

THE FRIEDENSBOTE

From Pastor Mark...

Greetings!

We're adopting again. We've been thinking about it, praying about it and seeking just the right match for our family. We think it's going to happen soon—maybe even by the time you get this newsletter.

We have our eye on a 4-year old chocolate lab-retriever mix.

Ours is a family that has grown by adoption. Our daughter Katie was born in South Korea and came to us when she was 11 months old. Tyler was born in southeastern Wisconsin and came to us when he was 10 months old. To that we'll add a dog who needs to be adopted by people who will treat her as their own.

Our model is God. His desire is to adopt us and make us His own.

"For He chose us in Him (Christ) before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons (and daughters) through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will—to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves." (Ephesians 1:4-6)

"...yet to all who received Him (Christ Jesus), to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God—" (John 1:12)

"I (Christ Jesus) will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." (John 14:18)

The family if God is grown by adoption.

And isn't it great to know He's not simply interested in the "pick of the litter"! He is especially mindful of the runts, the outcasts, the abandoned, the mistreated.

I hope you realize that simply going to church doesn't mean you're a child of God. Have you the faith and humility to call on God the Father and ask Him, by the shed blood of His Son, to forgive your sin and adopt you in His eternal family?

Do you "wonder" if you're good enough to be accepted into Heaven?

Do you sometimes feel like a spiritual "orphan"...that nobody cares about you or understands your heart—not even God?

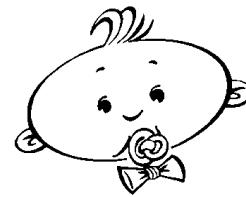
Turn your heart toward Him who has desired, since before the foundation of the earth, for you to cry out in confession, humility and faith—"God forgive me—cleanse my heart by the blood of the Lamb—set my feet on the firm foundation that is Your Word—bring me into Your eternal family and set my eyes on loving and serving You by the power of Your Spirit within me."

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Reisimer	8/01	Tina Reisimer	8/23
Robyn Wetzel	8/02	Tammy Hess	8/23
James Sorenson	8/04	Ed Kohn	8/23
Donna Schlenvogt	8/07	Carol Breimon	8/24
Penny Mentzel	8/07	Sara Schlenvogt	8/25
Chris Searles	8/09	Marty Franzkowiak	8/26
Tyler Brown	8/09	Lila Kohn	8/26
Braden Schafer	8/10	Lindsay Kopp	8/27
Lillian Rebstock	8/12	Bernice Nault	8/29
Brad Kelly	8/13	Emma Hess	8/23
Holli Parker	8/14		
Arno Guenther	8/15		
Melissa Schuh	8/18		
Ralph Seyfert	8/18		
Emma Meyer	8/20		
Melissa Morgan	8/22		

Happy Anniversary!

Gerry & Dixie Olson	8/02/1958
Steve & Terri Schmidt	8/03/1985
Kent & Pat Kohn	8/04/1979
Gary & Linda Cooper	8/09/1980
Terry & Deb DuMez	8/13/1983
Dan & Vicki Benson	8/14/1976
Matt & Kari Mackellar	8/15/1998
Lee & Pam Schlenvogt	8/16/1985
Richard & Betty Altendorf	8/20/1949
Dan & Joan Dufner	8/20/1988

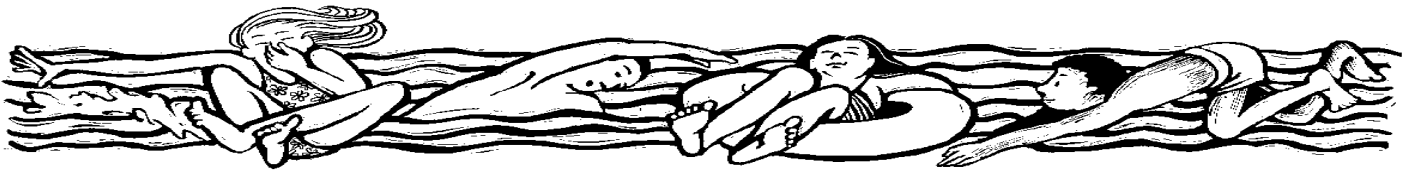


Richard & Angela Johnson
welcomed 8 pound 4 ounces Richard
Herbert to their family on Sunday July 6th.

Perry & Terri Dekker were also blessed with a son on Fri-
day July 18th. Samuel Ryan was 6 pounds 6 ounces.

Congratulations to both families!

AUGUST 2003



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1

2

6:30 pm
Worship
Communion

Watch for information about adult
classes and small groups starting in
Fall!

3
9:00 am
Worship
Communion

4

5

6

7
6:30 am
Prayer
7 pm
Worship
Team

8

9
6:30 pm
Worship

10
9:00
am
Worship

11

12

13
7:00 pm
Elders

14
6:30 am
Prayer
7 pm
Worship
Team

15

16
6:30 pm
Worship

17
9:00
am
Worship

18
Council
6:30 pm

19

20

21
6:30 am
Prayer
7 pm
Worship
Team

22

23
6:30 pm
Worship

24/31
9:00 am
Worship

25

26

27

28
6:30 am
Prayer
6:45 pm
Choir/7:45
Worship
Team

29

30
6:30 pm
Worship

From Pastor Don...

Hebrews 11:1-2

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
For by it the elders obtained a good report.*

Faith is not a blind leap. It is stepping where God leads based upon His faithfulness. God rewards those who are faithful to Him and His word. Psalm 138:2 states, "I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy name for Thy lovingkindness and for Thy truth: for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above Thy name." Our perception and understanding comes from our dedication to what God has revealed in His word. Faith comes from the hearing of the Word of God.

Faith is not mere mental assent; it is a heart trust.

Faith is for all people; without it, it is impossible to please God.

Faith is the basic ingredient of our worship of God and of our walk with Him.

Faith's object is absolute and eternal: God.

Faith accepts miracles because it accepts the first miracle: Creation.

Faith is for life and death.

Faith may bring reproach from men; it always brings favor with God.

Faith sees its ultimate rewards in heaven.

Faith is not a hope-so; it is a know so.

Faith is sure because it depends on the Word of God.

Faith depends on Jesus from beginning to end.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The work of the Search Committee is not done. We are now interviewing candidates for the position of director or associate pastor of youth and children's ministries.

We have had 4 interviews thus far. We have a telephone interview scheduled for 7/28 and on 7/30 we will have a second interview with the young man who is presently our top candidate.

This person's responsibilities will include coordination of all ministries relating to youth and children. This person will work as part of the leadership team to apply our church's mission statement as it relates to youth and children—outreach, evangelism, discipleship, and training for Christian service. This person will also work closely with lay volunteers to equip them, encourage them, and raise up new leaders.

Please pray for the ongoing work of this committee. Watch your bulletins for announcements concerning special congregational meetings to meet the eventual recommended candidate and to vote on calling that person to join us in the exciting ministries of Friedens Church.

JOYCE MEYER IS COMING TO WISCONSIN

OCTOBER 23RD-25TH

SHE WILL BE AT THE U. S CELLULAR ARENA IN MILWAUKEE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23RD @7:00 PM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24TH @ 10:00AM & 7:00 PM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25TH @10:00AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 1-800-727-9673 OR 636-349-0303

OR GO TO WWW.JCMINISTRIES.ORG



DO YOU OWN A BUSINESS OR PROVIDE A SERVICE?

BE A PART OF THE FRIEDENS CHURCH BUSINESS DIRECTORY!!

This directory will help others in our church find a Christian based business and someone they know!

Contact Debra Bendt @ 284-5499 or e-mail your information to her at bendts@wi.rr.com, or fill out the form found in your Sunday bulletin

All submissions are due by August 31,2003



LEECH LAKE HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP...

This year's Youth Mission Trip was a resounding success. Nine teens and two leaders left Sunday July 20th for Leech Lake Reservation in upper Minnesota. The Mission Team stayed at the local high school under the supervision of the YouthWorks staff and joined other youth groups from Iowa, Michigan and Illinois. The focus of the week was to help the teens experience a heart of service, following in the example of Christ Jesus.

Members of the Friedens' Mission Team were combined with members of other youth groups to form two "work crews." Each of the six work crews at Leech Lake spent two days painting the homes of local residents in need of help, and another two days ministering to children at the local Kids' Club. In addition to the scraping and painting, the youth also had the opportunity to interact with the people they were helping. The local residents were very hospitable and extremely grateful that youths would take time away from their summer vacations to travel far and help someone they had never met. The locals responded with many words of thanks and some even treated the work crews to a barbecue lunch or parting gifts. The work crews also took turns at preparing their own meals and cleaning the facilities.

Time spent at Kids' Club was devoted to showing local kids (ages 4 to 12) that someone cares about them. Activities at the Kids'

Club included games such as kickball and red rover, craft time and story telling. Many of the kids were overjoyed simply to have someone join them in playing catch or drawing on the sidewalks with chalk. The highlight of the day was typically a game called "Drip, Drip, Drop," which is similar to "Duck, Duck, Goose" but is played with a glass of water. Eventually everyone who was playing (and a few who weren't) got wet. Kids' Club was also difficult at times due to a few kids that tested the limits of patience and tough love for both the youth helpers and staff. Poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, and broken families are some of the negative influences faced by the local kids who at times would act up in aggressive and even threatening ways. But congratulations to the youth staff for responding with kindness, patience and love.

Other daily activities included morning devotions, a special evening activity, club time and church group time. The special evening activities included swimming, roller skating, a Powwow and an introduction to the Spirit of the Forest. The Powwow was a community pot luck dinner complete with native drummers and dancers. The community expressed their thankfulness at our willingness to help and invited us to join them in their ceremonial dances. At the Spirit of the Forest activity, we learned about such activities as bead making, teepee construction, archery and campfire cooking, complete with a sampling of wild rice and roasted corn on the cob. Everyone met for club time and enjoyed praise and worship time as well as the lesson for the day. The last club time consisted of a lesson in willingness to serve and concluded with a foot-washing ceremony that was very moving for both the youths and adults. Our church group time was spent recalling the highlights of our day followed by an in-depth discussion of day's lesson. The little "free time" we had was spent playing cards, volleyball, basketball, ultimate frisbee or hanging out with new friends.

This year's mission trip helped our team learn not only what it means to be a willing servant, but to put that attitude into action. Everyone had a wonderful time and grew closer to God and each other. The Mission Team included Tracy Cooper, Jeffrey Esselman, Amber Ferrell, Megan Joose, Alex Kornely, Al Medinger, Barbie Schulze, David Toeller, Ashley Tretter, and leaders Bridget



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDRENS' MINISTRY



Sue Voll is talking with past leaders determining who plans to teach again in the coming year. Perhaps the lord has been speaking to your heart about joining this ministry. There are opportunities to lead or assist a small group of children for a 13 week semester or up to an entire year if you choose. We provide curriculum which carefully presents effective

learning experiences for both the children and teachers to enjoy. Besides the leadership training conferences held in IL and Elmbrook Church, Friedens will have workshops scheduled throughout the year on a variety of subjects of that leaders have expressed an interest in. Some of these topics include, lesson planning, discipline, and

learning styles. If you love the Lord and children and are willing to do some preparation, the Lord will bless your efforts and give you joy in serving Him!

Will you help Jesus touch another child?

"And He took the children in His arms, put His arms on them and blessed them."
Mark 10:16

**Our Thanks to all those who helped make Vacation Bible School a great Success!!
Special Thanks to...**

- Those who did all of the behind the scenes planning!
- Those who prepared awesome lessons & taught!
- Those who prepared delicious snacks each day!
- Those who made recreation time a real adventure!
- Those who made singing and praises an unforgettable experience!
- Those who financially and prayerfully supported all of the staff and children taking part in this outreach!

Atta Way!

THE CHURCH LADY PAGE



Help us welcome **Theresa Zahurance** to the Friedens Family!
This "Welcome/Housewarming" party will be **Sunday, August 3rd at 6:00 pm** at Friedens. There will be desserts, teas and coffee. She is in need of kitchen items. It would be great to buy pantry items or give the gift of money to purchase these necessary items.



WOMEN'S BREAKAWAY

Friedens Church Women's Ministry is having a women's breakaway
at Christ's Pond in Random Lake, WI

Friday, September 12th and/or Saturday September 13th.

Join us for wonderful worship, great sessions with Diane McQueen a worship leader and minister, mother of five and has been a teacher and small group leader at Elmbrook Church.

CHOOSE THE OPTION THAT WORKS FOR YOU...

Option 1: 2 day attendance—overnight \$38

Option 2: 2 day attendance *not* overnight \$15

Option 3: 1 day attendance Friday or Saturday \$10

Registration deadline is August 24th. Seating is limited so register early.

Pick up your brochure at the information table in Memorial Hall

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

OCTOBER 10-11, 2003

ELMBROOK CHURCH, BROOKFIELD

**PICK UP YOUR BROCHURE AND REGISTRATION FORM AT THE
FRIEDEN'S INFORMATION TABLE.**

FOR QUESTION CALL DEB BENDT @ 284-5499



ROMANIA-BOUND

John Schuette and Gary Schlenvogt are Romania-bound! Why? Because the Lord impressed upon their hearts His desire for them to go and to serve. Why would the Lord want them to go all the way to Romania to serve Him? Aren't there all kinds of needs closer to home?

Acts 1:8 "...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." Our church's ministries and our individual ministries are not to be limited geographically – but always in submission to God's will for us.

There are missionaries all over the world – they pray for Christians who can give even just a week or two to come along side them, help them, encourage them, and bring back to others reports of what God is doing.

We're having a "love offering" to support their work. Their way to and from is already covered. The money raised will help with: materials for projects once they're there, needs of the local missionaries, and out-reach materials.

They will also take donated items that they can pack into suitcases. The requested items are: children's aspirin, cough medicine, band-aids, vitamins, underwear, socks, school supplies (markers, crayons, craft materials). Please only lightweight materials. (No snow boots or heavy snow clothes) There will be a donation box in the narthex.

Here's the requested cornbread salad recipe from the recent church picnic...

Chili Corn Bread Salsa from Marie Zirbes

- 1(8 1/2 oz.) pkg. Corn Bread
- 1 c. Green pepper, chopped
- 1 c. green onion, chopped
- 10 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 2 c. (8 oz.) cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 (4 oz.) can chopped green chilies, not drained
- 1/8 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/8 tsp. dried oregano
- Pinch rubbed sage
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 c. (8 oz.) sour cream
- 1 env. Ranch salad dressing mix
- 2 (15 oz.) cans beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 (15 1/2) cans whole kernel corn, drained
- 3 med. Tomatoes, chopped
- 1 c. Green pepper, chopped

Prepare corn bread batter according to package directions, adding the chilies, cumin, oregano and sage. Spread in a greased 8-inch square baking pan. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cool. In a small bowl, combine the mayo, sour cream and dressing mix. Set aside. Crumble half of the corn bread into a 9 x 13x 2" or larger dish. Layer with half of the following: beans, mayo mixture, corn, tomatoes, green pepper, onions, bacon and cheese. Repeat the layers. (The dish will be very full, if using a 9 X 13" pan.) Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours before serving. Makes 12 servings.

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**ALL NEW ADULT CLASSES AND SMALL
GROUPS ARE FORMING FOR THE FALL...**

*Practical *Encouraging * Challenging *Exciting
*Informative *Helpful
*Fun!

We're putting the final touches on the schedule and
will have detailed information and sign-up
opportunities at church starting
Sunday, August 3