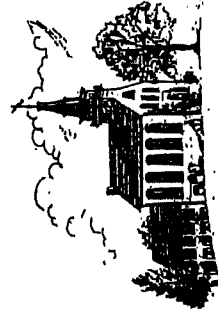


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Thank You for serving our church!

LECTORS

June

1st ~ Alicia Baird

8th ~ Kevin Filler

15th ~ Diane Ernst

22nd ~ Alex Stauffer

29th ~ Kay Sheerer



July

6th ~ Lisa Kurtz

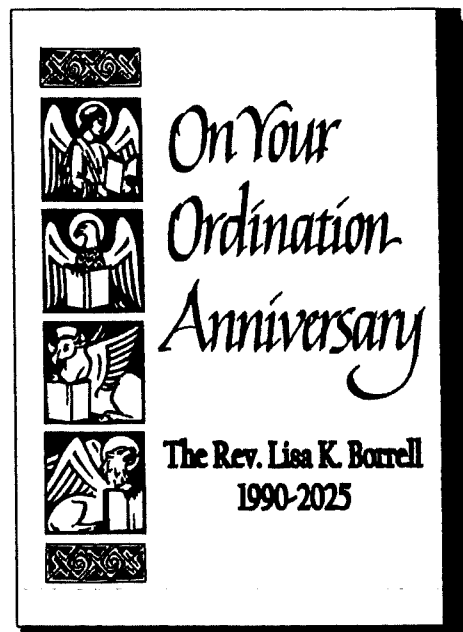
13th ~ Maureen Wagner

20th ~ Alicia Baird

27th ~ Kevin Filler

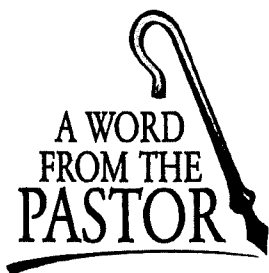
Please switch with someone on the list if you are unable to serve on a particular Sunday you are assigned and inform the church office of the change. Thank you!

Friedens' congregation is cordially invited to join in the celebration of Pastor Lisa's 35th ordination anniversary on Sunday, June 15th, immediately following the worship service that morning. (The service will be abbreviated.) Please mark your calendar for this special event! ✝



A HUGE shout out to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to assist at Betty Lou's Pantry during the month of May! We appreciate the drivers, runners, and all others who helped. We extend our thanks as well for those who donated food items and shopping bags to help those in need.

Thanks also to Dave Kurtz for repairing the plumbing in the downstairs restroom which unexpectedly caused flooding on a recent Sunday morning.



Some of you are aware that I recently took a **mystery trip** with my BFF from seminary which was planned through an online company called Journee.

After filling out a questionnaire which inquires about all sorts of things like desired activity level, preferred weather and time of the year to travel, budget, etc., Journee comes up with a proposal for a secret overseas destination, complete with excursions, restaurant suggestions, and a fun itinerary. I think it took all of one minute for Jennifer and I to agree that we wanted to take them up on their offer. So, on May 8th, we headed to JFK airport where we opened up our “reveal envelope” and found out that we’d be heading to Northern Puglia in Italy! Appropriate excitement ensued.

Though we had received several clues about our destination in the months prior to our trip, we could only offer one another guesses about where we’d be traveling. Spain? Croatia? Montenegro? Italy? There is somewhat of a fear factor involved in the “not knowing.” How do we pack? What kind of currency do we need? How will we be able to navigate our travels once we arrive? Though the company gave us a lot of guidance in all those instances (and were very good about answering questions once we arrived), it still was a bit intimidating because we didn’t know things for sure. We had to trust that Journee had our best interests at heart and would provide support when we needed it the most.

Now let’s shift gears to the Pentecost story which was taking place after Jesus’ death and resurrection. The disciples were now on their own and quite rightly, were frightened about what to do now that their Master was no longer with them in person. For three intensive years, He had taught them and prepared them the best that He could for carrying out His mission. The band of brothers had witnessed for themselves all the miracles and signs, but now it was

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THEIR turn to go out into the world ... a world of uncertainty ... a world where they could only give their best guess as to where the work of God's kingdom would take them.

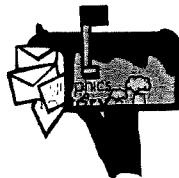
And then -- amidst their fears -- the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to them as their Advocate, as their guide, so that they could face that unknown future with courage. God had not abandoned them; rather, God had provided for them in the midst of their uncertainty.

And so it is with us as we face challenges or walk down paths to which the endings remain unknown ... we, too, have someone who walks beside us, granting assurance of love, grace, presence, and empowerment. May we find our peace and power in that very promise.

Pastor Lisa Borrell



In the mail ...



Dear members of Friedens,

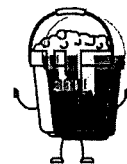
Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,760 (in 2024) to the Northeastern PA Synod's mission support. I love serving as a synod story teller because I get to share stories of how we are doing God's work.

God bless your mission and ministry as you love, heal, and engage like Jesus!

Blessings abound ~ Georgia Suranofsky



Church Clean-Up Day



Saturday, July 12th, 2025

from 9am - noon

(lunch will be provided)

We are looking for a small corps of volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the church sanctuary and narthex area on July 12th ... dusting, washing, sweeping, etc.

Please bring your favorite cleaning supplies, buckets, and some old towels to help with this task. The more hands, the lighter the work. Thank you in advance for your help!



... to Maureen Wagner for attending the annual synod assembly, "Connecting the Dots," as a lay delegate from Friedens Church.

... to everyone who helped make the Roast Beef Dinner a tasty success! Approximately \$1,000 was raised with half of the proceeds being directed to our local Meals on Wheels program which helps to provide hot meals to those who are homebound.





Blessings and best wishes to Ava Rose Baird who was received as an adult member of Friedens when she was confirmed on Sunday, June 1st! May God continue to strengthen you, Ava, as you grow in faith. ♥

Congratulations to Brynn Baer and Nathaniel Hechler upon their upcoming nuptials on June 28th. May the Lord bless and keep you both in divine light and love as you commit your lives to one another in marriage. ♥



**CONGRATULATIONS
to Friedens'
2025 graduates!**

If you or another member of the church will be or has graduated this year, please email the student's name, school, degree, and future plans to the church office at friedens@ptd.net so their accomplishment may be recognized in the next newsletter. Well done, graduates!

