

THE FRIEDENSBOTE

Friedens Evangelical Church

APRIL 2005

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MARK VOLL



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Be on the lookout!

I want to use my April 2005 newsletter space to alert our Friedens family to be on the lookout for the following....

People you don't know.

That's right, there are people coming to Friedens – it seems each week – who many of us don't know. Imagine that...people just coming into Friedens, from who knows where, to see what this church is all about.

Maybe you've noticed them. They sometimes appear to be uncertain about the location of the sanctuary or classrooms. They may be looking for a place to hang their coats. They might have a look on their face that seems to say – "I'm new here...somebody please ask me if I need help finding anything." They might have even sat "in your pew!" We shouldn't be surprised. We invited them! We have opened our

doors to those who are not presently enjoying the fellowship of the Body of Christ. We have prayed for opportunities to share what God is doing here at Friedens. God is simply responding to our prayers and our stated purpose as a church to "Seek out and welcome all in need of spiritual direction, reconcile lives to God and build and equip devoted disciples to serve Christ Jesus."

They're coming. Every week. Have you noticed them? Are you meeting them? Helping them find their way? Are you making them feel welcome? Helping them connect to people, to our ministries – the life of Friedens?

Remember, at some point you were "one of them". Someone noticed you. Someone approached you and welcomed you. Someone helped you feel at home. Someone said, "I'm glad you're here! Can I help you in anyway?"

Be on the lookout. Word must be spreading that Friedens is a great place to investigate the claims of Christ, get re-acquainted with the family of believers, find opportunities for spiritual and personal growth, heal hurts, make friends, and worship and serve the living God.

Also, be on lookout for a west foyer project being developed that will help everyone to get a clearer picture of our ministries and mission – who we are as a church. Phase one of this beautiful project is pledged by Doris Noster using some of the "Alex Noster Memorials" – a fitting tribute to a man who was always on the lookout for people to meet and greet.





April 2005

GREETING FROM DR. DON

AMBASSADOR FOR CHRIST

Have you ever met someone from a different country? Have you ever lived in a foreign land? We have had the privilege of living in Poland for six years as missionaries with Word of Life International. We had gone through many feelings of insecurity while living in an unfamiliar country. What kept us going was the fact that we did not speak on our own behalf. We represented the United States of America, as well as, "The Heavens," that is, God's kingdom. We knew that we had two great tasks ahead of us. We represented America with all its strengths and weakness' and as ambassadors for Christ we were to lift up Gods' agenda, not ours. Now for a moment, think of the work of an ambassador, he is a diplomatic official of the highest rank sent by one country as its long-term representative to another. They are usually someone who serves as an official spokesperson of something, for example, a movement; a change in venue or developing some departments for progress. Another example is where an ambassador is visiting this country as a diplomat for a fund dedicated to saving endangered species. An ambassador is usually an elder person with a great deal of maturity and experience who represents his homeland. The homeland means his birth place, his language, and his entire culture. The ambassadors' responsibility is to express the will and concerns of his country and its leaders. As representing another, the ambassador does not speak of his own concerns and interests. If you are a believer you have the responsibility to represent Jesus Christ. Jesus said that His Kingdom was not of this world, which means that we are to be honorable examples of His Kingdom. You may want to ponder these questions: (1) "If you were to represent another person or country, which would you choose and why?" (2) When talking to another Christian, let them know that if they are not representing Jesus, then whom are they representing? Consider the fact that when speaking to multitudes, Jesus expressed the will and desire of His father. In fact, He said that, He always did the will and good pleasure of His father (John 17:4). As effective witnesses we ought to speak the things that God commands us to speak, for we represent His Word, His Will and His Kingdom. We do not preach our concerns but the concerns of God. This was Paul's attitude, "For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" (Ephesians 6:20) [KJV]. Be careful about what you say, what you do and where you go. People are watching your life and how you represent the Lord Jesus Christ.

Until the nets are full,
Dr. Don Zahurance

April 2005

FROM PASTOR KATO

The Beyond Belief Tour is coming to Milwaukee on April 27th, and Blaze will be there!

Come and see Superchic(k) in concert and Josh McDowell at this incredible event.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Pastor Mark Kato.

Tickets are going fast so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

Space is limited!

30 Hour Famine

On April 29th and 30th, Blaze will again be participating in World Relief's 30 Hour Famine. The goal is to raise awareness of the problem hunger is around the world, while raising funds to help those in need. Many of our youth are looking for sponsors, so if you are interested, please contact Pastor Kato about how you can help feed needy children.

Laser Tag

Anyone want to play? We've found a company that will provide all the equipment and training for \$30 and are scheduled to play on April 23rd. Specific time has not yet been confirmed, but will probably be in the early afternoon. If you are interested please sign up at the Blaze Bulletin board located in the Narthex next to the Women's restroom.

Youth/Young Adult Small Groups

Please join us for great times of fellowship and interaction with God's Word at these following studies.

Tuesday nights: 7-9 PM

High School Bible Study @ the Ferrell's

Current Study: 1 John

Contact: Doug and Marci Ferrell (262) 375-1009

Wednesday nights: 6:30-8:30 PM

Jr. High Boys Bible Study @ the Schuette's

Contact: John Schuette (262) 284-1072

Thursday nights: 6:30-8:30 PM

(2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month)

Young Adult Bible Study

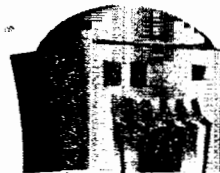
(all post-high School -20 something's)

Current Study: Doing Life Together

Contact: Dan Benson (262) 268-0755

All of these studies are open to any desiring to attend. If you have any questions please feel free to call the contact person or Pastor Mark Kato at (262) 284-2471.

Want to go Back in Time?



Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching and we need You!

We are going to be creating the Jerusalem Marketplace with all of the sensory experiences for our kids to experience, and we need volunteers to lead groups, act, create and support this whole experience. Our program this year is definitely different and requires individuals with a myriad of talents.

Please contact Pam Landon or Pastor Mark Kato to see how you can serve this year!



**AWANA
GAMES**

**Saturday April 2nd
Meet at 8:30 am
SHARP
A Friedens Church
going to:**

Sheboygan Christian
High School
929 Greenfield Ave.
Sheboygan, WI

**Awana Parents: If you will be
driving your child to the
Awana Games, you must send
a written note to
Dave Wetzel's attention.**

Awana
Leaders & Clubbers
Help Celebrate 9 years of
reaching boys and girls
with the Gospel of Christ
on Sun. Apr. 10th.

Proudly wear your
Awana uniform to
church service.

APRIL 2005

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Fri. Apr. 1st—AWANA GAMES PRACTICE 6:30-8:30

**Sat. Apr. 2nd—Awana Games in Sheboygan
Meet at Friedens Church 8:30 SHARP
Bus will be waiting in the parking lot**

Wed. Apr. 6th—Regular Awana Club 6:30-8:00

**Cubbies: Love for all the World
B.H. #20 / Pg. 83**

Sparkies: Missionary Night

T&T Girls: GIANT Night

T&T Boys: Flannel Shirt Night

Wed. Apr. 10th—Awana Sunday

Celebrating 9 years of reaching boys and girls for Christ

Wed. Apr. 13th—Regular Awana Club 6:30-8:00

**Cubbies: Bees, Bugs & Butterflies Night
B.H. #21 / Pg 87**

Sparkies: Regular Club Night

T&T Girls: Good Samaritan Night

T&T Boys: Good Samaritan Night

Wed. Apr. 20th—Regular Club Night 6:30-8:00

Cubbies: Number Night B.H. #22 / Pg. 91

Sparkies: Good Samaritan Night

T&T Girls: Regular Club Night

T&T Boys: HAT Night

Wed. Apr. 27th—Regular Club Night 6:30-8:00

Cubbies: Telling Night B.H. #24 / Pg. 95

Sparkies: Bible Heroes Night

T&T Girls: Store Night

T&T Boys: Regular Club

BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|------|---------------------|------|
| Scott Kelenic | 4/1 | Adam Pasbrig | 4/10 | Joel Wolf | 4/19 |
| Earl Jr. Schlenvogt | 4/1 | Michele Monroe | 4/11 | Grace Brown | 4/20 |
| Tiffany Holloway | 4/2 | Emily Mueller | 4/11 | Alyssa Lawrence | 4/20 |
| Jeff Morgan | 4/2 | Jacob Schuette | 4/11 | Jeanne Maciejewski | 4/20 |
| Sandy Leclair | 4/3 | Tom Brown | 4/12 | Michael Morgan | 4/21 |
| Tom Uselding | 4/5 | Robert Niesing | 4/12 | Mackenzie Amore | 4/24 |
| Max Kelly | 4/6 | Megan Josse | 4/13 | Austin Wojciehowski | 4/24 |
| Wanda Wolf | 4/7 | Heather Serafin | 4/13 | Pam Landon | 4/25 |
| Betty Toeller | 4/7 | Doris Seyfert | 4/13 | Hannah Sternhagen | 4/25 |
| Skip Emory | 4/8 | Drew Wojciehowski | 4/13 | Barb Blasing | 4/26 |
| Greg Hess | 4/8 | Abby Wojciehowski | 4/14 | Dan Benson | 4/27 |
| Joel Mentzel | 4/8 | Lauren Bendt | 4/17 | Gerald Olson | 4/27 |
| Karen Searles | 4/8 | Joanne Gundrum | 4/19 | Tyler Dumez | 4/30 |
| Christine Rowen | 4/9 | Megan Schlenvogt | 4/19 | Kate Bolinski | 4/30 |



Celebrating 62 years together
Charles & Agnes Wolf 4/5/1943

Celebrating 24 years together
James & Jackie Sorenson 4/29/1967

Celebrating 31 years together
Gary & Deborah Jones 4/20/1974

Celebrating 23 years together
Tom & Karmon Schuh 4/17/1982

Celebrating 14 years together
Gary & Doris Schlenvogt 4/13/1994

ANNIVERSARIES



Celebrating 11 Years together
Marty & Verna Franzkowiak

Celebrating 10 Years together
Gary & Julie Winklehorst


Celebrating 10 Years together
Keith & Lisa Haatsch

Celebrating 22 years together
Rick & Cindy Kornely 4/9/1983

Celebrating 20 years together
Don & Judy Schulze 4/14/1985

Nursery is available during all
worship services and during
the Christian Education hour.

April 2005

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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|  | Daylight Savings Time Reminder.. Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night April 2nd | | | | 1 AWANA game practice 6-9pm | 2 Sabbatical Committee 9:30am AWANA Olympic Games Sheboygan 5 pm Service communion |
| 3 8am Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Service 4-6pm Blaze Mission training <i>Daylight saving time ahead 1 hr.</i> | 4 | 5 11:30am "Biblical Hermeneutics" 7-9pm HS Study 8pm Christian Recovery | 6 6:30-8:30pm 6th-8th Grade Guys Study 6:30-8pm AWANA 6:30pm "Basic Bible Doctrines" | 7 6:30am Prayer 6:30pm Choir / Worship team Practice 6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study | 8 | 9 8 am Men's Ministry Breakfast |
| 10 8am Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Service 6-8pm Blaze | 11 7pm Missions Meeting | 12 11:30am "Bible Doctrines 101" 7-9pm HS Study 8pm Christian Recovery | 13 6:30-8:30pm 6th-8th Grade Guys Study 6:30-8pm AWANA 6:30pm "Basic Bible Doctrines" | 14 6:30am Prayer 6:30pm Choir / Worship team Practice | 15 | 16 Men's Chili Supper Special guest Bryce Paup 6PM |
| 17 8am Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Service 6-8pm Blaze | 18 2-7 pm Here Blood Drive 6:30pm Council Meets | 19 10am-2pm Tea w/ Theresa 11:30am "Biblical Hermeneutics" 7-9pm HS Study 8pm Christian Recovery | 20 6:30-8pm AWANA 6:30pm Choir / Worship team 6:30pm "Basic Bible Doctrines" | 21 6:30am Prayer 6:30pm Choir / Worship team Practice 6:30 pm Young Adult Bible Study | 22 | 23 Sabbatical Committee 9:30am 9am set up for all church dinner |
| 24 8am Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Service 6-8pm Blaze All Church Dinner After 10:30 service | 25 7pm Christian Education meet | 26 11:30am "Bible Doctrines 101" 7-9pm HS Study 8pm CE Recovery 9:30-11am Dress Up Party for Preschoolers | 27 6:30-8:30pm 6th-8th Grade Guys Study 6:30-8pm AWANA 6:30pm "Basic Bible Doctrines" | 28 6:30am Prayer 6:30pm Choir / Worship team Practice | 29 | 30 |

Expanding Our Territories

Church Council has appointed a Sabbatical Planning Committee. The mission of the Committee is to work with Pastor Voll to plan for a 2006 sabbatical and to apply for an endowment to fund it. Longer term, the Committee will explore the need for a Friedens Church sabbatical policy.

Why now? Friedens Church is at an important cross road. The physical and spiritual growth of this church body is making it necessary for us to look forward to the near and long-term needs of our congregation. The Friedens family needs to consider developing personal and church visions that see human, spiritual needs beyond traditional borders and boundaries. To this end, we need invigorated and prepared pastoral leadership.

Sabbaticals are not new to Friedens. We recognize that the spiritual care of our pastors and their families directly affects the life of this church. A sabbatical leave had been approved for Pastor Voll prior to the fire, but he chose not to pursue it because of the intense needs of the church body during that difficult time. It is now time to re-explore providing the opportunity for personal, professional, and spiritual renewal through a sabbatical designed to prepare Pastor Voll to lead this congregation forward.

What is a sabbatical? A sabbatical is NOT an extended vacation. It is a time of rest and refreshment for the soul – a time of emotional rejuvenation and spiritual renewal. It allows a minister to step back and take a look at the larger picture.

Jesus provided a sabbatical model for us. He showed us that we need to keep moving forward toward the Father – in prayer, in teaching, and in travel. A sabbatical is a pilgrimage toward God. Jesus' spent forty days in the wilderness, and it marked a turning point in his earthly ministry. Paul was struck down on the road to Damascus, disappeared into the desert of Arabia for three years, and emerged with a new vision for his ministry. God intends for the earthly shepherds of his flock to spend time with him in intense spiritual renewal.

The Sabbatical Planning Committee will provide regular updates throughout the planning and endowment application process. Please feel free to talk with any of the Committee members if you have questions. And please pray that we will be guided steadily toward the will of our Father.

Sabbatical Planning Committee

Pastoral Advisor – Pastor Mark Kato

Barb Blasing

Terry Dumez

Doug Ferrell

Marty Franzkowiak

Paul Kopp

Vernette Kroboth

Alice Rabenhorst

Tim Sukow

Gary Zirbes

Reference sources for more information:

Clergy Renewal: the Alban Guide to Sabbatical Planning by Bullock and Brueshoff

Lilly Endowment website: <http://www.lillyendowment.org> and select the Religion link

IMPORTANT STUFF!

Church e-mail:

Our church's e-mail address is friedens@sbcglobal.net

Church mailing address:

454 N. Milwaukee St. Port Washington, WI. 53074

2005 Offering Envelopes: Don't have a box of offering envelopes but would like one...let the church office know and a set will be gladly provided.

Ministry Connections:

AWANA children's ministries – Dave Wetzel (285-3255)

BLAZE youth ministries – Pastor Kato (284-2471)

Children's Sunday School – Sue Voll (284- 2201)

Church Council President – Gary Zirbes (284-4697)

Church Treasurer – Jeanne Maciejewski (1-920-668-8889)

Contributions Recording – Marge Mills (284-5784)

Early Childhood/nursery – Cathy Kato (268-6999)

Elders – Mike Bendt (284-5499), Dave Sather (284-0074)

Greeters/Welcome–Sue Blick & Eileen Ellefson (284-3505)

Men's Ministries – Gary Schlenvogt (692-6446)

Missions – Theresa Zahurance (268-6839)

Small Groups & Adult Classes - Dr. Don (284-2471)

Women's Ministries – Deb Bendt (284-5499)

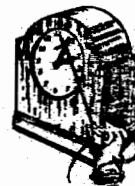
Young Adult Ministries – Dan Benson (268-0755)

- **Library:** Our church's library has music CD's,

books, videos, and DVD's you can't typically find in the public library. It's there to provide free resources and wholesome entertainment to anyone and everyone. It is very easy to check out resources. Stop in sometime and look around!

- We are also looking for a few volunteers to help serve in the library during services, Sunday School hour and AWANA. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Dawn Uselding at 285-4273
- Also the library is missing several books, CD's and video's. Please check around to see if you may have them in your personal library. They are marked with colored dots .

*Saturday night,
April 2nd
Remember to turn
your clocks ahead
1 hour*



**Daylight
Saving
Time
Begins**

MISSIONS MOMENT~ Theresa Zahurance

In March we had a great visit from our missionary Chip Martinson. He and his wife are with the Campus Crusade in Iowa. He thanks us for our wonderful hospitality and friendliness. Thank you Friedens family for a great love offering of \$817.78.

Right after the Tsunami hit, the mission committee felt a need to respond. However, our timing and Gods plan were not yet put together. We now have a contact with Grace International Ministries, and will send them \$750 toward their relief fund.

Our young people are planning a short term mission project to Muskegon, Michigan in July. We will also assist them with \$1,500.

Our mission trip to Poland is also in planning stages. They will be overseas for 2 weeks working with on our missionaries. We will also assist them with \$3,000.

Men of ALL Ages



**Come Enjoy a
Chili Supper
Saturday, April 16th,
6:00 PM**

**Special Guest Speaker
Green Bay Packers
Linebacker Bryce Paup**

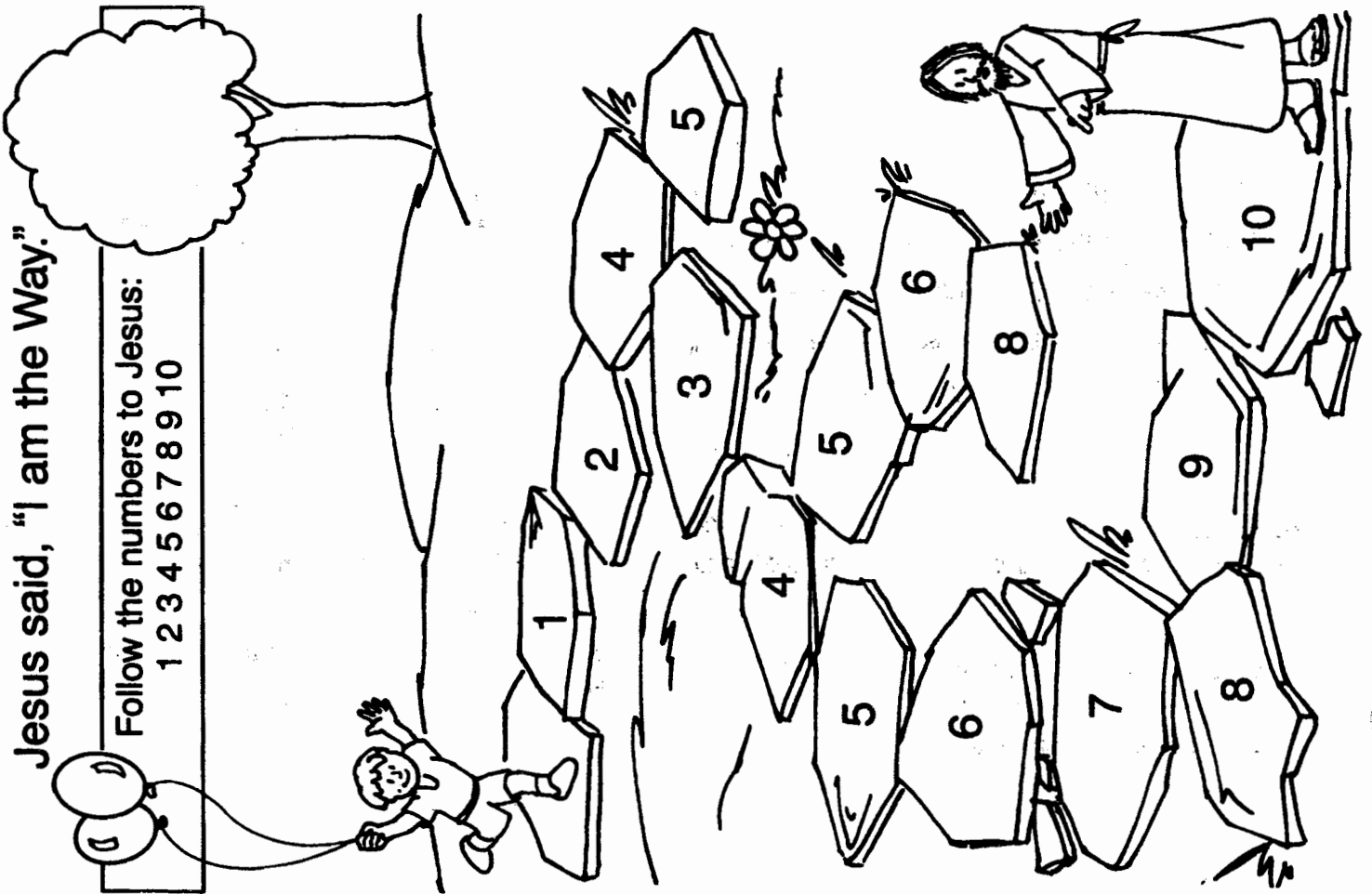
**Invite your guy friends, co workers,
neighbors, or consider inviting a boy who
doesn't have a Dad in his life.**

Sign up in fellowship hall

Jesus said, "I am the Way."

Follow the numbers to Jesus:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Have faith in Jesus.

Trace the letters.

