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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY: A CHILDREN'S SERMON ON FAITH

When you're hungry or you've hurt yourself, who do you go to? The next door neighbor, right? No. Of course not. You go see Mom or Dad. Why do you do that? Why do you ask Mom for something when you're hungry? Why do you ask Dad if he can fix your toy when it breaks? You could all give me your own different answers. But if we compare the answers, they would all pretty much mean the same thing: "Dad and Mom love me, and I know that they'll give me what I need."

Now let me ask you another question: When chores need to be done: your room cleaned, or your toys picked up, who do your Mom or Dad tell to do it? The neighbor kid, right? No. Of course not. They tell you. Why do they do that? Why do they automatically expect that you should do it? Again, you could all give me your own answers. But if we compare the answers, they would all pretty much mean the same thing: "Dad and Mom love me, and I'm part of their family. So I do the things they tell me because I love them."

That trust that makes you sure that Mom won't let you go hungry; that trust that Dad will find a way to make sure you have shoes for school – you have that kind of trust because of two things.

The first thing is that you know that your parents love you. You don't expect strangers to feed you or buy you what you need because you don't know if they love you or not. But you know your parents do.

The second thing is that you already have experience of your parents' love and care for you. From the time you were born into your family, they've cared for you. They've fed you, changed your diapers, stayed up late many nights because you were sick or couldn't sleep. Even when you were too little to understand what they were doing, you were experiencing their love. Those two things are knowledge and confidence. Confidence means being sure of something.

That knowledge and confidence, when you put them together, it makes trust – a trust the Bible calls "faith." And as much as you think you can trust Mom and Dad, you can trust God even more. You can have a trust in Him that never has a doubt that He will give you what you need. And only He can give you the things you need more than food or clothes and shoes – things like being perfectly obedient (something you could never, ever do), things like being rescued from all the bad thoughts you've had and all the bad things you've done and will do throughout your whole life.

Jesus does for us all the things we can't do for ourselves. Jesus stands in our place. He takes away all our sins. Sin is when we don't do what we should, or when we do what we shouldn't. When we trust in God with the trust of knowledge and confidence – what the Bible calls "faith," Jesus takes away all the things we've done that we shouldn't have done, and he gives to God for us all the things we should've done but haven't. This is what God promises us in the Bible, and we know we can trust God because God cannot lie.

Pastor Andy



EMBARKING ON NEW ADVENTURES

Congratulations to this year's high school graduates. On June 4, Colby Brown, Jeffrey Schnabel, and Ariene Underhile, along with Louis Lippert, (foreign exchange student, Mark and Jen Gemar host family) were recognized.



Congratulations to McKenzie VanPelt, Matti Reiner, Taylor VanPelt, and Logan VanPelt for graduating from post-secondary institutions.



Good luck to all!

For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the LORD, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

On May 28, Mia Reiner confirmed her faith in front of family, friends, and church family. Congratulations on your confirmation. May you continue to grow closer to God.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school will resume on September 10 at 9:00. We are in need of two teachers. If interested, please contact Gary Schnabel.

We want to thank Eileen Gall and Lori Dewald for the years they devoted to teaching.

Psalm 78:2-4 for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past— stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about His power and His mighty wonders.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Elva Brosz passed away peacefully with her son and daughter by her side on Monday, June 26, 2023. Funeral services were held on June 29.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

1. Betty Wormsbecher – Avera Assisted Living; 400 West Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Feb. 1
2. Curtis Huether – Avera Assisted Living; 400 West Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Sept. 24
3. Mary Fischer – Borman Manor, 501 N. 4th St, Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: July 20
4. Dennis Fisher, Sr - Borman Manor, 501 N. 4th St, Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Feb. 9th
5. Pauline Finck – Good Samaritan Center, 2304 Laurel St, Tyndall, SD 57066 Birthday: Nov. 13
6. Elton Stoebner – Good Samaritan Center, 130 6th St, Scotland, SD 57059 Birthday: Mar. 30
7. Judy Brown – Borman Manor, 501 N 4th St, Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Oct. 26

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR:

- ♥ Karl Kuper for added strength in his fight against cancer.
- ♥ Gary Stoebner for determination and healing
- ♥ Nhora Underhile's sister Thess as she battles cancer.
- ♥ Kelley Hartman, daughter-in-law of Glen and Marilyn Hartman, as she continues cancer treatments.



FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNITY PICNIC

July 8 5 to 8 pm

Church parking lot

All food supplied by the Consistory

Bring a lawn chair

COMMUNITY VBS HELD AT FRIEDENS

This year's theme was Keepers of the Kingdom – Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth. The theme verse was "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His sight." Ephesians 6:10.

Friedens Reformed Church, First American Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church worked together to provide a fun-filled learning experience for 67 children from our communities. VBS was held during the week of June 19th with a closing program performed on June 23rd. Thank you to the many people who volunteered their time and energy, as well as food items, to help share God's greatness with the youth in our communities.



The daily mission offering this year was designated to the local snack pack project under the direction of the Tripp Action Group. We raised a total of \$393.88 for this worthwhile cause.

On behalf of the Friedens Reformed Christian Education Board, we are so thankful and appreciative of your continued support of VBS in making this a success for our community youth. Thank you!



WOMEN'S GUILD UPDATES

The 2022-23 school year concluded with the recognition of confirmand Mia Reiner on May 28, and the Friedens' high school graduate recognition on June 4 for four T-D graduates including Colby Brown, Jeffrey Schnabel, Ariene Underhile and German foreign exchange student Louis Lippert, whose host parents were Mark and Jen Gemar.

Church World Service Blanket Sunday was observed on June 25, with donations of \$316. Each \$10 blanket provides safety, warmth and comfort to those impacted by pandemics, weather-related disasters, homelessness and poverty. Thank you for contributing to "blanketing" our world with love! "Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:8.

The Guild's funeral committees served the funeral of Elva Brosz on June 29. We extend our sincere sympathy to Monte, Robin and family in her passing. The Guild truly thanks our Friedens family for your support in serving our families in their time of loss.

The Guild supported the Friedens Youth Group for the Christian FLY convention to Estes Park, CO, scheduled for July 3-8, 2023, with a \$2000 donation. Ten Friedens youth will be attending: Megan Reiner, Morgan Gemar, Jeffrey Schnabel, Gracey Schatz, Jaden Van Pelt, Emily Dewald, Colby Brown, Izzy Schmidt, Mason Reiner, Jacey Friman and adult youth group leader Lisa Stoebner.

An added FYI, Wednesday, September 13, is the 2023 Friedens' Potato Topper supper from 5:00-8:00 PM! Save that date!



OFFERING SCHEDULE

July	2	General Fund
	9	General Fund
	16	Benevolent Fund
	23	General Fund
	30	General Fund
Aug	6	General Fund
	13	Building Fund
	20	General Fund
	27	Benevolent Fund
Sept	3	General Fund
	10	Building Fund
	17	General Fund
	24	Benevolent Fund
Oct	1	General Fund
	8	General Fund
	15	Benevolent Fund
	22	General Fund
	29	General Fund

GREETERS FOR THIRD QUARTER

July	23	Mark and Jen Gemar
	30	Tiffany Horstman
Aug	6	Ray and Phyllis Dewald
	13	Keith and Lynn Stoebner
	20	Marlin and Karen Nuss
	27	Diane Stoebner
Sept	3	Dale and Amy Brown
	10	Gerri Saenz and Mel Muntefering
	17	Jeff and Becca Mehlhaff
	24	Ruby Reiner
Oct	1	Wayne and Lisa Stoebner
	8	Karl and Diane Kuper
	15	Jerry and Brenda Stoebner
	22	Mark and Jen Gemar
	29	Tiffany Horstman

If you are unable to be a Greeter on your designated Sunday, please exchange with someone and inform Judy Mehlhaff (935-6335 or 770-8231) of the change. Greeters should be at the church a half hour before the Service. Thank you for greeting!

We dedicate our gifts, Lord,
for the work of your church,
asking that you use all that
we have and all that we are
in your service. Amen

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