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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Dear Friedens Family,

Another Quarter has come and gone. Time flies whether you're having fun or not. I pray that you will be blessed to see God's blessing on our church in the news items included in this newsletter.

At the beginning of May, we began a series of sermons on Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews. I don't know how long it will take us to get through it, but I have been enjoying the series. Several things have forcibly come to my attention. The first is just how coherent the Epistle is. Every sentence, every verse, every chapter hangs together all pointing to the same central lesson: Jesus is Greater! The extensive use of the Psalms is another thing that is striking about the Epistle. Every doctrinal point that Paul wishes to argue gets Scriptural support from the Book of Psalms. That's fascinating to me. We tend to think of songs as mere expressions of emotion, whereas songs given by God contain objective truth statements intended to inform and strengthen our faith.

The English preacher William Gouge, preached through Hebrews at Wednesday evening services for 30 years. And the great Puritan pastor John Owen wrote a 7-volume commentary on Hebrews. Having read through the Epistle dozens of times in preparation for this series, I get it. I see how these men could mine the book for such gold. It really is a profoundly deep book. And it also occurs to me know that Hebrews is a far graver book than I had ever realized in the past.

Below is an outline of the first 3 Chapters of Hebrews. I believe everyone would greatly benefit from reading this Epistle with the outline in mind.

I. Jesus is Greater Than the Prophets (1:1-3)

A. Jesus is the complete & final revelation of God (1, 2a)

B. Jesus is the Son of God (2b, 3)

1. Heir of all things
2. Made the worlds
3. The brightness of God's glory
4. The express image of God's person
5. Upholds all things by the word of His power
6. Purged us from sins
7. Sits at the right hand of the Majesty on High

II. Jesus is Greater Than Angels (1:4 – 2:18)

A. In name: My Son (1:4-5)

B. In worship: Worship Him (1:6-7)

C. In universal rule (1:8 – 2:4)

1. Because of character and creation (1:8-12)
2. Served by angels (1:13-14)

3. The certain judgment of those who neglect Him (2:1-4)

D. In that the world to come is subject to Him. By becoming lower than the angels He proved worthy to have all things subjected to Him (2:15-18)

1. Partook of flesh and blood, destroyed the devil who had power over death, and was crowned with glory and honor.

2. Gives aid to the seed of Abraham, but not to angels

3. Made a propitiation for sins.

4. Having been tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted now.

III Jesus is Greater than Moses (3:1-19)

A. In respect to greatness and glory (1-6)

B. Warnings against unbelief characterized by those who followed Moses (7-19)

I also want to remind everyone that our sermons are available online in podcast form under the "Pastor's Page" tab of our website. For those who may have difficulty hearing everything clearly, I have also included a link to the manuscripts of the sermons on that page as well.

Pastor Andy

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Robert "Bob" Pietz passed away on April 6, 2021. A memorial service was held on April 10.

Lorraine Weisser was called to Heaven on April 18, 2021. Funeral services were April 23rd.

Ardina Huether went home to the Lord on May 2, 2021. Funeral services were held on May 7th.

Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins

CONFIRMING THEIR FAITH

On April 25th, Jacey Friman, Isabella Schmidt and Emily Dewald confirmed their Christian faith in front of family and church members of Friedens Reformed Church. Each confirmand read their statement of faith and received Holy Communion. Congratulations!



YOUTH TO VISIT CREATION MUSEUM and NOAH'S ARK

The youth group along with their advisors will be traveling to Petersburg and Grant County, Kentucky, to tour the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter, which has a large representation of Noah's Ark based on the Genesis flood narrative contained in the Bible. Plans are to leave July 6 and return on the 10th. The youth hosted a pancake breakfast June 13th to raise funds. The youth will talk about their trip in church on July 11. Please pray for safe travels and a great learning experience for our youth.

GRADUATES RECOGNIZED

Congratulations to this year's high school graduates Logan VanPelt, Ethan Stoeber, and Aletheia Underhile. Graduation was on May 8.



COLLEGE GRADS:

Congratulations to Jackie Nuss! She graduated from Southeast Technical College on May 7th with a degree in sonography.

Congratulations to Laura (Brown) Bitterman! Laura graduated from USD on May 8th, with a major in mathematics and a minor in biology.



WOMEN'S GUILD UPDATES

Two special occasions for our youth were celebrated this spring at Friedens church. On April 25, Friedens' three confirmands, Emily Dewald, Jacey Friman and Isabella Schmidt were recognized with a corsage and gift on their confirmation day, and on May 16, our high school graduates, Aletheia Underhile, Ethan Stoeber and Logan Van Pelt received a gift and were recognized for the accomplishments of each. Congratulations to these Friedens' youth.

Seventeen Friedens youth requested a summer campership donation from the Guild to be used towards their expenses. A \$100 donation was granted to each.

We hope you will be glad to hear that Friedens is BACK to planning our fall Potato Topper event, which has been set for Wednesday, September 15! Save the date!



And, as has already been announced, the Guild is once again asking for your support in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox mission project. All information is available in the church narthex. These shoebox gifts are sent to needy children in the US and other parts of the world who are experiencing poverty and natural disaster.

Our Guild's funeral committees served three funerals this spring, Bob Pietz on April 10, Lorraine Weisser on April 23 and Ardina Huether on May 7. Our sincere condolences to their families. Thank you, volunteers, for your helping hands and for your donations in serving our families who have lost a loved one!

Thank you, Friedens, for your continued support of our mission work in Friedens church!

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. Betty L. Meyer – Trail Ridge Memory Care, 3400 W Ralph Rogers Rd. Apt #104, Sioux Falls, SD 57108
Birthday: Aug. 4
3. Elva Brosz – Borman Manor; 501 N 4th St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Feb. 22
4. Violet Ehresmann – Bormann Manor Assisted Living, 400 W Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: March 11
5. Alice Haeffner – 401 S. Water St.; Sparta, WI 54656 Birthday: Sept. 1

Friedens' Shut-ins

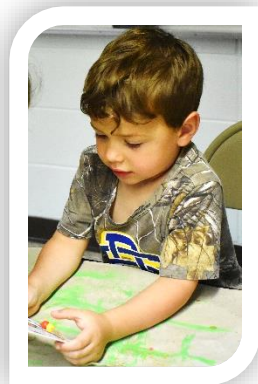
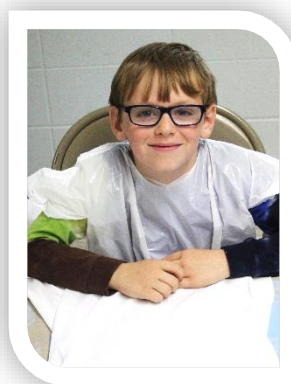
1. Janelle Meisenhoelder–101 S. Carpenter St., Tripp, SD 57376
2. Maynard and Adeline Dewald–P.O. Box 152, Tripp, SD 57376
3. Leroy Pietz–41115 284th Street, Tripp, SD 57376

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

Friedens Reformed Church, First American Lutheran Church and Hope Lutheran Church worked together to provide a fun-filled learning experience for children in our communities. With the help of many volunteers, the attendees learned that Jesus' power helps us do hard things, gives us hope, helps us be bold, lets us live forever, and helps us be good friends. A new bible verse was presented each day and reviewed throughout the week. The average attendance per day was 50 children ages four to 12. VBS was held during the week of May 24th with a closing program performed on May 28th.

The daily mission offering will be given to families in Ecuador to purchase alpacas. Each \$10 donation purchases one alpaca. These animals help by providing fertilizer in gardens, by providing fur for clothing, and by providing a critical source of income for many Ecuadorian families. The total raised for the week was \$370.





UNITED IN MARRIAGE



Nicolaus Brown and Mikayla Glowcheski exchanged vows of holy matrimony on June 5. Best wishes!

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AFTER LABOR DAY

September 12, 2021, will be the first day of Sunday School for the new school year.



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