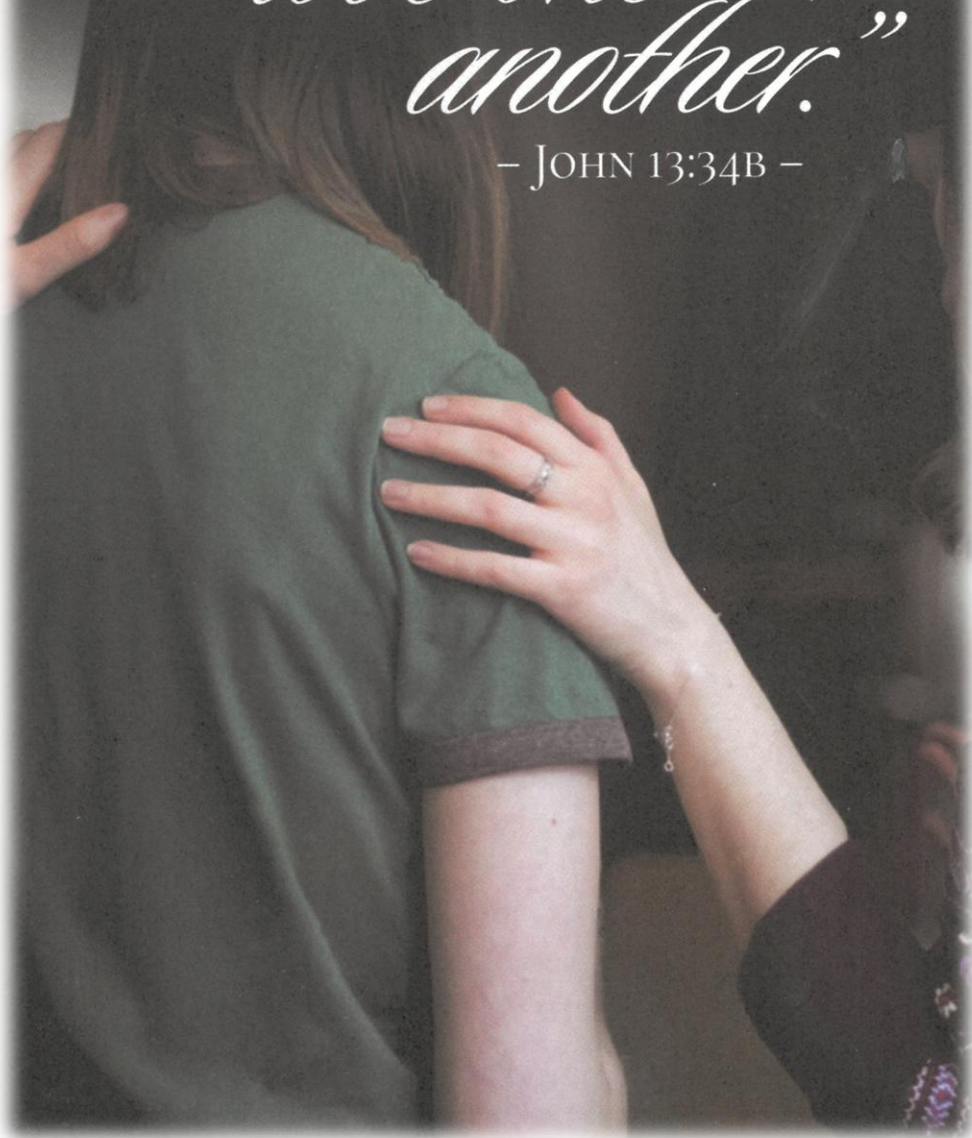


“As I have
loved you,
so you must
love one
another.”

— JOHN 13:34B —



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Welcome to Worship!

Worship Services

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. | Tuesday: *See Church Calendar* | Saturday: Noon

Prayer Before Worship

Gracious God, all that I have comes from you: my body and mind, my strength and intelligence, my time and abilities, my energy and possessions. Guard me from the temptation to use these gifts only for my personal benefit. Make me willing to use them joyfully in service to you and to your people. Amen.

Notes About Your Visit

- **Worship programs are available in large print.** They are located in the basket with the regular programs.
- **Restrooms** are in the north hallway, by the double glass entry doors, as well as in the basement. **The church park has restrooms north of the Pavilion.**

THE SERVICE, *Setting Two*

October 4 & 5, 2025

Hymn

THANKSGIVING

609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor!
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fath - ers; we bless you.
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring:
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been;
To you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is be - side us.



We bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
And with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - e'er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession (Congregation in Bold)

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and
actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

272 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1,2,10-18 (Evangelical Heritage Version)

King David said this to the whole assembly:

My son Solomon, the one God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The work is great because this citadel is not for a man. It is for the LORD God. ²According to all my strength, I have provided these things for the house of my God: gold for the gold items, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron, wood for the wooden, onyx stones and settings, antimony, stones of many different colors, every kind of precious stone, and alabaster in abundance....

¹⁰David blessed the LORD in the presence of the entire assembly. He said:

Blessed are you, LORD, the God of Israel, our father, from eternity to eternity. ¹¹To you, O LORD, belong greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty, because everything in the heavens and on the earth belongs to you. You, LORD, are exalted as head above everything. The kingdom belongs to you. ¹²Riches and honor come from you. You are ruling over everything. In your hand are power and strength. It is in your power to make anyone great and strong. ¹³Now, our God, we are thanking you and praising your glorious name.

¹⁴Who am I? Who are my people that we are able to offer willingly like this? For everything comes from you. What we have given to you came from your hand. ¹⁵We are aliens and temporary residents before you, as were all our fathers. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope of staying.

¹⁶LORD, our God, all this abundance, which we have provided for building a house for you, for your holy name, is from your hand. This abundance belongs to you.

¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you.

¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, preserve forever this purpose and way of thinking in the heart of your people. Direct their heart to you.

*The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.*

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



My soul finds rest in God alone;*
my salvation comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation;*
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;*
my hope comes from him.

Refrain

Though your riches increase,*
do not set your heart on them.

My salvation and my honor depend on God;*
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O people;*
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11,12 (EHV)

Paul, Silas, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Judgment at Christ's Coming

³We are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love that each and every one of you has for one another is increasing. ⁴So we ourselves boast about you in God's churches in regard to your patient endurance and faith in all your persecutions and in the trials that you are enduring. ⁵This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer....

¹¹For this reason, we are always praying for you, that our God will make you worthy of your calling and use his power to fulfill every good desire and work of your faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and you in him, in keeping with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faith - ful - ness.

Refrain

Gospel

Luke 17:1-10 (EHV)

Jesus said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for that person if a millstone would be hung around his neck and he would be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Watch yourselves.

“If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. ⁴Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”

Increase Our Faith

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”

⁶The Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷Which one of you who has a servant plowing or taking care of sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at the table’? ⁸Won’t the master tell him instead, ‘Prepare my supper,

and after you are properly dressed, serve me while I eat and drink. After that you may eat and drink'? ⁹He does not thank the servant because he did what he was commanded to do, does he? ¹⁰So also you, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we were supposed to do.' ”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Be seated

Children's Lesson

HYMN OF THE DAY

Congregation Sings Verses 1, 2 & 6

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We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er
2 May we thy boun - ties thus As stew -
3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes
4 To com - fort and to bless, To find
5 The cap - tives to re - lease, To God



the gift may be; All that we have is
ards true re - ceive And glad - ly, as thou
are bare and cold, And lambs - for whom the
a balm for woe, To tend the lone and
the lost to bring, To teach the way of



thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
bless - est us, To thee our first - fruits give.
shep - herd bled Are stray - ing from the fold.
fa - ther - less, Is an - gels' work be - low.
life and peace— It is a Christ - like thing.

6 And we believe thy Word
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto thee.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Offering (Please write your name in the little red Friendship Registers. Thank you.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

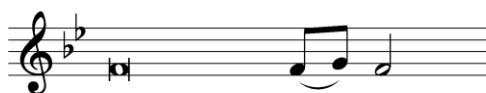
Participation in the Lord's Supper

At Friedens Lutheran Church, we believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is both a confession of faith and an expression of our unity in that faith. When you commune with us, you are saying that you agree with our teachings about the Lord's Supper and all the other teachings of the Bible. If you have never communed with us before, we ask that you speak with our Pastor to learn how you can establish a communing fellowship with us. We are eager to enjoy that fellowship with you!

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface



The Lord be with you.



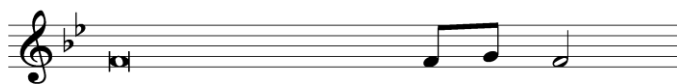
And al - so with you.



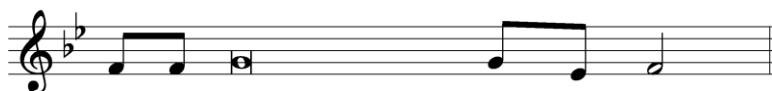
Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

777 As Morning Dawns, Dear Savior



1 As morn - ing dawns, dear Sav - ior, my praise and thanks I
 2 All through the night you kept me se - cure - ly in your
 3 Lord, grant me your pro - tec - tion through - out the com - ing
 4 What - ev - er my en - deav - or, your ho - ly an - gel



bring for your rich grace and fa - vor; with
 arms; your pres - ence did pro - tect me, pre -
 hours from Sa - tan's vile de - cep - tion, from
 send, that Sa - tan's guile may nev - er my



songs of joy I sing. Though seat - ed on your
 serv - ing me from harm. To you I hum - bly
 sin's cor - rupt - ing pow'rs, from dan - gers, threats, and
 faith bring to an end. Though thou - sand foes as -



throne, you still are ev - er near me, with prom - is -
 plead; with shame my sin con - fess - ing, I seek your
 shame, from sick - ness, death, and sad - ness. I face the
 sail, I stand, God's Word be - liev - ing, his prom - is -



es to cheer me, your love for me made known.
 great - est bless - ing— for - give - ness that I need.
 day with glad - ness and call up - on your name.
 es re - ceiv - ing; in Christ I shall pre - vail.

- 5 Your Word shall always guide me,
 rich wisdom to bestow;
 you will with grace provide me
 and cause my faith to grow.
 Your power from above
 will keep me and protect me;

in all I do direct me,
in keeping with your love.

- 6 My confidence is founded
on God's unchanging Word;
in him my trust is grounded,
with promises assured.
My hands with joy I give
to do the work he sends me,
with talents that he lends me;
for him alone I'll live.

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

848 For Me to Live Is Jesus

1 For me to live is Je - sus, to die is gain for me;
2 For Christ, my Lord and broth - er, I leave this world so dim;
3 My woes are near - ly o - ver though long and dark the road;
4 In my last hour, Lord, grant me a slum - ber soft and still,
5 Thus, bound to you, my Sav - ior, death's brief and harm-less night

so, when my Sav - ior pleas - es, I meet death will - ing - ly.
and glad - ly seek an - oth - er, where I shall be with him.
my sin his mer - its cov - er, and I have peace with God.
no doubts to vex or haunt me, safe an - chored in your will.
gives way to joy for - ev - er with you in heav'n - ly light.

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Hymn Request from Gay Eaves:

Hymn 848 For me to live is Jesus is based on Philippians 1:21. This was my mother's favorite passage and is on her headstone. She went home to heaven on **October 5, 1979**. I knew right away that **October 5** this year is a **Sunday**. You could use this hymn for the last hymn that day. Thank you. –Gay Eaves

What's Coming Up at Friedens?

Last Week's Attendance	
Saturday (09/27/25):	34
Sunday (09/28/25):	<u>58</u>
Total:	92

Sunday, October 5	Worship (Communion) Coffee Time (CAMM Presentation by Jill Jahn) Guitar Club Sunday School Bible Study SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:30 p.m. 11:15 a.m.
Monday, October 6 Office Closed		
Tuesday, October 7 Office Closed	Choir	7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 8 Office Closed	Bible Study Games 5 & 6 Catechism 7 & 8 Catechism	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 5:40 p.m.
Thursday, October 9 Office Closed	LADIES AID MEETING EXEC. COUNCIL MEETING	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Friday, October 10		
Saturday, October 11	Men's Bible Study Worship	8:00 a.m. Noon
Sunday, October 12	Worship Guitar Club Sunday School Bible Study	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 10:15 p.m.
Monday, October 13	OUTREACH MEETING	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 14	Worship at Mala Strana Worship Choir	11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.

USHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2025

DATE	TEENS		ADULTS	
October 5	Daniel Callahan	Claire Callahan	Duane Jirik	Justin Storlie
October 12	Lucas Holicky	Mason Storlie	Gary Grassmann	Bruce Nelson
October 19	Josef Jirik	Ethan Paler	Jeff Heine	Joe Stahl
October 26	Sam Workman	Ruth Workman	Dean Cornelius	Willard Rancour

Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM) Presentation by Jill Jahn

**October 5
After Worship**

On Sunday, October 5, Jill Jahn (a former member of Friedens) will be giving a presentation from her August trip to Central Africa. She'll be collecting certain items for CAMM:

Malawi	Zambia
Short and Long-Sleeved Shirts and Sweatshirts (24 Months - 4T)	
Sun Hats (Infant – Adult)	
Onesies (12 Months – 2T)	
Athletic Pants/Leggings (12 Months – 4T)	Baby Blankets of Any Kind
Baby Receiving Blankets, Socks and Hats	Baby Receiving Blankets, Socks and Hats
Sunscreen Lotion (SPF 50)	Sunscreen Lotion (SPF 50)
Knitted/Winter Hats (Infant – Adult)	AA Batteries (Dry Cell—Not Lithium)
1- and 2-Gallon Ziploc Bags	1- and 2-Gallon Ziploc Bags
Pill Bottles	Pill Bottles



****Food Drive****

MLC Food Bank

for Married Students!

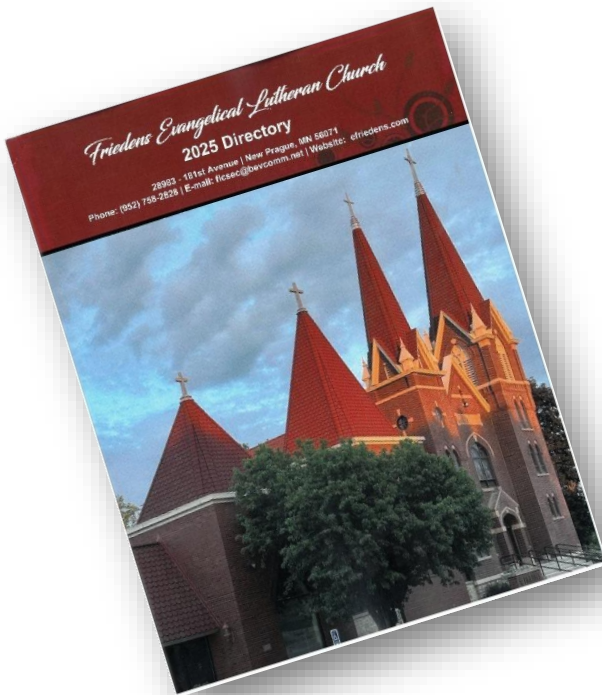
Please consider bringing in some non-perishable food items during the month of October to help feed married MLC students.

The **DEADLINE** to bring in a food donation to help these students is **October 26, Before Noon**. (Please check the “Best Buy” dates. We cannot donate old food.) There is a round table set up in the Welcome Area for your kind donations. There are extra “Items Needed” sheets on the table for you to take for your shopping list.

The 2025 Directories are here!

**Please see Heidi Gilsrud
for your copy!**

**Please Note: There are limited copies
(if you did not submit a photo),
so hurry while supplies last.**



Volunteer 2026

Dear Church Members:

In light of the response we received for more church events (from our congregational survey), the church Elders and Council realized we have to be more prepared with having our volunteer teams in place prior to the new year. We are asking our members to please see the new **"VOLUNTEER"** wall (across from the literature table) and sign up to be a volunteer for an event or two. **Go ahead and just feel free to fill up those sign-up sheets!** Then, we can keep having our wonderful events we enjoy so much.

THE NEW PLAN PER THE COUNCIL: Before the new year (2026), we'll see how many volunteers we have signed up. If we have all the volunteers we need for an event by **December 31, 2025**, that event will be included in the 2026 Special Events Schedule. Sadly, if we do not get any or enough volunteers signed up by the Deadline (**December 31, 2025**), that event will not be included in the 2026 Special Events Schedule.

Please Note: At any time, if anyone would like to host an event, they can always go to the Elders and ask.

Please and thank you!