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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Pastor Andy's Easter Children's Sermon – Sermon Text – 1 Samuel 6:1-15

This morning is Easter Sunday. It is the day when Jesus rose from the dead. In one way, we remember the Lord Jesus coming back from the dead every Sunday. That's why we call Sunday "The Lord's Day." It is His day because it is the day that He came back to life.

The story we just read is a beautiful picture of the same truth. Jesus was taken away from His Church. In our story, God's Ark was taken away from the Church. Jesus was killed by the wicked world. In our story, God's priests were killed. The priests were like pictures to God's people of the work of Jesus and how He sacrifices for His people. Jesus was buried in a dark cave. In our story, the Ark of God was carried into the dark, sinful land of the Philistines. Jesus was dead for three days. God's Ark was carried to three cities of the Philistines.

I hope you can see this. And I hope you can see what I often tell you: that all of the Bible, even the stories about kings, prophets, whales, floods, and battles are really all about Jesus.

When the Ark was captured, it was like God was dead. None of God's people could come to the Church and worship or offer sacrifices. It was like God was dead and there was no hope of salvation for His people. In the same way, we Jesus died, it seemed like God was dead. All hope of salvation was lost. One of Jesus' followers said, "Our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel." You see how disappointed this man sounded. He said, "We were hoping that Jesus would save God's people. But He was crucified and killed."

If you had lived in Israel in the days of Eli, you would've probably felt the same way. "I thought God was among us. I thought God was our Savior. But not only have we been beaten by our enemies; they've even captured God."

Do you remember last week how we learned that God was punishing the evil Philistines with sore, boils, and mice? The Ark was taken to three cities: Ashdod, Gath, and Ekron. And in all three cities, God gave the people the same sores and boils and flooded their fields with lots and lots of mice who were eating up all their food. God was showing the Philistines that their god, Dagon, was not real. He couldn't protect the people who worshiped Him. No one can fight God and win.

Well, finally they Philistines said, "We give up." They didn't believe in God to love and worship Him; they just wanted Him to stop punishing them. So they decided to send the Ark back to Israel.

The Philistines didn't want to believe that God is who sent the sickness and mice to them. So they made a sacrifice and a test. First, they made little mice and boils out of gold. I can imagine what the mice looked like, but I can't imagine what the golden boils must've looked like. The mice and boils

were pictures of God's anger against them. So they made little golden "gifts" so that the God of the Ark might stop hurting them. But because they didn't really want to believe that God was who was doing this to them, they also made a test.

The got two mother cows, who had just given birth and they hitched them to a wagon. But the baby cows, they tied to a post. The momma cows wouldn't want to leave their babies. So if these cows left their babies, then they thought, "It must really be God who is doing this." But their test had another part to it. The cows were not lead where to go. They were just left alone. If they walked around wherever, then it was not God who did this, but if they walk straight down the road to a city of Israel, then we will know that it was God who punished us with all these things.

Can you imagine how happy the people of Israel were when they looked up and saw this cart coming up the road with the Ark on it? God was alive! God had come back to His people. He wasn't really captured and beaten after all!

That is exactly how the disciples of Jesus felt when they saw Jesus alive after three days. God was really alive; He was with them. He had not been beaten by death – He had beaten death! And they could have forgiveness of their sins because God was with them again. Pastor Andy



WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Guild's church year began on March 10 with our first 7 PM meeting. We will continue the 7 PM meetings for 2022 on the second Wednesday of each month from March through November----watch the church bulletin for the meeting date/time during the Lenten season.

Friedens ladies, please consider visiting a Guild meeting this church year, and possibly you'll be convinced to become a member as we carry out the mission work of our church! We will make you feel welcome, and we have room for you!

The 2022 handouts including church greeters, flower committees, funeral committees, as well as current OUR DAILY BREAD devotionals continue to be available in the narthex.

Our Friedens funeral committees have served lunches for six funerals/memorials since October: Larry Schultz, October 16; Violet Ehreshman, December 21; Goldi Winckler, December 28; Agnes Stoebner, February 7; Judy Fischer, March 5; Marilyn Pietz, March 11. We extend our sincere sympathies to their families. It is also very important that we thank ALL for the generous donations of food and the helping hands in serving our Friedens' families who have lost loved ones!

An FYI.... summer church camps are soon approaching, so parents, students and youth leaders, please turn in the following information to Eileen Gall or any other Guild member by the end of April for donation consideration. 1. Name(s) of student(s) attending 2. Location and date of camp 3. Cost per student.

That is, that we may be
mutually encouraged by
each other's faith, both
yours and mine.
Romans 1:12

2022 Committees

Consistory:

Mark Stoebner, President
Sheldon Huether, Vice-President
Amy Brown, General Treasurer
Conrad Finck, Asst General Treasurer
Geri Saenz, Benevolent Treasurer
Caleb Finck, Asst Benevolent Treasurer
Mark Gemar, Special Funds Treasurer
Mike Nuss, Asst Special Funds Treasurer
David Winckler, Financial Secretary
Dennis Schnabel, Asst Financial Secretary
Tiffany Horstman, Secretary
Tom Schmidt, Asst Secretary

Christian Education Committee:

Gary Schnabel, Superintendent	
Amy Brown, Treasurer	
Lennis Mehlhaff	Lori Dewald
Jeff Mehlhaff	Jen Gemar
Jody Schnabel	Eileen Gall
Pastor Andy Underhile	

Women's Guild:

Eileen Gall	Phyllis Dewald
Pauline Finck	Sandra Stoebner
Marlene Nuss	Sally Schatz
Brenda Stoebner	Diane Stoebner
Geri Saenz	Kathy Barton
Robin Stoebner	Diane Kuper
Betty Wormsbecher	

Foundation Members:

Tim Mehlhaff	David Finck
Lori Dewald	Jen Gemar
Sheri K. Fischer	Lynn Stoebner
Keith Frey	Leon Reiner
Diane Kuper	Sheldon Huether
Mark Stoebner	David Winckler

Music Committee:

Conrad Finck	Keith Stoebner
Lennis Mehlhaff	Shelly Finck

Welcome Committee: Lennis and Judy Mehlhaff

Auditing Committee:

Jeff Mehlhaff	Jody Schnabel
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Building & Grounds Committee:

Mark Gemar, Sheldon Huether,
Mark Stoebner

Cemetery Committee:

Marvin Frey	Marlin Nuss
Terry Maag	David Winckler

Christmas Committee:

Glen and Lori Dewald
Mike Nuss
Ricky and Jennifer Arreola
Laura and Brandon Lee

Technology Coordinators: Caleb Finck and Amy Brown

Historian: Robert Hoff and Lennis Mehlhaff

Secretary: Judy Mehlhaff

Custodian: Ricky Arreola

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

1. Maydean Dewald – Borman Manor; 501 N. 4th St., Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Feb. 13
2. Elva Brosz – Borman Manor; 400 W Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Feb. 22
3. Pauline Finck – Springfield Assisted Living, 701 Pine St, Springfield, SD 57062 Birthday: Nov 13
4. Betty Wormsbecher, Salem Mennonite Home, 106 W 7th, Freeman, SD 57029 Birthday: Feb 1

Friedens' Shut-ins

1. Janelle Meisenhoelder–101 S. Carpenter St., Tripp, SD 57376
2. Maynard Dewald–P.O. Box 152, Tripp, SD 57376
3. Sandra Stoebner-28209 SD Hwy 37, Parkston, SD 57366
4. Lavern and Arlene Schaefer, P.O. Box 384, Tripp, SD 57376

2022 Worship Service Communion Dates

January 2nd
February 6th
March 2nd - Ash Wednesday
March 6th
April 3rd
April 14th- Maundy Thursday
April 17th - Easter
May 1st
June 5th - Pentecost
July 3rd
August 7th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th
December 25th - Christmas Day

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

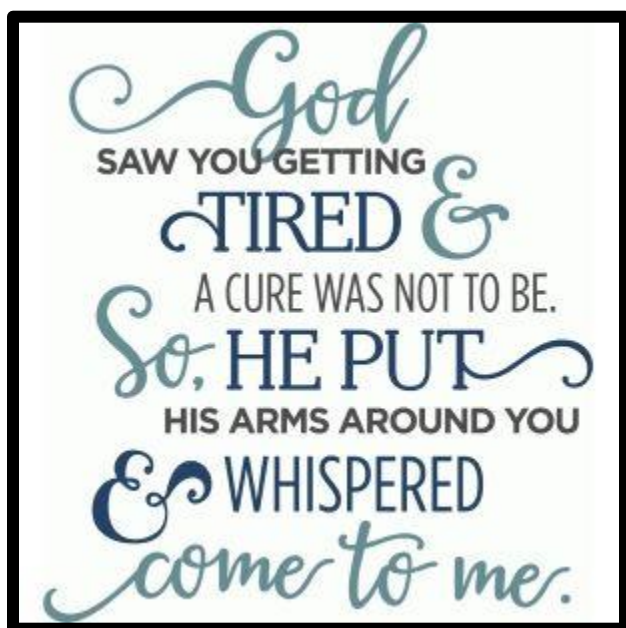
Betty Lou Meyer, born August 4, 1934, went to her heavenly Father on January 11, 2022.

Agnes Stoebner, born June 7, 1924, went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2022.

Judy Fischer, born March 28, 1948, earned her angel wings on February 25, 2022.

Marilyn Pietz, born June 16, 1946, was called to her heavenly home on March 6, 2022.

Deloris Herr, January 20, 1931, entered her heavenly home on March 22, 2022.



**Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins

Special prayers for:

- 🙏 Karl Kuper still undergoing cancer treatments
- 🙏 Myron Stoebner as he recovers
- 🙏 Nhora Underhile's sister Thess as she battles with cancer.

UNITED IN MARRIAGE



Jeana Nuss and Tyson Gregerson were united in marriage on October 16, 2021. Best wishes!

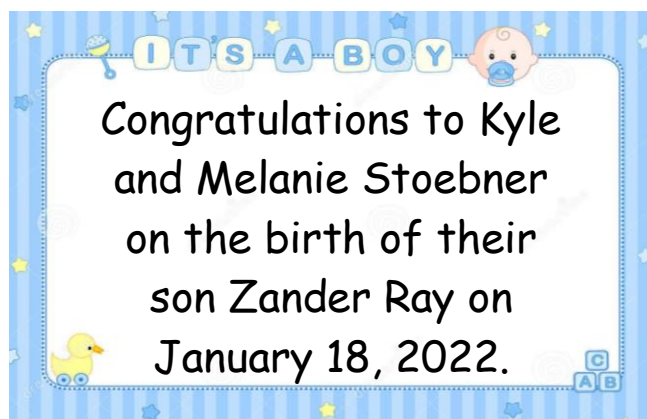
ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The annual meeting of Friedens Reformed Church was held on Wednesday, January 19th.

Tim Mehlhaff updated the members on the tuck pointing project with Mid Continental Restoration. We are on their list. Plans are to complete the project late summer or early fall. Consistory has collected donations for this project. If you are interested in contributing, please specify on your check.

The consistory opened discussion about the cashbuilder account and the interest rates earned on this account. With interest rates not keeping up with inflation, thoughts are to look at other means of investing. A motion was made and passed creating a committee to look at different options and then report back to the congregation.

Lastly, new constitution booklets are available. If you would like a copy, please contact the church.



COMMUNITY VBS BEING PLANNED

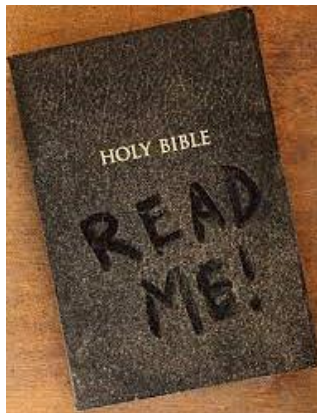
Members of Friedens Reformed Church, First American Lutheran Church, and Hope Lutheran Church are in the planning stages for this year's community VBS. Registration forms will be available as well as a donation list for cookies and other supplies. Watch church bulletins for more information.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Special prayer requests can be written on the prayer request cards that have been placed in the pews. Once filled out, the cards can be placed in the offering plate or can be handed to an usher who will pass it onto Pastor Andy.

READ-THROUGH-THE-BIBLE PLANS

The reason we hear most often for why people can't read the Bible is that they can't find the time in their daily schedule. It is true – we live very busy lives. Time can easily slip away from us. That's why we can't overemphasize the importance of routines. Nothing will help you more than setting up a routine to read through the Bible in a year.



Pastor Andy has put together different schedules. If you would like a copy, please contact him.

CHURCH SERVICES AVAILABLE ON CDs

For those without the ability to view the church services live, CD's of the services are available. Please let Pastor Andy or any member of the Consistory know if you would like a recording of the church services and we will be sure to get them to you.

EASTER LILLIES

Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter. The flowers are often referred to as "white-robed apostles of hope."

If you are interested in sharing an Easter lily with the church, please place the lily in the flower room.

Easter Service will be at
8:00 on April 17th.



OFFERING SCHEDULE

April	3	General Fund
	10	General Fund
	17	Benevolent Fund-Easter
	24	Building Fund
May	1	General Fund
	8	General Fund
	15	Building Fund
	22	General Fund
	29	General Fund
June	5	General Fund
	12	General Fund
	19	General Fund
	26	General Fund

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And God said, "Let there be lights
in the expanse of the heavens to
separate the day from the night.
And let them be for signs and for
seasons, and for days and years."

Genesis 1:14

Guideposts