

# THE FRIEDENSBOTE

FRIEDENS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

FROM PASTOR MARK

APRIL 2003



Greetings!

"Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth the living, just because He lives." Those words were written by William and Gloria Gaither.

We live in times when clinging to the faith expressed in those words is perhaps all we have to hold on to. The fire back on July 8th 2002 shook our faith but could not knock us down. The war in Iraq challenges our faith and resolve but it cannot destroy either one.

For those who know and appreciate what Jesus Christ endured for our sake; His suffering, death and resurrection sustains us through our darkest hours. We remember that even a shameful, agonizing, criminal's death on a cross could not defeat the power of God or thwart His mission to "seek and to save the lost"!

We do not lose heart when the tough times come because we know that the victory is ultimately already won! We know that "nothing in all creation can

separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:39) And we know that because Jesus lives!

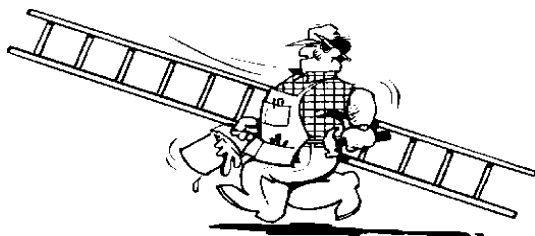
In response to doubts and fears and threats from enemies, God says through Isaiah, one of His chosen prophets, "But now, this is what the Lord says—He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior." (Isaiah 43:1-3)

Good Friday and Easter 2003....yet another opportunity to have our faith renewed by the truth of resurrection power! Don't miss out on this opportunity! These are hard times for everyone...but "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow! Because He lives, all fear is gone!"



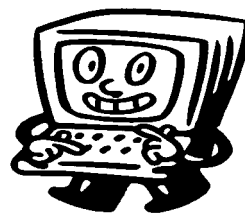
### SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee met March 25th to begin its assigned task of seeking, evaluating, interviewing and recommending candidates for the two ministry positions approved by congregational vote recently. One position will focus primarily on youth ministries as well as Sunday School for kids/youth and AWANA. The other position will focus primarily on outreach, assimilation and discipleship as well as serve as the Sr. Pastor's principle associate. Interest in the positions is already beyond initial expectations! Pray for discernment for the committee and for the heart of the candidates we know God already is preparing to join us in ministry!



### Renovation Update

Painting is done! Carpeting is going in right now! Staining and varnishing is being completed! The kitchen is being completed! The light fixtures are done and being installed! The new pews and chairs come next week! The new grand piano comes next week! Some of the stained glass windows will be installed very soon! Hymnals and Bibles are ordered and are coming soon! A new altar cross, candlesticks, floor candleabras and other chancel furnishings are ordered and due to arrive any day! The Building Committee has done a GREAT JOB! And GOD IS GOOD!



### THIS JUST IN!!

A weekly update called "The Friedensnote" is e-mailed to those in our address book who receive the monthly newsletter "The Friedensbote" via e-mail. If you want to receive The Friedensbote and Friedensnote online please let us know your e-mail address.

Check out the updated church website! Besides having The Friedensbote and The Friedensnote there are bible study tools, bible reading plans, daily devotionals and prayer helps.

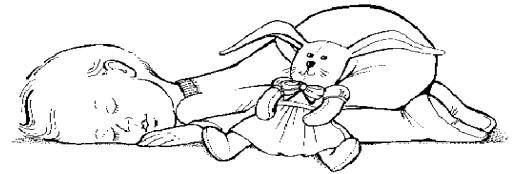
Log on to [www.friedenschurch.org](http://www.friedenschurch.org)!

For those new to the Friedens family:  
We have a recorded prayer message for those who pray for the needs of others.  
The phone number is 262-284-7007.  
To have a prayer request put on the Heartsline call the church office  
@ 262-284-2471

April 2003



April 17th: 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service  
April 18th: 1:00 pm Good Friday  
April 20th: Easter Morning Worship Celebration  
7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 10:30 am  
Breakfast at 8:00 am



Our Nursery Ministry Coordinator, Lori Kelly is still in need of a couple of caregivers for Easter morning. Call her to find out which of the three services she needs help. (284-1753)

We're getting the facility ready for Holy Week and we need some help. Please come help us on either Friday evening, April 4th from 6:30-8:30 pm or Saturday, April 5th from 8:30-11:30 am. If you can bring a few rags, buckets, and a smile - that would be great!

### Easter Lilies and Memorials Orders

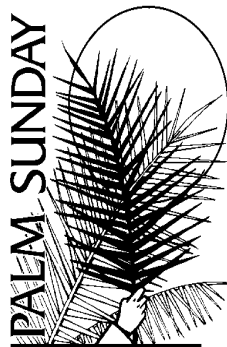
PRAY FOR OUR EASTER OUTREACH. THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE IS COORDINATING AN EASTER OUTREACH CAMPAIGN THAT INCLUDES A SPECIAL MAILING TO NEARLY 10,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE GREATER PORT WASHINGTON AREA. EASTER IS A TIME WHEN MANY PEOPLE, THOUGH OTHERWISE NOT ACTIVE IN A CHURCH FELLOWSHIP, WILL LOOK TO ATTEND SERVICES SOMEWHERE. IN ADDITION, BECAUSE OF THE WAR, PEOPLE WILL BE SEEKING GOD AND THE COMFORT AND GUIDANCE ONLY HE CAN GIVE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING NEEDS RELATED TO THIS ENDEAVOR, CONTACT DAN BENSON (268-0755): EXTRA EASTER GREETERS, EXTRA EASTER NURSERY, BRINGING HOMEMADE COFFEE CAKE OR MUFFINS FOR AFTER WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP ON EASTER, DRIVE THE CHURCH VAN TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION (IF REQUESTED), OR DELIVER A PLATE OF COOKIES OR A LOAF OF HOMEMADE BREAD TO NEW-COMERS AFTER EASTER.



Cost for the lilies this year will be \$8.95 per plant. Orders must be received no later than Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday) Please complete the form (in Sunday's Bulletin) and include it with your check clearly marked "Easter Lilies". You can place the forms and accompanying payment into the weekly offering plate, mail, or hand into the church office.

### MEMORIALS

We are very grateful to receive your special Easter memorials at this time. Simply complete the form on the appropriate line and include it along with your check, which has been clearly marked. We ask that this information be given to the office no later than April 13th. You may use the offering plate, mail, hand into the church office. A complete listing will be included in your Easter Bulletins.



April 13th (Palm Sunday) will be our first worship service back in the sanctuary!

Please join us at 8:00 am or 10:30 for worship.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 16-20



# Treasures of the Nile

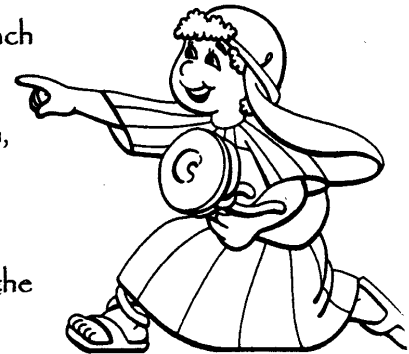


Get ready to search and dig! Mount up those camels! Mark your calendars! Your kids won't want to miss a minute of the action! Another fun-packed Vacation Bible School will take place daily from 8:30 to 12:00, June 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>. "Kid's are going to explore some of the mysteries of ancient Egypt!" says Sue Voll, "but the real treasure we will unearth lies hidden in the Bible stories, which took place in that land. Most importantly, kids will discover in every story that God was preparing for the coming of Jesus, the greatest treasure of all. Through the activities they'll uncover great truths about the way God works: He plans! He sees! He empowers! He acts! He saves!!"



The week is packed full of excitement, we are seeking teams members to help in each site including Living Word Oasis, Chariots of Fun, Pharaoh's Phood Court, and the Craft Bazaar.

To Join Our Expedition Team Call the Church Office 284-2471





PRAYER GROUPS,  
SMALL GROUPS & BIBLE CLASSES:

**AWANA-CHILDRENS MINISTRY** (age 4-grade 6) meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information contact GERALYN ESSELMAN 284-9598.

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SMALL GROUP** "CBG" meets most Tuesday evenings at 933 Cedar Ct. in Port Washington at 7:00pm. Call BRIDGET HUSTON @ 573-6472 for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL GUYS SMALL GROUP** meets at 2310 N. Green Bay Rd., Grafton most Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. Call JESSE MUELLER @ 376-9588 for more information.

**BLAZE - YOUTH GROUP** (grades 7-12) meets on Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information contact the church office.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES** for High School, Jr. High, and Elementary age kids at 9:15 am.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES** meet during the Sunday Morning Sunday School Hour at 9:15am. For more information see the sign-up table in the west foyer or call the church.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** meets at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. For more information contact Mike Bendt (284-5499).

**PRAYER GROUPS** meet Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm and Thursday mornings at 6:30am. Everyone welcome. Contact the office for more information.

**THURSDAY EVENING at 7:00pm CHOIR & WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE** Choir meets first and then the Worship Team meets at approximately 7:40pm. For more information, contact Pastor Mark!

**SENIOR AFTERNOON WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets usually the first Thursday of the month, weather permitting. For more information contact the church office.

**"CHRISTIAN RECOVERY"** meeting at 8:00 pm on Tuesdays here at Friedens. It is a group for those in recovery from drug and/or alcohol abuse. It will be Bible and Christ-centered. The leaders are Lee & Dyane Sloan. You can call them for more information at 262-387-1526.

**INTERGENERATIONAL SPRING ACTIVITY. MAY 10th 1:00-2:30 pm** Hold this date open for some music, storytelling and art. This activity is for the young and young at heart. Watch your next Friedensbote for further sign-up info.

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We have new color bulletins! You can sponsor one in memory of, or in honor of a loved one for \$15.00/Sunday. Contact Pastor Mark or the church office to sign up for sponsorship.



CHOIR AND WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE

The Choir and worship team practices every Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Come and join the celebration through music!

Newcomers welcome! You don't have to be a member! Just come and sing!

On Wednesday April 16th, practice will be held at 8:00 pm due to the 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday service on April 17th.

Death has no victory for those who live and die in Christ Jesus! With that faith, we commend to the Lord's keeping:

**Rose Bodienstien** April 23, 1919—March 20, 2003

**Clarence Leppla** July 31, 1923—March

**DO YOU LOVE PLAYING MUSIC?** Well here's your chance: Some of the BLAZE High School students are interested in starting a youth band. If you or someone you know plays an instrument or sings and are interested in working hard to start a band, contact Jesse/Nancy Mueller or David Toeller.



There are so many great things going on with BLAZE! Come and check out BLAZE Youth Group (Grades 7-12) Sundays at 6:30 pm.

**We dare you!** (and as always BRING YOUR FRIENDS!)

Here are just a few upcoming events:

- April 5th (Saturday): Movie/ Pizza Night 7-12pm
- May 18th (Sunday): Underground Church
- June 12th (Thursday): Skillet (a Christian Rock Band) is coming to the P. W. H. S auditorium. This is going to be AWESOME!
- July 6th (Sunday): Road trip to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.
- July 20-25 H.S. Summer Missions trip to Leech Lake, MN. We will be staying on an Indian Reservation (Ojibwe/Chippewa) and help repair homes and work with children. There will be devotional time and group worship every day. Questions? Call the church office or Doug & Marci Ferrell.

*Please feel free to contact any of the leaders for more information:*  
Greg Blamer, Bridget Huston, Doug & Marci Ferrell,  
Jesse & Nancy Mueller & Vicki Schuette.



# APRIL 2003



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm Small Groups	2 6:30-8pm AWANA	3 6:30 am Prayer 7pm Choir /Worship 1pm Sr. Women's	4	5 BLAZE movie night 7-12
6 Worship 8 & 10:30 am The Lord's Supper	7	8 7pm Small Groups	9 6:30-8pm AWANA	10 6:30 am Prayer 7 pm Choir /Worship Practice	11	12
13 1st Sun. in Sanctuary! Worship 8 & 10:30 am 6:30 BLAZE	14 Council Mtg. 6:30pm	15 7pm Small Groups	16 6:30-8pm AWANA 8 pm Choir /Worship	17 6:30 am Prayer 7pm Maundy Thursday	18 1:00 pm Good Friday	19
20 EASTER Worship 7,9 & 10:30 am 8am Breakfast	21	22 No Small Groups	23 No AWANA	24 6:30 am Prayer 7 pm Choir /Worship Practice	25	26
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**Alleluia!  
He is alive!**

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### EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

WORSHIP AT 7, 9, AND 10:30 AM.

FULL BREAKFAST

(after 7:00 am worship)

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

(After 9 and 10:30 am worship)

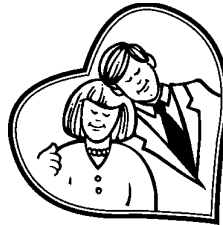
# CELEBRATIONS!!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

EARL SCHLENOGOT	04/01
JEFF MORGAN	04/02
BETTY TOELLER	04/07
EVELYN SCHUH	04/07
MAX KELLY	04/07
KAREN SEARLES	04/08
GREG HESS	04/08
JOEL MENTZEL	04/08
CHRISTINE ROWEN	04/09
ADAM PASBRIG	04/10
MACKENZIE BREIMON	04/10
EMILY MUELLER	04/11
JACOB SCHUETTE	04/11
ROBERT NIESING	04/12
DORIS SEYFERT	04/13
MEGAN JOOSSE	04/13
LAUREN BENDT	04/17
MEGAN SCHLENOGOT	04/19
JOANNE GUNDRUM	04/19
JEANNE MACIEJEWSKI	04/20
GRACE BROWN	04/20
MIKE MORGAN	04/21
ROSE BODENSTEIN	04/23
RYAN STERNHAGEN	04/24
HANNAH STERNHAGEN	04/25
PAM LANDON	04/25
GERRY OLSON	

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

GARY AND JULIE WINKELHORST	04/08/1995
RICK & CINDY KORNELY	04/09
GARY & DORIS SCHLENOGOT	04/13/1991
TOM & KARMON SCHUH	04/17/1982
MARTY & VERNA FRANZKOWIAK	04/21/1994
KEITH & LISA HAASCH	04/22/1995
JIM & STACY BRIEMON	04/24/1997
JIM & JACKIE SORENSON	04/29/1967



### ENGAGED!

Michele Searles, daughter of Jim & Karen Searles recently became engaged to Mike Drayheim.

## Thank you...

Bill & Shirley Paape for refinishing the antique buffet in Memorial Hall. (The buffet was built in the late 1800's and donated by Eleanore Beer)

Ray Schwinn & Roy DeSimone for installing ceramic tile in the main floor east entry and hallway.

The Building Committee for their dedication and outstanding work on behalf of the congregation.

The Evangelism Committee for their passion for outreach and willingness to put their passion to work!

All those who help with funeral luncheons, after church fellowship and hospitality.

All the prayer partners!