## BLESSINGS ON YOUR JOURNEY: CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Congratulations to Isabella Schmidt, Alethia Underhile, and Mattilyn Reiner! Isabella graduated from Tripp-Delmont High School on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Alethia graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history. Mattilyn has completed the academic part of physical therapy graduate school at Briar Cliff and has one year of clinicals.



## WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Friedens drew our school year to a close with recognizing one high school graduate, Isabella Schmidt, daughter of Tom and Connie Schmidt, and one confirmand, Emily Mehlhaff, daughter of Jeff and Rebecca Mehlhaff. Each was recognized with a gift from Friedens Women's Guild. Congratulations, young ladies!

Church World Service Blanket Sunday was observed on June 15. Your \$343 will be a vital resource for many needy Americans. Thank you, Friedens!

The Guild reported for KP duty on June 24 and spent the morning sprucing up the kitchen and flower room. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done!

The Guild supported the Friedens Youth Group with a \$1000 donation for the Christian FLY Convention at Estes Park, CO, scheduled for June 30 through July 5. Attending are Mia Reiner and Friedens' Youth Group leader Rebecca Mehlhaff.

The most recent copies of OUR DAILY BREAD devotionals continue to be available in the church narthex. Take one for yourself and gift one to a friend!

Our Friedens' funeral committees served the luncheon for the funeral of Betty Wormsbecher on April 30, 2025. We extend our sincere condolences to Betty's family as we serve our Friedens' families.

The Guild's yearly Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe box mission project will make its appearance soon! This world-wide mission project reaches out to children in over 100 countries around the world affected by famine, natural disasters, disease and war. Shoeboxes and additional information will soon be available in the narthex.

AND mark your calendars for the soon approaching Friedens' annual Potato Topper event-- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025! More information to follow!

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 on July 9 @ 7:00 PM. We'd love to have you!

Thank you to those who shared their Easter lilies.

Given by:

Diane Kuper  
Mark Stoebner  
Arlo Dewald Family  
Melvin Huether  
Marlene Nuss  
Bob and Suk Nuss  
Gerrie and Marlin Nuss

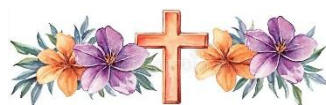
Elton Stoebner  
Curtis Huether family  
Schaefer Family  
Jerry and Brenda Stoebner

Robin Stoebner

Terry and Hope Maag  
Keith and Lynn Stoebner  
Leon and Pat Reiner  
Eileen Gall

Given for:

Karl Kuper  
Aaron and Elverna Stoebner  
Maydean Dewald  
Ardina Huether & Carol Prien  
Floyd Nuss and family  
Jesus Christ  
Eugene and Vesta Nuss  
LaVern and Arlene Schaefer  
Emmanuel and Alma Stoebner  
Gail Huether  
LaVern and Arlene Schaefer  
Helmuth and Elaine Stoebner  
Irwin and Irene VandeGriend  
Aaron and Elverna Stoebner  
Russell Wirt, Anthony Kollmann,  
Julie Stoebner, Randy Wirt,  
Gary Stoebner, Brock Stratman  
Brian Maag, Lothar and Juanita Maag



SUNDAY SCHOOL begins September 7<sup>th</sup>. New teachers are always welcome!  
If interested, please contact Gary Schnabel.



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Elmer Keller passed away on April 12. His funeral was held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Scotland on April 19.

Betty Wormsbecher went to her heavenly home on April 24. Funeral services were held on April 30.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

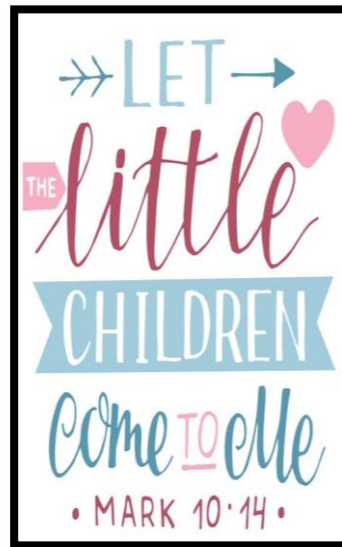
Friedens' Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents (With Addresses and Birthdays)

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. 15

### SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- ♥ Kelley Hartman, daughter-in-law of Glenn and Marilyn Hartman, as she continues with her health issue battle.
- ♥ Troy Hartman, son of Glenn and Marilyn Hartman, for hope, courage, and strength.
- ♥ Marc Reiner for comfort in his healing journey.
- ♥ Rev. Greg Way for enduring each day with faith and fortitude.
- ♥ Betty Sandau for renewed strength for each day's challenge.

## CONGRATULATIONS



Baby girl Shaelynn Claire was born to Brice and Brittany Zwak on April 16th. She joins big brothers, Aiden and Kasen.

Baby girl Berklee Ann was born to Anna Bowers and Logan VanPelt on April 24th.



## CONFIRMATION: A NEW CHAPTER IN FAITH

Congratulations to Emily Mehlhaff on her confirmation on June 1. We celebrate this important step in your faith journey and pray that God continues to guide, strengthen, and bless you as you grow in your relationship with Him.



## AN EPIC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK

This year's theme was an Epic Australian Adventure. The program focused on the theme verse John 14:6: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life". The groups learned how Jesus calls, leads, teaches, saves, and sends them to share the Good News with others through engaging activities, Bible lessons, crafts, and music. The program emphasized exploring God's Word and discovering Jesus as the ultimate guide through life's challenges. This year's mission project supported the area Snack Pack Program, and thanks to generous giving, we collected an impressive \$549.32.

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



### OFFERING SCHEDULE

July	6	General Fund
	13	General Fund
	20	Benevolent Fund
	27	General Fund
August	3	General Fund
	10	General Fund
	17	Building Fund
	24	Benevolent Fund
	31	General Fund
September	7	Benevolent Fund
	14	General Fund
	21	Building Fund
	28	General Fund



## ZoeCare Annual Dessert Fundraiser

**Thursday, July 17 at  
the Riverfront Event Center**  
121 West Third St, Yankton, SD

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

### 7:00 to 8:00 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.

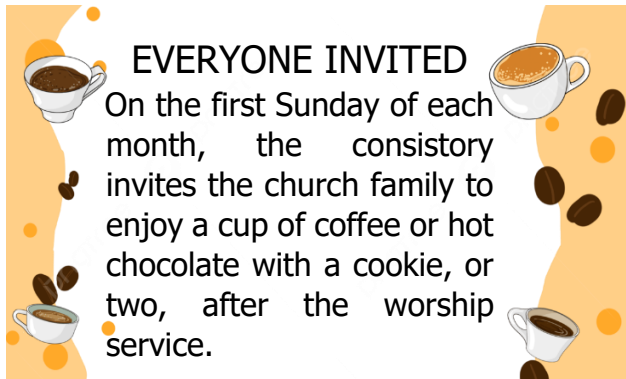
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## GREETERS FOR THIRD QUARTER

### July

6	Jason and Melissa Schnabel
13	Marvin Frey
20	Tiffany Horstman
27	Phyllis Dewald

### September

7	Duane and Gail Vahl
14	Diane Kuper
21	Jerry and Brenda Stoebner
28	Jason and Melissa Schnabel

### August

3	Keith and Lynn Stoebner
10	Marlin and Karen Nuss
17	Dale and Amy Brown
24	Chase and Bobbi Stoebner
31	Jeff and Becca Mehlhaff

### October

5	Marvin Frey
12	Tiffany Horstman
19	Phyllis Dewald
26	Keith and Lynn Stoebner

If you are unable to be a greeter on your designated Sunday, please exchange with someone and then inform Judy Mehlhaff (935-6335 or 770-8231) of the exchange. Greeters should be at the Church one-half hour before the service. Thank you for your time to be a greeter!



## ZoeCare

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Monday, January 13, 2025

Dear Friedens Reformed Church,

Thank you for supporting ZoeCare. Every time you invest in ZoeCare, you are providing the opportunity for abundant life to the clients we serve.

- Your giving in 2024 provided:
- **16 lives** rescued from abortion
- **171 families** heard a message of hope and love
- **3,100+** items of material aid were provided
- **86 free pregnancy tests** and **85 ultrasounds** were performed
- **1,018 Earn While You Learn** appointments
- **102 appointments** in Spanish
- **Go For the Gold: Healthy Relationship Training for Youth** taught by ZoeCare staff at Vermillion High School and Gayville-Volin High School

Below, you will find a receipt for your donation.

ZoeCare is a 501 (c) (3) organization with tax ID #84-3324216. All gifts to ZoeCare are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We have not provided you with any goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

***Thank you for your continued support and for playing an essential role within this organization. Many blessings to you in the New Year!***

### Donations

Date	Amount	Tax
06/24/2024	\$500.00	\$500.00
10/18/2024	\$3,916.90	\$3,916.90
12/11/2024	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,916.90</b>	<b>\$4,916.90</b>

Sincerely,

Rebekah Jones