

Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial

A ministry of Concordia Historical Institute, Located in Friedenberg

2022 Newsletter

Friends of Hill of Peace

As the year began, we were uncertain if COVID would allow us to have the three services. As it turned out the Easter Service had to be cancelled, but we were able to have the Fall and Christmas Services. The Fall Service on October 10th was conducted by Reverend Rod Benkendorf of Lutheran Heritage Foundation and Daniel Harmelink of the Concordia Historical Institute. The service featured the Perryville Immanuel Lutheran Men's Choir and always brings out attendees to hear their beautiful music. Janet Siebel provided the accompaniment for the choir and did a wonderful job.





The Christmas Service on December 12th was conducted by Reverend Daniel Harmelink. Due to a conflict, the Immanuel Lutheran Men's Choir was unable to perform for the service.

Darlene Kiefer played the old church organ and led attendees in song. There was fellowship in the church hall following the service. Sonny Kaufmann's apple cake and Sherry Kasten's coffee cakes were a big hit. Others also brought delicious snacks and baked goods.

Bev Erdman's beautiful flower arrangements adorned the altar. Bev provides the altar flower arrangements for our services.

A big thank you to all who help us have the services.



You are invited to attend next year's services and fellowship:

Easter April 3, 2022
Fall October 9, 2022
Christmas December 4, 2022

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On December 16th and 17th, the annual Perry County Church Tour was held and included Hill of Peace Church. Visitors commented on how beautiful the old church was and especially liked real cedar tree with homemade ornaments. Even with the rain on the second night, the tour brought over 400 people through the Hill of Peace Church. If you have never taken the tour, you should consider doing it. In addition to visiting Hill of Peace Church you could visit many of the churches on the tour. Over 31 churches participated in the event this year.



The early part of December, we received word from Director of Tourism, Trish Erzfeld, that the syndicated farm show "This Week in Agri-Business" was going to do their Christmas show about rural churches. Hill of Peace was selected to be featured on the show. Glen Brickhaus, our resident church historian, agreed to be interviewed by Max Armstrong, host of the show. Although the interview was brief, the TV crew spent several hours at the church and used a drone for additional footage for the show. The program aired on Christmas Day on RFD Network and on KFVS Channel 12 in Cape Girardeau. If you are interested, the Christmas Program is on YouTube. To view the program on YouTube, enter the following:

YouTube search bar: This Week in Agri-Business, December 25, 2021





Glen and Max Armstrong

Glen did a great job and his interview gave Hill of Peace Church some national exposure. The old church was all decked out in its Christmas finest for the show. Thanks to Pastor Bob Hoffman of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Waterford, MT, and Linda Jones of Zion Lutheran Church, Auburn, WA, for their generous donations of repurposed altar paraments for Hill of Peace. The beautiful paraments are a wonderful addition. Advent paraments displayed in photos above.



There are plans to paint the church ceiling in March. The pews will need to be moved out of the way for the painters. After the painting is complete, we will refresh the old wood floor.

Join Us in Treasuring and Trumpeting the History of Friedenberg Evangelical Lutheran Church

The staff and board of Concordia Historical Institute is extremely appreciative for the opportunity to partner with local volunteers from Saint Louis and Perry County, Missouri to not only preserve but also to proclaim the story of the Friedenberg congregation with more and more people across the United States and around the world. And we ask you to join us with your prayers and financial support.

When Concordia Historical Institute began a partnership with the Friedenberg Lutheran Historical Society 42 years ago to actively manage the Hill of Peace Memorial property, no one could have anticipated the strong, ongoing support in saving and sharing this historic touchstone of the faith and life of many Lutherans living in the Perryville area.

Concordia Historical Institute gives thanks to God for your support in keeping the church building and fellowship hall in the best of conditions. We are also excited to report that efforts are underway to nominate Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial as a historical site with the National Registry.

Again, without your generous support the ministry of Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial could not continue. Your willingness to volunteer your time, talents, and treasures to treasure and trumpet the unique history of the Friedenberg congregation is greatly appreciated.

I hope to see you at our "In anticipation of Holy Week and Easter Service" on Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 3:00 in the afternoon.

God's richest blessings in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Daniel Harmelink

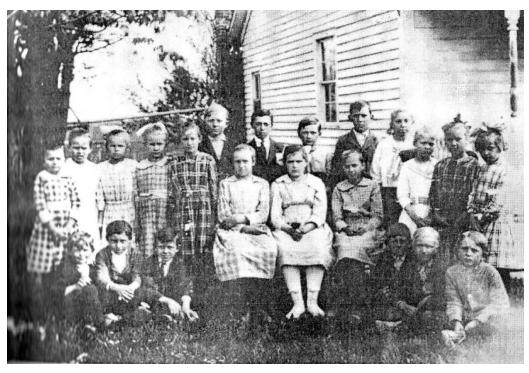
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Friedenberg School 1920

Front Row, from left: Oscar Springer, Carl Oswald, Edwin Rauh, Alma (Hoehn)Weinhold, Laura (Meyer) Bergman, Lavella (Hoehn) Revelle, Leonard Springer, Arthur Hacker, Gilbert Guemmer. Standing: Leonida (Hoehn) Lintner, Myrtle (Dambach) Lintner, Laura Schamburg, Evelyn Schamburg, Onita Hoehn, Leonard Guemmer, Martin Oswald, Elmer Meyer, Gilbert Dornhoefer, Connie (Springer) Kincaid, Ella (Bergman) Neighbors, Hildegard (Hoehn) Lohmann, Viola Hoehn.

Pastor Freche was teacher of the school and also pastor of the church at the time.



Last Friedenberg Students 1945-1946

Front Row: left to right- Martin Oswald, Helen (Rauh) Lohmeier, Melvin Rauh, Paul Teske, Charlotte Teske, Martin Teske.

Back Row: left to right- Caroline Teske, Rev. Herbert Teske, Raymond Rauh