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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

As one ponders the work of Christ during Holy Week, one is struck by the sheer number of Old Testament prophecies that were fulfilled during this brief period of time.

In fact, 28 prophecies were fulfilled on Crucifixion Day alone. This is surely an undeniable testimony that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Below are just a sampling of these remarkable prophecies.

The first prophecy, the oldest of all, had been given by God at the time of Adam and Eve's sin. The serpent would bruise the seed of the woman.

- Prophesied: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" (Gen. 3:15).

Fulfilled: "'Now is the judgment of this world. Now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all to Myself.' But He said this to signify by what death He was about to die" (John 12:31-33).

The Messiah would be cut off, but not for Himself, as prophesied by Daniel.

- Prophesied: "And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off but not for Himself" (Dan. 9:26).

Fulfilled: "'Nor consider that it is better for us that one man die for the people, than that the whole nation should perish.' Now he did not say this of himself, but being high priest that year, prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation; and not for the nation only, but also that He might gather together into one the children of God who were scattered abroad" (John 11:50-52).

The betrayal of Jesus by Judas was foretold by David.

- Prophesied: "Even a man, my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate of my bread, has lifted up his heel against me" (Psa. 41:9).

Fulfilled: "Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order that he might deliver Him up to them. And after hearing this, they were delighted and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray Him" (Mark 14:10-11).

David prophesied that His hands and His feet would be pierced.

- Prophesied: "Dogs have surrounded Me; a band of evildoers have encircled me; they have pierced My hands and My feet..." (Psa. 22:16).

Fulfilled: "And they crucified Him" (Mark 15:25).

The parting of His garments was also prophesied by David.

- Prophesied: "They divide My garments among them and cast lots upon My vesture" (Psa. 22:18).

Fulfilled: "Then they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but let us cast lots for it to determine whose it shall be'; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, 'They divided My garments among them, and they cast lots for My vesture.' Therefore the soldiers did these things" (John 19:24).

In another psalm, David prophesied that they would give Him vinegar to drink.

- Prophesied: "They also gave Me gall for My food; and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink" (Psa. 69:21).

Fulfilled: "They gave Him vinegar mingled with gall to drink; but after tasting it, He would not drink" (Matt. 27:34).

David prophesied that Jesus would commit His spirit to God.

- Prophesied: "Into Your hand I commit my spirit..." (Psa. 31:5).

Fulfilled: "And after crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, 'Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.' And when He had said these things, He expired" (Luke 23:46).

David also prophesied Jesus' last words.

- Prophesied: "They shall come and shall declare His righteousness unto a people that shall yet be born, that He has done this" (Psa. 22:31). The Hebrew literally reads, "For it is finished."

Fulfilled: "Therefore, when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, 'It is finished.' And after bowing His head, He yielded up His spirit" (John 19:30).

As no bone of the Passover lamb was to be broken (Ex. 12:46), not a bone of His would be broken.

- Prophesied: "He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken" (Psa. 34:20).

Fulfilled: "Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first one, and the legs of the other who was crucified with Him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs....For these things took place so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, 'Not a bone of Him shall be broken' " (John 19:32-33, 36).

Such meticulous fulfilment is an undeniable proof of the Inspiration of Scripture and its testimony to the saving work of Christ for His people.

Praise God from all blessings of His everlasting love flow!

Pastor Andy

Other news items. Pastor has been permitted to visit our nursing home and assisted living residents. Hopefully this will continue.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.
 Hebrews 10:24-25

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 Amy Brown

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. Bob Pietz – Sister James Health Care Facility; 2111 W 11th, Chalkstone; Yankton, SD 57078 Birthday: June 24
4. Elva Brosz – Borman Manor; 501 N 4th St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: Feb. 22
5. Lorraine Weisser – St. Michael's Hospital Nursing Home, 410 W. 16th Avenue, Tyndall, SD 57066 Birthday: Jan. 31
6. Violet Ehresmann – Bormann Manor Assisted Living, 400 W Fir St; Parkston, SD 57366 Birthday: March 11
7. 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

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

The Women's Guild held its first meeting of 2021 on March 9. With the exception of the Lenten season, we meet Wednesday nights monthly from March-December at 7:30 PM.

We cordially extend an invitation to the ladies of Friedens to join us as we carry out the mission work of our church! We'd love to have you! AND, we serve a great lunch!!

Friedens members, we remind you to pick up the 2021 information in the narthex, including lists for greeters, funeral committees, flower committees and the current OUR DAILY BREAD devotionals. Take a devotional for yourself and one for a friend!

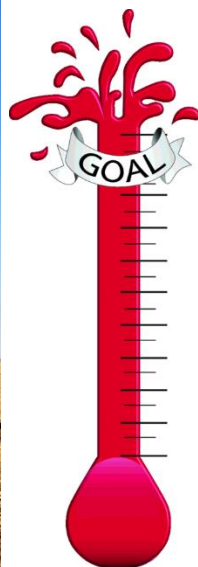
Our Guild's funeral committees served two funerals this winter, Dan Wiederrich's on December 18 and Meta Herr's on February 5. Our sincere condolences go out to Dan's and Meta's families. As always, we sincerely thank our Friedens church volunteers for your food donations and for your willing hands in serving our families who have lost a loved one. We couldn't do it without you!

Summer church camps are soon approaching, so we remind our youth group leaders, parents, and students to please turn in the following information to Eileen Gall or any Guild member by April 30 for donation consideration.



- *Names of students attending
- *Location & date of camp
- *Cost per student

NEW CHURCH SIGN GOAL MET



At the annual meeting, it was discussed to continue fundraising for the other two church signs. Shortly after that meeting, we met our goal!! Thank you to all who contributed.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Heaven gained a little angel, Hope Elizabeth, daughter of Tim and Jane Mehlhaff, on December 4, 2020.

Daniel J. Wiederrich, born February 16, 1949, went to be with the Lord on December 13, 2020.

Sharon K. Gall was called to her heavenly home on December 22, 2020. She was born on July 31, 1944.

Meta Herr, born October 28, 1923, went to her heavenly Father on January 29, 2021.

**Nursing Home Residents and Shut-Ins



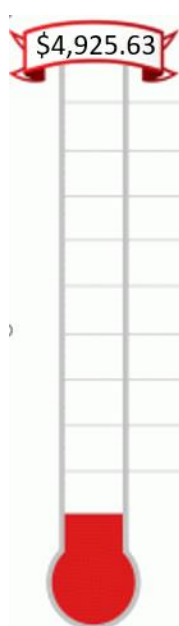
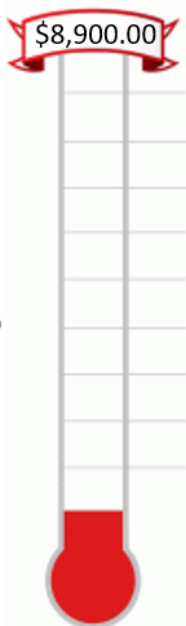
ANNUAL MEETING HELD

The annual meeting of Friedens Reformed Church was held on Wednesday, January 20th. The consistory presented two pieces of new business.

The first new business discussed was the tuck pointing estimate received by the consistory. The estimate included photos illustrating the need to have this completed. With strong rains the past few years, we have had some water damage in the balcony. The dollar amount on the estimate was approximately \$8,500. After some questions and discussion, a vote passed to start a fund to help cover this expense.

The second item discussed was a new sound system. It was brought to our attention that some of the speakers on the south side of the church are not working. Caleb Finck provided a list of speakers and other sound equipment needed to improve our system. It has been some time since it was updated. With our online services, the new system will benefit with the different settings needed for the livestream. The cost of speakers and sound equipment is \$4,925.63.

If you are interested in contributing to either of these projects, please specify on your check.



YOUTH SERVE BREAKFAST

After our annual Easter Sunrise Service, the youth served muffins with juice and coffee in the fellowship hall. The youth hold regular monthly meetings. The youth are looking into different trips such as visiting Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum in Kentucky, depending on covid restrictions. The 2021 FLY convention held at Estes Park, Colorado, has been cancelled because of covid.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY SCHEDULED APRIL 25TH

Three students are completing their second year of confirmation classes. Jacey Friman, Izzy Schmidt, and Emily Dewald will be confirmed on April 25th.

VBS PLANNED FOR MAY 24TH-28TH

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

HOME VISITS

Pastor Andy visits our shut-ins, and communes them every first Sunday. If any member of Friedens is unable to make it to church on the first Sunday (or those who may be staying away for health reasons), would like to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor Andy, and he will arrange to commune you at your home.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26

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