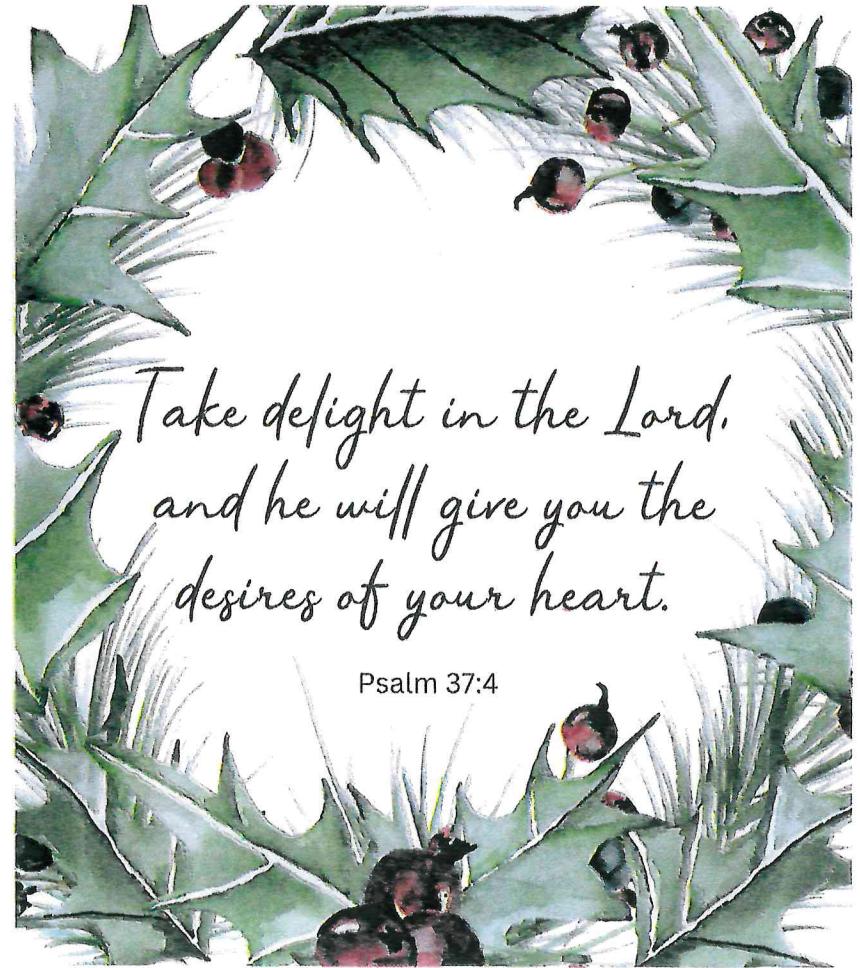




# Friedens Flyer

*In the name Of Jesus Christ, we  
strive to serve all people in our community & world!*

## January 2026



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Worship Services, 10:30 AM.

A.G., Jess Henninger & Ann Miller

Head Usher – Rodney Troutman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>4 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas, Pastor Suzanne Elliot.</b> Lector, Ann Miller Counters, Janet & Ron Radel Head Usher, Rodney Troutman Ushers, Christy Leiter, Damaris Merwine, Ed Tietsworth Greeters, Cindy & Larry Klinger.	5	6 Craft Faire Mtg., 6:30 PM.	7	8	9	10
<b>11 Baptism of Our Lord, Pastor Barry Spatz with Holy Communion.</b> Lector, Ann Miller Lay Assistant, Melody Schwartz Organist, Harold Morgan Counters, Kathryn Otto, TBD Head Usher, Rodney Troutman Ushers, Ben Wetzel, Jason Wolfgang, Mike Deiter Greeters, Ruth Wetzel & Orpha Troutman.	12	13	14 Council Mtg., 6:00 PM	15	16	17
<b>18 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Pastor Barry Spatz.</b> Lector, Scott Deiter Organist, Harold Morgan Counters, Jean & Gary Klinger Head Usher, Head Usher Ushers, Michael Allvord, Scott Allvord Mike Deiter Greeters, Cindy & Rick Herring and Joah Smith.	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>25 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany, Karen Koppenhaver.</b> Lector, Damaris Merwine Counters, Melody Swartz, Christy Leiter Head Usher, Rodney Troutman Ushers, Ed Tietsworth, Dave Henninger, Ed Hornung Greeters, Damaris Merwine & Peggy Hand.	26	27	28 Worship and Music Mtg., 5:00 PM.	29	30	31 Head Usher for Feb. – Mike Deiter

## HIGHLIGHTS OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE – 12/3/25

- a. **Worship changes/bulletins** - We would like to see the continue to pray for prayer list started over each month after the four weeks. There are duplicate names on the list due to persons being on this list and then added during the weekly requests. Persons still have the opportunity to request that names be put on the next month. Also, a moment of silence during the prayers can be used for any personal names that persons want to add.
- b. **Organ** – Harold Morgan has requested that he be permitted to install some lights under the manuals on the organ console to illuminate the pedals. He is investigating strips that are battery-operated or rechargeable. Worship & Music Committee recommends that Harold be permitted to install the strips and give us the invoice to pay him. Jean Morris has not received a return call from Henry Fabray regarding the estimate to repair the organ. She will contact them again. Committee recommends that the organ be repaired as soon as possible.
- c. **Christmas in November – November 23**- Christmas in November was well attended. The Sunday School children sang. The gifts for the nursing homes were abundant.
- d. **Thanksgiving Eve Service** – The service was very nice and well attended. The offering went toward awards the ministerium will be awarding at graduation. Anyone who knows anyone that they want to nominate may see Ruth Wetzel for an application in January.
- e. **Advent** – We thank Lisa Maurer for providing the Advent Wreath. A copy of each week's blessing as the Advent Wreath is lit is placed on the lectern each week.
- f. **Sunday School Program** - Christian Education Committee is working on the Sunday School Christmas Program for December 21. No word was received yet as to hymns, etc. Gifts for Baby Jesus will be presented at this time. A list was published in the newsletter.
- g. **Christmas Eve - December 24** - Worship service with Holy Communion and Candle lighting will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Spatz presiding. We will have homemade bread and Alyssa Tober and Christine Fellows will be the presenters. The Merwine family will again donate holly for the windows and the two trees at the altar. Ed and Jane Tietsworth will set up the pew candelabras and Jean Morris will provide the candles for the candelabras. The Altar Guild will decorate the week of December 21. Poinsettias may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service.
- h. **Lent** - Friedens will again join the Ministerium rotation for Wednesdays in Lent. Pastor Suzanne Elliot will be presiding at Frieden's Wednesday service. Friedens will host the Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7:00 p.m. with Trinity hosting the Maundy Thursday service. Pastor Diefenderfer will supply the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service.
- i. **Holy Communion – Council installation** - Holy communion and installation of council members will be celebrated on January 11.
- j. **Diakon** - Jean Morris received a thank you from the Diakon Services for the use of our church for their Medicare counseling session. They request that they be permitted to use our church next year. The Worship & Music Committee recommends that they be permitted to use the church next year during the Medicare open enrollment period for a day.
- k. **Sermon Manuscripts** – Pastor Diefenderfer shared with the committee that the Synod will provide recorded sermons for times when a minister is on vacation, not available or when last-

minute changes come up. These sermons are written by rostered ministers within our synod for lay leaders to present. These manuscripts can be obtained by accessing the Synod link.

- I. **Thank you** – The Worship and Music Committee wishes to thank Donna Horn for her many faithful years of service to this committee. Donna has requested that she resign from the committee at the end of this year. Although we understand and regret her resignation, she will be greatly missed by this committee. God bless you.

*Jean L. Morris*

Respectfully submitted by Jean L. Morris, Chairman

# January Birthdays and Activities

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1. Larry Klinger	3. Cindy Klinger, Patricia Miller
7. Cole Miller	13. Chris Bolich
19. Kristopher Klinger	22. John Terwilliger, Jean Morris
24. Evan Maurer	25. Logan Lombel
26. Ryan Greany	29. Jeff Klinger
30. Karlee Klinger	31. Kevin Bixler

## Save The Date

1/11/2026 – Installation of Church Council Members. 10:30 AM.

1/14/2026 – Church Council, 6:00 PM.

1/28/2026 – Worship & Music Mtg., 5:00 PM.

2/8/2026 – Reminder...Souper Bowl Fellowship will be held in February. Join us for fellowship and soup or dessert. The winning team will be selected by monitory contributions.

## Thank You!

Thank you for your donation. It is so appreciated. Our organization has been continually blessed by the faithful giving of partners like you!

*The Officers and Members of the Sacramento Community Fire Company.*

Thank you to the Lutheran Church Members for the wonderful goodie bag. I enjoyed it all. It was nice coming home from the hospital and being remembered during the Thanksgiving holiday.

*Thanks again, Love and God Bless, Annette Radel.*

I just want to say thank you so much for the wonderful goodie bag! I really appreciated the thoughtfulness and especially the visit from Ruth & Jean.

*Thank you! Doris Smith.*

We appreciate all the thoughtful gifts in honor of being volunteers of the year. We are just following the footsteps of those who have gone before us. It showed us how to be a Church family. The church needs volunteers for everything. Nothering is too small.

*Thanks again, Ed & Jane.*

Dear WELCA. The church family wants to thank you for your continued support & hard work over the years, most recently when the church's refrigerator went down. Through the years your generosity has been so amazing and inspiring. But it hasn't only been your financial support that we are thankful for but your faith, dedication and discipleship has been a staple and beacon of God's love through the years. Though it may have been foregotten to be said lately, please know how much WELCA is appreciated at Friedens.

*Thanks you for all you do, Friedens Council & the Friedens Lutherch family as a whole.*

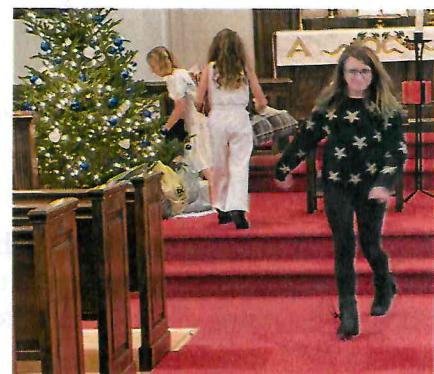
Thank you so much for your gift in support of our work to combat hunger in Berks and Schuylkill Counties. It means so much to us and the many people we serve. *Dave, Helping Harvest Fresh Food Bank.*

Thanks you to the Friedens Church members for the very thoughtful Christmas gift. It was greatly appreciated.  
*Sue Deiter*



Jennifer Waltmeyer.

## Children Singing and Gifts for Baby Jesus – December 2025



The excitement of the Christmas season! A special thank you to Karen Koppenhaver for providing the Children's Message. Also, a thank you to the Sunday School teachers and helpers for all they do for our children.

December 2, 2025

"A Star shall come out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel" Numbers 24:17

Dear Friedens members and friends,

Hello from Green Bay and Packerland, USA!

Several highlights of the year for the Egebo family:

Holly and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025...we were married August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1975 at Holly's home church in Dayton, IA.

Melanie and Tony celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025...they did a renewal of their wedding vows with several other couples one afternoon at a church in Allentown.

We had a grand family reunion and 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for my oldest sister Lorna Horn in November. It was held at a Country Club in Larchwood , IA. Brett flew out from Chicago. Melanie and Tony and Adriana and Julia flew out from Allentown. Holly and I drove to the party staying in two new hotels on the way out and back in La Crosse, WI and Sioux Falls, SD. My other two sisters were there with many of their families and of course, all of Lorna's family. Her daughter Julie Granger and I co- emceed a brief program at the party.

I continue to do substitute preaching in area ELCA churches. This past year besides several churches in Green Bay, I have been to Morgan, Kunish, Manitowoc and Sturgeon Bay, WI. This coming Sunday I am in Rosholt and Amhurst Junction, WI.

Brett continues to work for Star Molding in Chicago. About our four granddaughters:

AnnaMaria works in the Gallina Farms family business with the online sales, Alessandra is transferring from Lehigh – Carbon College in January to attend Temple University in Philly. Adriana is a seventh grader and Julia is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at Brandywine Heights Public School.

Tony and Melanie opened "The Little Italian Shop" on their property in 2025.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Pastor Warren Egebo*

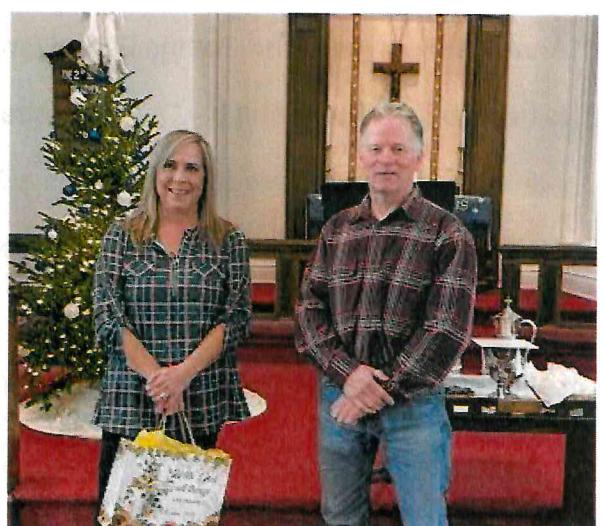
## A Beautiful Christmas Eve Service, December 24 2025

The Christmas Eve service was truly beautiful. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, filled with the spirit of the season. Families gathered, sharing in the joy and anticipation of Christmas. The service offered a sense of peace and unity, reminding everyone of the meaning behind the celebration. It was an evening that left lasting memories for all who attended.



## Volunteers of the Year Award, December 2025

*Christy Leiter and Jane & Ed Tietsworth*



## Community Tree Lighting

The area churches of St. John's UMC, Friedens UCC, and Friedens Lutheran Church united the residents of the Hegins Valley for the second annual tree lighting activities.



This year we again worked with our community partners to provide a Community Tree Lighting. The turnout was bigger and better than last year. Yes, it was very cold, but the magic of Christmas was in the air. We can't thank Frank's Electric enough for again installing the tree, electrical connections, and hanging the lights. Moore's Hardware added to the lights they provided last year. Participants included the Tri-Valley band and chorus, Hegins Fire Company, Valley View Gun Club, and the Community Chorus from the area churches, just to name a few. From the Friedens Church we had extra help from Janet & Ron Radel, Ed Tietsworth, Ann Miller, Rick Herring, Christy Leiter, Damaris Merwine and Mike Deiter as well as Heather & Sue Deiter (cookie decorating activity) for putting in the time and commitment to make the tree lightning project a huge success.