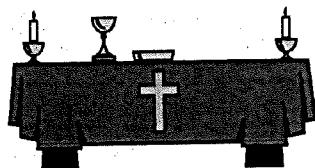
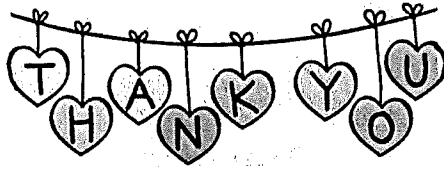


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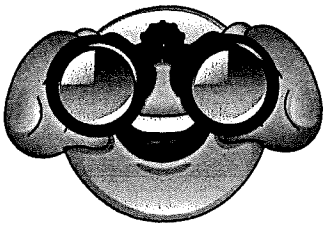
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... to all those who helped with the annual Easter Candy project! We are especially appreciative of those who gave monetary donations as well as supplies. We are also grateful for the many volunteers who assisted with molding, wrapping, dipping, and selling. All of these efforts resulted in a most successful candy season!

Volunteers worked for 10 weeks to make 8,657 scrumptious eggs. (Some were entered in the Allentown Fair and received a 2nd place ribbon!) We're counting on everyone's help in 2024!



LOOKING AHEAD

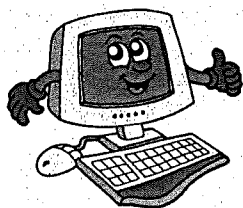
- October/November ~ Soup & Bake Sale
- In the fall, Pastor Ron Hari is willing to give us a demonstration on how to prepare strudel (He is known as the strudel pastor in the Lehigh Valley.)
- Celebration of Friedens' 230th anniversary (before the end of 2023)

More information will be shared when plans are in place.

😊 WELCOME, 😊 new staff members!

If you've been around the church the past two months, you've noticed that there are two new faces at Friedens.

The first is **Ron Peterson, Jr.** who is now serving as our office administrator and is already doing an outstanding job. So glad to have you on board, Ronnie!



The second is **Quinette Brucker** who is now serving as our organist and director of music. If she looks familiar, it's because she has filled in as a Sunday substitute in years past. Warm welcome to you, Quinette!





Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me."

In June, six of Friedens' youth were welcomed at the Lord's table as they received their First Holy Communion:

Ava and Arianna Baird

Sam Fleetwood

Thaddeus and Cassius Leslie

Josephina Lisachenko

The kids attended two classes to learn about the history and importance of this meal and also made their own unleavened bread which they shared with the congregation!

Special thanks to Sharon Bender, a lay leader from New Jerusalem, for helping to teach the classes with Pastor Lisa.





Lector Schedule 2023

August and September

August 6th~ Diane Ernst

August 13th~ Kay Sheerer

August 20th~ Kevin Filler



August 27th~ Maureen Wagner

September 3rd~ Alex Stauffer

September 10th~ Lisa Kurtz

September 17th~ Alicia Baird

September 24th~ Diane Ernst



Betty Lou's Food Pantry in Coopersburg is seeking help!

- 1) The pantry is looking for someone who is familiar with QuickBooks who would be willing to volunteer 5+ hours per week.

(The current volunteer will be stepping down and if no one is identified for this position, Betty Lou's will need to hire.)

- 2) Inventory is low for many food items. Especially needed at this time = Hamburger Helper, beef stew, and canned fruit (peaches, pears, and pineapples, etc.) Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated! Thank you for sharing your blessings with those in need. ♥



YOUTH GROUP



Calling all youth grades 6-12!

You (and a friend) are cordially invited to attend the **Kick-Off Picnic** with the youth of New Jerusalem Lutheran (3233 Apples Church Rd., Bethlehem) on **Sunday, August 20th** from **6-8pm**. There will be games, food, a slip-n-slide, and fun for all to enjoy! Please contact NJ's leader, Caroline Skuba, at **302-399-9555** to sign up.

(The youth group will meet the 3rd Sunday of every month from 6-8pm. Come on out & have some fun! ☺)



*ALSO ... kids age 5 - 6th grade are most welcome to attend NJ's final session of Vacation Bible School, "The Parable of the Pearl," on **Thursday, August 10th** from **5:30-8pm**.

A light supper, Bible story, song, games, science experiment, crafts, and snack will fill the night. Please register with director, Marianne Zellner at beachbummez@ptd.net.



Friedens' congregation is invited ...



... to join the congregation of New Jerusalem Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 27th, at 10am for their outdoor worship service and picnic which will be held at the Spring Valley Sportsmen's Club.

Please bring a lawn chair and covered dish or dessert to share! (NJ will provide hot dogs, beef BBQ, and beverages,) There will be BINGO, horseshoes, and other fun activities for everyone.

Directions to the Sportmen's Club ~ From Bingen Road, turn onto Spring Valley Road. Continue to the stop sign and go straight ahead. Bear right at the Y. The entrance is 200 ft. on the right side of the road. (1700-1798 Franklin Ln., Bethlehem 18015)



~ Coopersburg Community Day ~
Sat., September 16th

Nancy Filler is looking for volunteers to help!

If you are able, please call her at 610-282-1386. Thanks!