

September 2023 Newsletter



Friedens Church of Washington

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Love and Help Your Neighbors

by Susan Holle

In Matthew 22:37-39, Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself." (NIV) As this world grows secular more by the day and people's selfishness increases, we as Christians need to help and love those around us.

The original form of the word love extends beyond what we usually think. It means to have benevolence toward people and to take an interest in their welfare. Just like we care and ensure our families are okay, we must do the same with our neighbors. When we help people, it shows that we love and care about them and that God loves them, also. By loving and helping people, we're pleasing our Father.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, went to Calvary to suffer and die for all of our sins, so if we accept Him, we can live for eternity in heaven. If Jesus valued us enough to go through what He went through, we owe it to Him to value what He loves, which is everyone. Yes, even those we think don't deserve our attention. We are God's children, and He loves all of us. We should love each other just as Jesus shows us in the Bible.

In our prayers we remember. . .

Larry Hargrave, Dorothy Hughes, Rose Lee Lohmeyer, Mary Lee Lewis, Paul Bellard, Madeline Almquist, Pat Beirute, Sylvia Budraitis, Francis Ramsey, Joy & John Adkins, Ruth and Kenzie Garrett, Herb Kammel, Erin Schwamyer, Shirley Finke, Jenny Fritz, Rachel Brieno, Jackie Wood, Michael Canatella, Elroy Stolz, Cindy Wellmaker, Bill Newsom, Ralph & David Holle, Melanie DeAeth, Leah Weld, Judy Burke and David and Kenney McAlpine , Joey Helms Taylor Willis and Logan Latham.



Note: If you have anyone to add to the prayer list or remove, please contact the church office or email the Church prayer email: friedenschurchhofWashington@gmail.com

News, Events and Updates. . .

Frieden's Women announcements:

Our meeting will be September 6th at 4:30. We will have our annual game day. In October, we will bring in our Christmas boxes for Samaritan Purse and elect officers for next year. We want to thank everyone for their support of our take out dinner. We always use that money for repairs needed to our facilities. This year, with the help of donations, we have repaired the front doors to the Activity Center and made over the ladies restroom. In our August meeting we voted to help the Sunday School in any way we can and to hold a forum for two people running for commissioner.

Women's Fellowship announcements

- Women's Fellowship will be providing refreshments following the Monday, Sept. 11th Patriot Day service at 6 pm as well as after the Dec. 16th Wreaths Across America service at 10 am.
- There is a take-out meal planned on Oct. 28 pending council approval and caterer availability. Watch this space for further announcements.
- The next meeting will be on Sept. 21st.

Bible Study announcements:

We meet in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday beginning at 10:30 a.m. Come join us and bring your bible or you can use one from the church. We are currently studying the Book of Revelation. Please check the calendars for dates of no Bible Study due to holidays.

Choir announcements:

We sing during worship every first Sunday of the month and practice before worship.

Sunday School announcements:

Sunday School will resume September 10.

Confirmation

The 2024 confirmation class will begin Wednesday, September 27 at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. The class will include Katie Becker, Lila Ray Kennedy, and Bailee Wilson. Stacey Becker will be on hand with Pastor Eric teaching the class. We look forward to seeing more of these young confirmand candidates as they engage their studies in preparation for church membership

Upcoming Events are marked on your calendars

Food Pantry Volunteer Workers

Needing Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at the Pantry, please contact Lou Ann Canatella.

Food Pantry Items Needed

Sept. – Biscuit mix & pancake mix

Oct. – Flour, sugar, & artificial sweetener

Nov. – Stuffing/cornbread mix, canned sweet potatoes

Dec. – Coffee, tea, cocoa, bottled fruit juice

Altar Flowers

Flowers can be placed in church in memory/honor of loved one(s) or special occasions. See sign-up sheet on the hall bulletin board.

September 3 --Open

September 10--Open

September – 17--Open

September – 24--Open

First Sunday Refreshments & Fellowship prior to Worship

Sept. 3 – Council

Oct. 1 – Women’s Fellowship

Nov. 5 – Friedens Women

Dec. 3 – Altar Guild



Note: If you are unable to serve on the dates below, please contact the church office.

Liturgist

September 3 – Sandra Bosse

September 10 – Vivian Kolkhorst

September 17 – Flora Mason

September 24 –Heather Mason

Acolytes

Lila Ray Kennedy

Brody Parsons

Quinn Schulze

Bailee Wilson

Ushers/Greeters

B J & Brandi Fowler

Brett & Becky Fowler

Heather & Flora Mason

Susan Gendolfe

Thursday Matinee

Bring your brown bag lunch and join us after Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall for a Christian movie matinee.

We have already enjoyed *Monumental* and *Paul, Apostle of Christ* and the *Left Behind Trilogy* and will be viewing *Heaven is for Real*, *The Shack*, and many more following. Come join us on Thursdays at noon and enjoy the popcorn at the movie with us.

Wreaths Across America

This year’s observance will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 10 am under the pavilion unless there is inclement weather in which case it will take place in the sanctuary. Wreaths will be placed in honor of each branch of service to our country and volunteers who served are encouraged to contact Linda Jurecka to do so. Wreaths can also be ordered by Linda and the cost is \$17 for one but if you buy two, you get the third one free.

Church Council News

- The Search Committee continues their work regarding prospective ministerial candidates.
- The parsonage windows were replaced on Tuesday, August 15.
- The Fellowship Hall a/c was replaced on Thursday, August 17.

Church Council Work Schedule For July 2023		
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Council 2023</u>	<u>Council 2022</u>
9/3/2023	Denise Stolz	Rodney Dickschat
9/10/2023	Jim Burke	Russell Borgstedte
9/17/23	Laura Hargrave	Sandra Antill
9/24/23	Sheri Finke	John Barton



Thank you...

Friedens Church of Washington gained a mascot during worship service on August 6th when an 8 month-old black lab/border collie mix stationed himself outside the door during church. Very friendly but obviously lost, he found sympathy from Kim Bosse who took him home but couldn't keep him – her cat wouldn't allow it. Kathryn van der Pol took him to his new home (hers) on Wednesday and promptly named him "Frieden."

Patriot Day Observation

As has been our custom the last few years, we will have a special service of remembrance of those first responders who gave their lives in service on 9/11 as well as recognizing our local first-responders Monday, September 11 at 6 pm in the sanctuary.



Thank you to Moody Bee Removal for getting the Bees out once again.

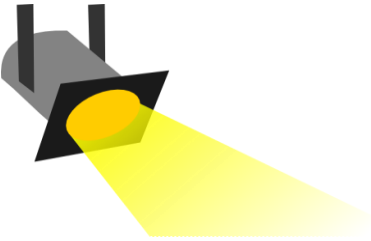


Thank you to Brenham Heating and Air! Our old Fellowship Hall a/c is lifted out by crane and a new one installed in its place on Thursday, August 17th.



Congratulations!

Wesley and Amanda Stolz and brother Riggs on the baptism of Rhett Lee Stolz on August 13, 2023. Proud grandparents are Elroy and Denise Stolz and Thomas and Carol Roehling. His sponsors were Leslie and Barclay Stewart, Joshua Roehling, Alex Franke and Jamie Goerlitz



Spotlight on Vacation Bible School

by Friedens Roving Reporter



This year's VBS held July 31 – Aug. 2 was a resounding success due to the planning and implementation by Sunday School Superintendent Kasey Kennedy and her many capable assistants who kept the children fed, engaged, and involved in this year's activities. There were a number of volunteers who also staffed this year's VBS from both the church and the community – it was truly a team effort! Thanks to everyone who contributed to make it a memorable event.

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September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
3 Refreshments (by Sunday School) & Fellowship prior to Worship, Communion, Choir singing L- Sandra Rosse A- Lila Ray Kennedy G- B J Fowler & Brandi Fowler	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 Bible Study @ 10:30	8	9
10 L- Vivian Kolkhorst A- Brody Parsons G- Brett & Becky Fowler	11	12 Council Meeting @ 7 pm	13	14 Bible Study @ 10:30	15	16
17 L- Flora Mason A- Quinn Schulze G- Heather Mason & Flora Mason	18 Bread Partners	19	20	21 Bible Study @ 10:30 Women's Fellowship @ 2:15	22	23
24 L- Heather Mason A- Rajlee Wilson G- Susan Gendolfe	25	26	27 Confirmation 5 pm	28 Bible Study @ 10:30	29	30

Food Pantry item for September

The calendars are continually being updated so be sure to replace your current calendar when you receive your current newsletter.

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