

OCTOBER 2003

THE FRIEDENSBOOTE

Friedens Evangelical Church



FROM PASTOR MARK...

THE SEASONS CHANGE. EACH SEASON HAS ITS OWN BEAUTY AND PURPOSE IN GOD'S CREATIVE DESIGN.

OUR LIVES SEEMS TO HAVE "SEASONS". WE GO THROUGH CHANGES IN OUR LIVES. THERE CAN BE BEAUTY AND GOD'S PURPOSE CAN BE EVIDENT IN THOSE CHANGES IF WE LOOK THROUGH THE "LENSES" OF FAITH. WE CAN SEE GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES EVER-UNFOLDING. WE CAN SEE HOW WE GROW AND WE'RE PRUNED AND WE FLOWER AND WE BEAR FRUIT AND THEN WE'RE PRUNED SOME MORE BECAUSE GOD KNOWS IT'S NECESSARY FOR INCREASED FRUIT-BEARING AND HEALTHY GROWTH.

OUR CHURCH EXPERIENCES SEASONS, TOO. EACH IS BEAUTIFUL AND PURPOSEFUL IN ITS OWN WAY.

I BELIEVE WE'RE IN A SEASON OF COLORFUL CHANGE. OUR PASTORAL STAFF TEAM IS MADE COMPLETE WITH MARK KATO'S ARRIVAL AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. HIS COMING IS CELEBRATED BY THE KIDS IN BLAZE AND THE AWANA

KIDS ARE GETTING TO KNOW AND LOVE HIM, TOO. THE SMILES AND ENTHUSIASM WE SEE IN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IS LIKE A DRIVE THROUGH THE KETTLE MORRAINE COUNTRYSIDE ON A SUNNY AFTERNOON IN OCTOBER.

WALK THROUGH THE CHURCH BUILDING ON A SUNDAY MORNING DURING THE "SUNDAY SCHOOL" HOUR AND YOU'LL SEE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF CHANGE....CLASSROOMS FILLED, NOT ONLY WITH CHILDREN, BUT CLASSROOMS FILLED WITH ADULTS, TOO. MORE THAN 50 ADULTS, IN 4 DIFFERENT CLASSES, WHOSE LIVES ARE EXPERIENCING THE VARYING SEASONS OF CHANGE THAT GOD DIRECTS BY HIS WISDOM AND GRACE.

SPRING, SUMMER, AUTUMN, AND WINTER—EACH SEASON WITH A BEAUTY AND PURPOSE OF ITS OWN—ORDAINED BY GOD OUR CREATOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF HIS CREATION.

BOYS, GIRLS, MEN, WOMEN, YOUNG, OLD, IN-BETWEEN....NEWCOMERS, OLD-TIMERS...SEEKERS AND SERVANTS....A COLORFUL, BEAUTIFUL LIVING MOSAIC OF THE SEASONS OF LIFE AND FAITH.

CELEBRATE THE SEASONS OF LIFE! GOD IS GOOD!

October 2003



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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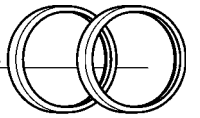
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Lisa Krier	10/01	Justin Rippel	10/26
Rick Kornely	10/03	Michele Broulette	10/28
Maryann Stoeker	10/03	Joan Dufner	10/29
Marty Franzkowiak	10/03	Lisa Kopp	10/31
Nancy Purdy	10/08	Jakob Dufner	10/31
Tyler Voll	10/09		
Dixie Olson	10/11		
Jeff Pyzyk	10/11		
Dawn Monroe	10/11		
Pam Schlenvogt	10/12		
Melissa Schlenvogt	10/12		
Travis Kornely	10/12		
Terry Stoecker	10/14		
Mary Lou Westerbeke	10/14		
Helene Kruke	10/16		
Bill Pasbrig	10/18		
Jedariah Mentzel	10/18		
Harvey Kowalke	10/19		
Lori Kelly	10/19		
Ryan Pasbrig	10/19		
Caroline Wilde	10/21		
Jacob Mueller	10/21		
Jeff Rippel	10/22		
Lisa Simonson	10/22		
Matthew Dekker	10/23		
Scott Zirbes	10/26		

On Sunday September 21st
 Samuel Ryan Dekker, son of
 Perry & Terry Dekker was
 dedicated. Samuel was born
 July 18th 2003

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month



Jim & Sue Blick	10/05/68
*celebrating 35 years together	
Jim & Karen Searles	10/11/75
Francis & Lydia Swatek	10/12/40
*celebrating 63 years together	
Richard & Lenora Hauser	10/14/61
Bill & Dawn Pasbrig	10/27/84
Earl & Bonnie Schlenvogt	10/29/73
*celebrating 30 years together	



FROM DR. DON

The prince of Grenada, an heir to the Spanish crown, was sentenced to life in solitary confinement in Madrid's ancient prison called "The Place of the Skull." The fearful, dirty, and dreary nature of the place earned it the name. Everyone knew that once you were in, you would never come out alive. The prince was given one book to read the entire time--the Bible. With only one book to read, he read it over hundreds and hundreds of times. The book became his constant companion.

After thirty-three years of imprisonment, he died. When they came in to clean out his cell, they found some notes he had written using nails to mark the soft stone of the prison walls. The notations were of this sort: Psalm 118:8 is the middle verse of the Bible; Ezra 7:21 contains all the letters of the alphabet except the letter j;

the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther is the longest verse in the Bible, no word or name of more than six syllables can be found in the Bible.

When Scot Udell originally noted these facts in an article in Psychology Today, he noted the oddity of an individual who spent thirty-three years of his life studying what some have described as the greatest book of all time yet could only glean trivia. From all we know, he never made any religious or spiritual commitment to Christ, but he became an expert at Bible trivia.

There's a difference between knowing facts about God, Jesus Christ, and the Bible, and allowing God to change you from the inside out. Many people grow up knowing a lot about Christianity but never have entrusted their lives to Christ. Have you?



FALL DINNER Sunday October 26th
Sponsored by the Women's Ministries
Following 10:30 worship in Fellowship Hall
Everyone Welcome!
No R.S.V.P. needed.

MENU
Chicken Marsala (hot dogs for the kids)
Rice, Green Bean Caesar, Garden Salad, French Bread, Fruit
Homemade desserts - donations from congregation
(9x13 pan, uncut) Call Deb Bendt to donate dessert.
For more info. call Monica Rowley 284-9106



Doris And Gary Schlenvogt received this letter from one of the Romania missionaries.

Dear Friedens Church Family,

I'm very honored that I had the opportunity to work with two of your members. I had a lot to learn from them in every area, construction and spiritual. I hope that God will continue to use them and all of you in building people and building places where people will get to know God and worship Him. I saw the giving that Gary & John had all this time here and that motivated me to follow their example. Also the giving by all of you, by sending them over here, showed us, the Romanians, how we should be more with our brothers and sisters. The churches Gary & John worked in look much better now and they thank you a lot and be sure that everyone is praying for and they are waiting for another visit from your family!!

May God bless your family!!

In Christ,

Costel Carausu

P.S. Jeremiah 29: 11-13



*Congratulations to
Wendy Wilde and Paul Greif who were married
at Friedens on September 27th 2003*

*Wendy is the daughter of
Dennis & Macella Wilde*

*Paul is the son of
Robert & Norma Greif*



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

HIGH SCHOOL GUYS/GIRLS BIBLE FELLOWSHIP Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm at the home of Doug & Marci Ferrell or Pastor Mark Kato Call 375-1009 for details.

BLAZE – YOUTH GROUP (grades 7-12) meets on Sundays from 6:30-8:00 pm. Interested? Talk to Pastor Mark Kato.

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

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES meet at 9:15 am. For more information call the church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP meets at 6:30 pm. For more info call Mike Bendt at 284-5499

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP From 9:30-11:30 Call Marci Ferrell (375-1009)

PRAYER GROUP meets Thursday mornings at 6:30 am. Everyone welcome. Contact the office for more information.

THURSDAY EVENING CHOIR & WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE Choir meets first at 6:45 pm, the Worship Team meets at approximately 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Pastor Mark Voll.

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.

OCTOBER 6TH WOMEN'S HEALTH SEMINAR Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm. The subject for the evening will be menopause. If you have any questions call Deb Bendt @ 284-5499.

OCTOBER 21ST MOM & ME STAMPING CLASS Tuesday from 6:15– 7:45 pm. The class will be creating holiday gifts. For more info. Call Deb Bendt @ 284-5499.

OCTOBER 21ST COLLEGE FAIR AT ELMBROOK CHURCH in Brookfield 6:30-8:30 pm

NOVEMBER 8TH MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR from 9 am-12 noon at Friedens. Please pre-register. Call the church office for more information or talk to Pastor Mark.

NOVEMBER 8TH JR./SR. HIGH TRIP TO MILWAUKEE RESCUE MISSION 4-6:00PM. Contact Marci Ferrell for more information at 375-1009

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Membership Seminar Announced!!

Friedens Evangelical Church will offer a Membership Seminar on Saturday, November 1st from 9:00 am—12:00 noon. It will be held in the church's fellowship hall. Refreshments will be served.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the church's ministries and mission—our past, present and future. Participants will enjoy good food and an interesting presentation about church membership at Friedens.

This is a “no string attached” seminar—you can use this opportunity to simply interact and learn and then decide if Friedens will be your church home.

There are no tests or embarrassing questions asked.

We do ask that those planning to attend pre-register so we have materials ready to go.

Though we are not offering child-care during seminar, you can help out by providing names of responsible child care volunteers in the church family.

We hope you are enjoying getting to know the people and ministries of Friedens Church.

We'd like to get to know you better, too and help you discover if Friedens Evangelical Church is the church for you—where you can grow- together- with us—in Christ!



Why Not Play It Safe?

-By John Newton

Recently I was at the Barnes and Noble bookstore in the Mayfair Mall looking at christian books. On the opposite side of the aisle was the occult section. I noticed two girls about 14 or 15 years old looking through several books on witchcraft. One of the books they looked at was, All You Need to Cast Real Spells That Work. I was surprised that such innocent looking young girls would be interested in witchcraft, but relieved that they left without buying the book. I took a look at the book and on the cover it claimed to be written by a witch and stated that it would show how to get whatever you want through casting spells. Do you think they were influenced to look at the occult section of the bookstore after first reading Harry Potter or watching shows like Charmed, Sabrina, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Angel and Crossing Over? Do you think the books on the occult and witchcraft they were looking at are evil?

About a week later I was at my friend Carl's house and the subject of witchcraft came up. We were discussing the autographed copy of Harry Potter Carl bought at an auction. I told him I didn't think Harry Potter was good for children to read because it is centered around witchcraft, a practice condemned by the Bible (Duet. 18 and Isaiah 19:3). Carl didn't agree, he said, "in the first place witchcraft isn't real, it's make believe, so there's no way it can hurt anyone. Secondly, kids that read Harry Potter books aren't practicing witchcraft they're just being entertained." Even though Carl and I don't agree if witchcraft is real or if children should read about Harry Potter and watch tv shows like Charmed and Sabrina, I do believe Carl is a good christian father. I just think he's wrong for letting his children read those types of books or watch tv shows about witchcraft.

I know of a master illusionist. He's great at doing tricks, but he explains to those who see his performances that his tricks are just that—tricks, illusions—and they have nothing to do with magic or supernatural powers, he leaves no doubt in his performances (a ministry that enables him to talk about the occult) that what he does is slight of hand, as amazing as it appears to the onlooker. There is a difference between one who practices magic, depending on supernatural forces; and those who perform acts of illusion.

I was volunteering at Grafton Elementary School last year and a fifth grader by the name of Mark, a young christian I know, called me over to the window. "Mr Newton, do you see that small tree right there?" He said pointing. "look at the bottom branch, I'm going to make it move." Mark recited a spell he made up that sounded similar to what he showed me earlier in the Harry Potter book he was reading. He motioned with his hands and waited for the branch to move—nothing happened. He repeated this again and nothing happened, then the third time the branch moved slightly. Do I believe Mark caused the branch to move with his spell—no.

What I do believe is that nowadays children are exposed to an unprecedented amount of movies, tv shows, books, videos, games, and comic books that make the occult and witchcraft seem glamorous and fun. And some children like the two girls looking at books on casting real spells, come close to crossing the line into serious involvement in the occult.

I think it is pretty clear that the two girls were thinking about using supernatural forces to obtain something they wanted. This is the kind of magic condemned in the Bible. But you might be thinking, was the girls interest in witchcraft just an isolated incident?

Unfortunately, some of these children have come from christian homes; obviously, no christian parent wants his or her child to become involved in the occult. So even if we don't think our sons or daughters will succome to the lure of the occult, why not play it safe by offering our children christian books and movies as an alternative?

It is interesting to note that according to a recent Gallup poll taken in 2001—Americans interest in the occult and witchcraft has significantly increased over the past decade. I'm quite certain it is not the Lord's will that Christians or their children should have a growing interest in the occult.

If there are parents reading this article who are absolutely certain that their child can read Harry Potter and watch tv shows like Charmed and never be tempted to experiment with the occult as a result—I'm truly glad.

But still, wouldn't christians be in a better position to set an example for non-christians, such as the girls in the bookstore— if we didn't let our children read books and watch tv shows depicting witchcraft?



Friedens Evangelical Church 150th ANNIVERSARY: 1854-2004 *Preliminary Plans*

2004 will mark the 150th Anniversary of the incorporating of Friedens Evangelical Church. In July 1854, Evangelical Friedens Church became the first Protestant church in Port Washington. At that time it was affiliated with a German Lutheran denomination.

In 2004 we will celebrate, commemorate, and rededicate! An anniversary planning committee is meeting and is comprised of: Debbie Bendt, Doris Feider-Schlenvogt, Sue Voll, Roy DeSimone, Alice Rabenhorst, and Pastor Voll. Some of the preliminary plans include:

- January: Our Annual Meeting...we'll use this time to set our hearts and minds on the church's mission and ministry that was – and is! We'll affirm who we are...whose we are...what we have...and what we're to do and be! It won't simply be "business as usual" at the 2004 Annual Meeting.
- February: A return visit from Greg Buchanan! On Saturday, February 14th (Valentine's Day) there will be a catered candlelight dinner for couples called "An Evening of Elegance". Greg Buchanan will provide the music. Sunday morning, February 15th, Greg will lead us in worship at both services. We will also embark on "40 Days of Purpose"...(you'll hear much more about this later)
- March: Spring Fellowship Dinner.
- April: Easter celebrations. Wrapping up "40 Days of Purpose".
- May: (yet to be determined)
- June: An extra-special Vacation Bible School!
- July: Outdoor worship & picnic. Baptism service. Historical displays. Open house. The Anniversary Banquet is being planned for July 30th to be held at Country Inn & Suites.
- August: The church's focus will be on outreach and service projects.
- September: The Ozaukee Chorus will feature their annual sacred concert here at Friedens! "Christopher Church mouse" will launch our new season of AWANA!
- October: Fall Fellowship Dinner
- November: (yet to be determined)
- December: Christmas caroling. Christmas musical.

In addition, the Planning Committee is looking into possible 150th Anniversary "memorabilia" that people might like to purchase as remembrances.

Also, the Church Council has enthusiastically supported the creation of a "150th Anniversary Fund". The goal is to raise \$15,000.00 in gifts, memorials, and pledges (to be paid by the end of 2004). The fund would be used for special anniversary projects, activities, promotions, mission projects, outreach projects, anniversary booklet, etc. A beautiful 150th Anniversary Fund recognition display is also be planned in order to thank those who support the effort.

The next meeting of the Anniversary Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm. Those interested in helping are welcome to attend.