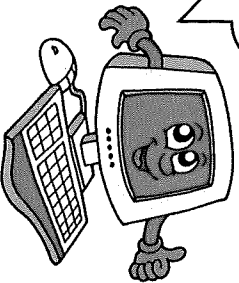


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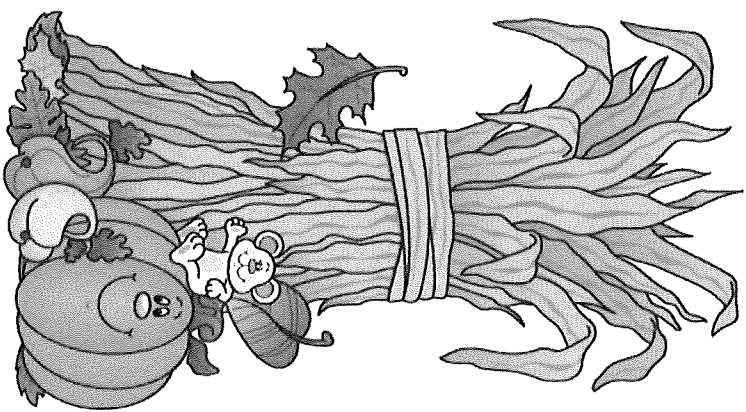
**Sunday services may continue to be viewed online
by visiting www.friedenscentervalley.com**

~ Harvest Home ~

will be celebrated on Sunday, October 10th
during our 8:30am worship service

Members are encouraged to bring canned &
boxed food items as well as personal care
items for our HH display that morning.

Thanks for sharing your blessings!



+ CONFIRMATION CLASSES +



Instructional classes for our two year Confirmation program will begin on **Sunday, October 10th, 2021**, from **6-7:30pm** for all interested youth (6th grade and older). All classes will held in partnership with the youth from New Jerusalem Lutheran Church (3233 Apples Church Road, Bethlehem) at New Jerusalem in the Upper Room (2nd fl.)

If families and youth were unable to attend the orientation meeting on September 30th, please contact Pastor Lisa at 610/762-2139 or MizLKB@aol.com ASAP to obtain a class schedule and registration form!



From Council President Kim Strauss

I have written this article for our newsletter to bring you all up to speed regarding our current situation trying to sustain our church. Not only are we facing financial challenges, but also challenges in getting people to volunteer.

As you know, with any organization — whether it's your children's sports team or another integral part of their development — it takes a village to sustain it and requires work behind the scenes to keep it and our church available for people who want to come.

Despite our previous requests asking for volunteers to serve, I continue to see the same people participating in events, committees, and other areas. If our current volunteers would no longer be able to serve, who would be willing to step up?

I realize that we are still trying to find our "new normal" during this ongoing pandemic. However, there are still things that can be done to sustain our ministries and build our church to ensure that Friedens is there for you in your time of need as well as your children's development.

This is your church and you have every right and opportunity to provide your creativity and input without fear of criticism. I am asking each one of you to consider volunteering to help with just one item. I know that our current volunteers would welcome some additional help to ease the pressure of trying to maintain the workload. —————>

(Council President's message continued ...)

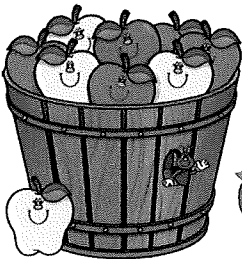
We would like to identify any individuals who would be willing to serve on Council, host a coffee hour, serve as a Sunday School teacher for the younger youth, as well as greeters, ushers, counters, altar guild helpers, lectors, nursery attendants, etc.

Please present any ideas to one of the church committees or to the Council for consideration. You may also reach out to me as well. My email address is kstrauss114@comcast.net and my telephone number is 267/222-0905. Thank you!

ALL ARE WELCOME

1st Annual Apple Festival

**New Jerusalem Lutheran Church
3233 Apples Church Rd., Bethlehem
Sat., October 9th from 1-4pm**



Good food!

Fun games!

Music, too!





Financial Update

A special congregational meeting was held after the worship service on Sunday, September 26th, in order to discuss the financial situation of our congregation. Because regular giving has been down, particularly over the summer months, the Council deemed it necessary to request that monies be taken out of our Thrivent investments in order to pay current and upcoming bills. While it is not an ideal situation, it is a necessary one.

The decision was made to take \$10,000 out of investments for just such a purpose. AAF (Aid Association of Friedens) generously offered to give an additional \$10,000 from their funds as well so that our commitments may be met.

The Church Council once again reminds all confirmed members that **regular giving of tithes & offerings** — whether one is worshipping in person or on-line — **are crucial**, not only for the maintenance of our beautiful building, but for the valued ministry that we share in Christ's name. ***Please give prayerful consideration to your commitment to your church as we move into the fall and winter months.***

... CONGRATULATIONS ...

to Nick & Jennifer Kaintz (and big sister, Madelynn, and big brother, Harrison) upon the birth of their baby girl, Emersynn Isla, on September 17th, 2021.

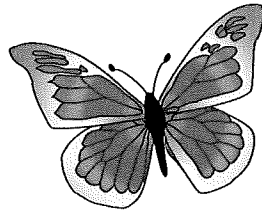


Pastor Lisa and Chris are happy to announce that their 1 year old granddaughter, Harper Jayne Dean, was baptized by Grammy on Sunday, September 26th, at Red Wing Park in Virginia Beach, VA.

May God bless you with divine love!



Friedens Council and Members ...



"Kindness is beautiful. Thank you for yours."

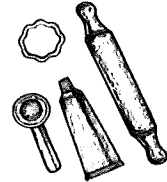
The planter we received from all of you is absolutely beautiful and very much appreciated. We also are very comforted with all the cards we have received from the members of Friedens in recognition of the loss of our son, Rick. This act of kindness and caring has meant so much to both of us.

Love ~ Harvey and Janet Heckman

SHOO FLY PIE



SALE



Cost: \$9 per 9 inch pie

Orders due: Sunday, October 17th

Order forms are located in the narthex. You may also place an order through our website at www.friedenscentervalley.com (or contact us via email, too!)

Pies will be made on November 4th. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help bake, please see any FiF (Friends in Faith Committee) member. Pies will be available for pick up at the church on the following dates:

Friday, November 5th: 9am-11-am and 5pm-7pm.

Sunday, November 7th: (after church) from 9:30-11am

Proceeds will benefit the exterior upkeep of the church.

Many thanks!

