

March 2023

Join Us for Worship!
Sundays 9:00 am

The Friedens Messenger



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**The
CHOSEN**



**Season 1
Showing HERE
Every Wednesday
During Lent**

**Soup & Supper
at 6:30pm
'The Chosen' at 7pm**

New Children's Ministry Director

Please welcome our new Children's Ministry Director, Kristin Brockfeld!

Hi, I'm excited to say I'll be working as the new Children's Director. Friedens was a big part of my life growing up and I can't wait to get more involved as I take on this new role. You would have known me as 'Schneider' back then and I have to thank my Mom, Linda, for encouraging me to apply. "Love you Mom". I became a 'Brockfeld' when I married Andy in 2015 and we've since added three "Perfect" (as my oldest declared) children to our family: Calvin (5), Evelyn (3), and Ryan (4m). I work part time as a home health physical therapist and love what I do. I've learned to include my kids in my favorite hobbies so you may catch us out hiking, snuggled up with a good book, or baking a treat. I frequently hear I've got my hands full, but I like to say my heart is too. I'll wrap this up with my favorite verse, Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path". May His word guide me as I teach the children to His everlasting love.

~ Kristen Brockfeld

2023 Council Officers

Derrick MoreauPresident
 Rebecca Klingensmith.....Vice-President
 Kathy Bade.....Secretary
 June Holt.....Treasurer



Our Church Staff

Rick Mortimer Interim Minister
 Cathy Reash..... Office Administrator
 Pam Bryant Bookkeeper
 Peggy Williams..... Church Organist
 Guy Schreck Chancel Choir Director
 Susie Rowan Praise Band Director
 Bill Petersmeyer Bell Choir Director
 Susie Rowan Accompanist
 Ned Quest Accompanist

Attendance

These numbers are for in person service only.

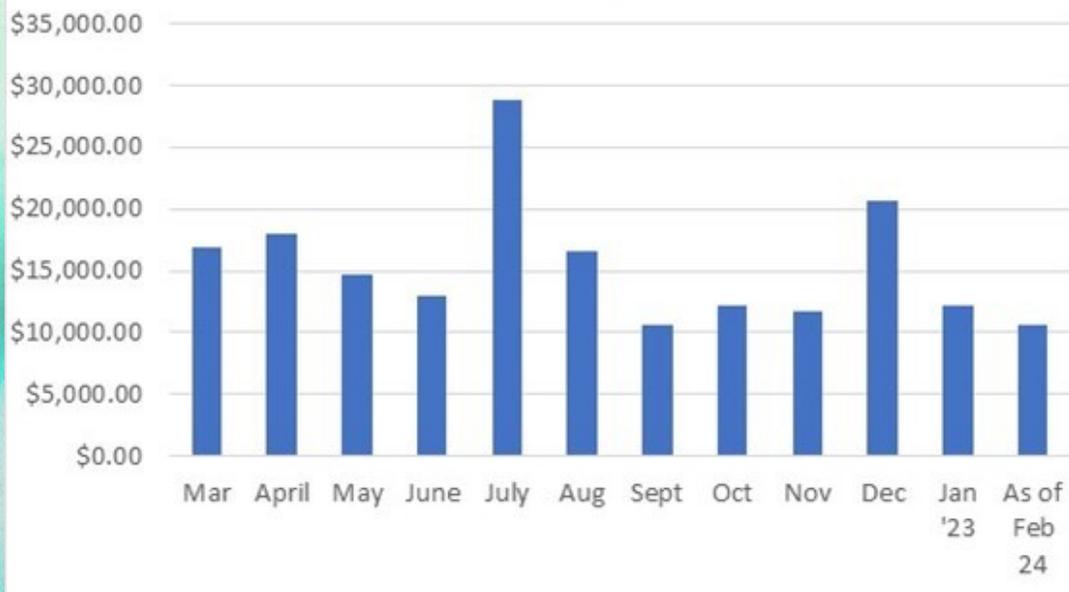
February 2023

2/5	100
2/12	106
2/19	123
2/22	65
2/26	114

Monthly Financial Report

<u>January</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year-To-Date</u>
Income	\$14,956.98	\$ 14,956.98
Expenses	<u>\$18,452.73</u>	<u>\$ 18,452.73</u>
Net Income	\$ -3,495.75	\$ -3,495.75

Offerings by Month



Crafting Corner

Do you have a special talent you would like to share with the congregation? I am looking for volunteers to help with Crafting Corner! I will help with getting supplies and sign ups. Please contact Rebecca Klinginsmith if you would like to help host a month of Crafting Corner!

Giving Options

The New Year is a good time to consider your church giving. Council members, Cathy, and Pam are available to answer questions about e-giving through Tithely or as a recurring check through your bank. These options are easy and secure. Please ask one of us if you have questions or concerns!

Orange Bag Project

Agape needs help year round to stock their food pantry. If you are interested, orange bags are available in the narthex and can be returned directly to Agape or left at church and they'll be delivered.

Agape is so grateful for the help we're giving. Thank you for supporting this mission!



Thank You

Thank you friends and family for prayers, cards, phone calls, food and help. All is going well.

With Christian Love,

~ Ellen Herbel

Dorcas

On February 8, there were 10 members present.

We started our gathering with a tour of the Warren County Sheltered Workshop. Derrick Moreau gave us a tour of the facility. There are approximately 75 employees, some on a weekly basis and some on a part-time basis. He explained each of their current projects. They recently celebrated their 45th Anniversary. There are three of the original employees still working at the facility. It was an informative tour that we all found interesting. Several upcoming events were hi-lighted, the "Jubilee Sunday" and the upcoming Lenten Services with "The Chosen" Series to be shown.

We now have a "telephone notification" in place for church announcement.

Bingo and Valentine treats were served by Kathy Bade.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 8, at 1:30 pm.

Interim Ministry

Perhaps I have been remiss in not previously explaining what my task is as an Intentional Interim minister.

Many congregations rush to call the next pastor and are astonished when that pastor leaves within a year or two. Some congregations struggle to find a pastor and wonder why it has taken several years. Some congregations seem to have a revolving door that pastors come and go through quickly. Other congregations have pastors leave under less than wonderful circumstances – under a cloud of suspicion, with great conflict and hurt feelings, or outright immoral, illegal, or unethical conduct. And then there are those congregations that have a beloved pastor stay for 25 years, and they are now moving on or retiring. All of these scenarios cry out for the ministry of an Intentional Interim pastor.

An Intentional Interim pastor is someone who does much more than simply fills the pulpit on Sunday mornings and keeps the machinery of the church running until the next called pastor arrives. An Intentional Interim is a ministry that specializes in helping congregations through the transition from one pastor to the next. This is done with the aim of preparing the congregation to make the best choice possible for their next settled pastor.

While some congregations get along quite well without the services of an Intentional Interim, others would benefit greatly from taking advantage of their specialized training in conflict resolution, congregational systems analysis, transition issues, and an objective, third-party perspective.

An Intentional Interim wears several hats at the same time. First, they are a fully qualified pastor, leading worship, preaching, teaching, visiting, and bearing all the responsibilities of the regular called pastor. In addition, they can function almost like a consultant that provides information, analysis, and recommendations regarding the functioning and dynamics of the congregation. As with every congregation, there is much to celebrate, as well as, probably, some things that could be done... differently, perhaps better, more efficiently, more effectively, more wisely. The trained and experienced eye of an Intentional Interim can pick up on some things that the members of a congregation have become blind to, or simply used to.

Perhaps you wonder why I have been using the term “Intentional” interim. Because it is clear from the start that this ministry is temporary, and it is intended to be so. There may need to be a period of grieving the loss of the previous pastor, or resolving conflicts and calming turmoil. The Intentional Interim serves as a buffer between called pastorates, to intentionally absorb some of the fallout from the last pastor so that a good connection can be made with the next. If this is the case, there are some things that would be in the congregation’s best interest to accomplish, and it is the function of the Intentional Interim to provide leadership in those areas.

Eighteen months would be a good length of time for an Intentional Interim, although depending on the needs of the congregation, or the limited availability of suitable candidates for the position of pastor, even up to three years is not unheard of. My pledge to Friedens is that I will be with you for however long it takes... and so far, it has been a joy and privilege to be on this journey with you!

Rev. Dr. Rick Mortimer

March Birthdays

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| 03—Sarah Luecke
Judy Sprick | 23—Erin Dooley
Susan Dooley
Bobby Henson
Christopher Holt
Jessica Johnson |
| 05—Whitney Smyth
Elizabeth Swoboda | 24—Samantha Bosworth |
| 08—Judith Brakensiek | 25—Nicole Nordwald |
| 10—Brooklyn Sitton
Edna Surls | 26—Dorothy Keith
Ryan Nelson
Dylan O’Neal |
| 12—Becky Avis
Taylor Nordwald | 27—Roger Held |
| 13—Dorothy Avis
Scott Bade
Jana Davis
Teresa Meyer
Steve Toerper | 28—Amelia Barton
Laura Dooley
Billie Mischlispy |
| 14—Russell Ockerhausen | 29—Rosemarie England
Charlotte Grothman
Brianna Vogt |
| 15—Camryn Petersmeyer | 30—Karen Bade
Ken Schneider
Barbara Schoelhamer |
| 16—Curtis Schneider | 31—Nicole Benne
Zoey Wray |
| 19—Tracy Halter | |
| 20—Sharon McElfresh | |
| 21—Helen Potthast
Drew Sitton | |
| 22—Carol Manda | |

March Anniversaries

- Christopher & Becca Holt**
March 3 ~ 10 years
- Joe & Sharon McElfresh**
March 4 ~ 27 years
- Darrell & Sharon Bade**
March 12 ~ 22 years
- Roger & Leslie Held**
March 18 ~ 27 years



March Servants

Ushers

- Adam and Jessica Lawler
Steve and JoAnn Toerper

Liturgists

- March 5 Jessica Thomas
March 12 Kim Moeller
March 19 Katie Moreau
March 26 Susie Rowan

Children’s Church Volunteers

- March 5 Andy & Lindsay Arrette
March 12 Marilyn Mortimer
March 19 Heather Schutte & Karla Bryant
March 26 Adam & Jessica Lawler

Acolytes

- March 5 Easton Heitgerd & Owen Heitgerd
March 12 Hunter Holt & Eli Garrett
March 19 Miles Klinginsmith & Emma Petersmeyer



2023 Lily Order Form

Cost: \$15.00 Each



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Orders due March 20, 2023



SNACKS & SHOES DRIVE

It's time for our 2nd annual Snacks and Shoes drive! Donate NEW shoes and prepackaged snacks to support our Warrenton students!

Bring donations to Rural King (1 Rural King Way, Warrenton, MO 63383) on **Thursday, March 16th** between 8am-3pm. We will have people outside in the parking lot waiting to collect your donations, feel free to drive up and drop off. We will also have boxes in the office of each school building that week if students bring items in to school. **You may also drop off items at First State Community Bank, 607 State Highway 47 Warrenton, MO 63383 starting February 16th up through the day of the drive.**

SPONSOR A STUDENT: If you'd prefer to provide funds to cover the cost of shoes or snacks for a student, you can "sponsor" a student. Please send \$25 per student you'd like to sponsor to:

-Venmo: @Careto-Learn, put Warrenton in the comment

-Cash or check can be mailed to 385 W Veteran's Memorial Pkwy Warrenton, MO 63383

What are we looking for?

- Shoes (toddler size 9– adult sizes)
 - If donating shoes for high school students, Converse and slide style sandals are most requested
- Granola Bars
- Cereal (large resealable bags preferred)
- Goldfish
- Cheez Its
- Sandwich Crackers (cheese or peanut butter)
- Applesauce pouches
- Individual cups of peanut butter
- Poptarts
- Pretzels
- Slim jims
- Fruit snacks
- Other non-perishable snack food



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Bell Choir 6:00pm	3	4
5 Communion Brunch	6	7	8 Dorcas Meeting 1:30pm <i>Soup & Supper</i> <i>6:30pm</i> <i>"The Chosen"</i> <i>7pm</i>	9 Bell Choir 6:00pm	10	11
12 Daylight Savings	13	14 Council Meeting 6:30pm	15 <i>Soup & Supper</i> <i>6:30pm</i> <i>"The Chosen"</i> <i>7pm</i>	16 Bell Choir 6:00pm	17 	18
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26	27	28	29 <i>Soup & Supper</i> <i>6:30pm</i> <i>"The Chosen"</i> <i>7pm</i>	30 Bell Choir 6:00pm	31	