



Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial

Located in Friedenber, MO

A Ministry of Concordia Historical Institute

2023 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Hill of Peace,

After a couple of years of being unable to have our services, in 2022 we were able to sponsor our three yearly services.

“**Service in Anticipation of Easter**” was held on April 3, 2022. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Daniel N. Harmelink. His sermon reflected on “Just As He Told You” (Mark 16:7b). Darlene Kiefer was the organist, and as a special treat we were blessed by flutists Amanda & Isabel Kirn from Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau.



**Pictures courtesy of:
Molly Lackey**

“**Harvest Festival Service**” was held on October 9, 2022. The service was conducted by the Rev. Joseph Schlie, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville, Missouri and the Rev. Dr. Daniel N. Harmelink, Executive Director of Concordia Historical Institute. The sermon reflected on “Rich Toward God” (Luke 12:15-21). Special music was provided by the Men’s Choir of Immanuel Lutheran Church under the direction of Mr. Eric Seibel with accompaniment by Mrs. Janet Seibel. The organist was Darlene Kiefer. Fellowship and good food followed the service.



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“Christmas Service of Readings and Carols” was held on December 4th and conducted by Seminarian Jonathan S. Lackey and the Rev. Dr. Daniel N. Harmelink, Executive Director of Concordia Historical Institute. Seminarian Lackey’s sermon was titled “The Cost Of Peace” (Luke 2:14). It was a very inspiring sermon. His participation was greatly appreciated. The Immanuel, Perryville Men’s Choir was under the direction of Mr. Eric Seibel with accompaniment by Mrs. Janet Seibel. Mrs. Janet Seibel also played the old Hill of Peace Church organ.

There was fellowship in the church hall following the service. Sonny Kaufmann’s famous apple cake and Sherry Kasten’s wonderful coffee cakes were enjoyed by all. Chili, meat trays, Sonny’s pickled trout, and other goodies were also on the menu. No one left hungry.

**Pictures courtesy of:
Molly Lackey**

Bev Erdman’s beautiful flower arrangements adorned the altar, as they have for many years. Thanks to Bev for providing the flowers for our services.

A big thank you to all who help with the services.



Picture courtesy of Bill Hart

On December 15th and 16th, the annual Perry County Church Tour was held and our beautiful Hill of Peace Church was #2 on the tour map. Visitors commented on how beautiful the old church was and especially liked the smell of the real cedar tree with its homemade ornaments and the tinsel. Many commented it brought back memories of their past Christmas celebrations. The weather was perfect and the tour brought over 450 people to the Hill of Peace Church. If you have never taken the tour, you should consider doing so. In addition to visiting Hill of Peace Church, there are 37 other churches to visit. The 2023 Christmas Tour is set for December 14th and 15th.

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

**Service in Anticipation of Easter
Harvest Festival Service
Service of Readings and Carols**

**March 26, 2023
October 8, 2023
December 3, 2023**

Hill of Peace Latest Maintenance Projects Completed



Since the roof has been repaired, it was time to get our ceiling repaired and painted. Richardet Painting did a fabulous job in repairing and painting the ceiling. In addition they also painted sections of the walls where there were stains from the roof leaks. You can see the difference before and after repairs in the photos.



The floors were also renewed, which had not been addressed for many years. Since the pews were moved out for the painting, it was a perfect time to try some of a product called “Rejuvenate”. The product worked well. It gave the old floors a bit of a shine and covered most of the scratches. Since we were on a roll, and not quite out of money yet, it was decided to give the outside of the church a bit of a face-lift. Richardet Painting re-glazed the windows and painted the wood trim on the outside of the church. They did a great job and addressed many of our maintenance concerns.



The floors in the Friedenbergh Hall were stripped and waxed. CPS Maintenance Supply made the floors shine and took out all of the scuffs. Renting the hall for gathering has helped finance our maintenance projects along with your donations.

The Friedenbergh Advisory Board would like to thank CHI and all who have contributed to the Hill of Peace Preservation Fund. Your generous gifts of time, talent and donations enabled us to restore the old historic Hill of Peace Church. Future plans will address the concrete repairs in front of the church.

“We are excited to continue to offer services and events that honor our past and inspire our future. The response we received from the over 450 visitors during the December 2022 Church Tour was outstanding.

Thanks to your support, the three services in 2022 (Pre-Easter, Harvest Festival, Pre-Christmas) were well attended and—with our special guest preachers and special music—were a blessing to all who attended.

As we plan for another year of advancing the Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial site, we are asking that you prayerfully consider making your most generous gift that will allow us to not only maintain but also enhance the Hill of Peace site for all who will enjoy it in the months and years to come.

I would personally ask you to also consider including Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial in your estate planning so that we can continue to be proud of the condition of the Hill of Peace site as we share this historic touchstone with the church and the community.

God’s richest blessings in Christ,

Dr. Daniel Harmelink

CHI Executive Director

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Friedenberg History

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Confirmation service will be held at the Friedenbergs Lutheran church at ten o'clock next Sunday morning when the following will be confirmed: Martin Ochs, Arnold Rauh, Della Hoehn, Lela Lintner, Ida Popp, Loretta Weith, Ella Hoehn, and Gertrude Schoech.

1920

BIG PICNIC
AT
Friedenberg, Mo.,
in Friedenbergs Grove
Sunday, August 8

All kinds of amusements and refreshments such as Bowling Alley, Molly Board, Soda, Ice Cream, Soft Drinks, Lunch, etc., will be on the grounds.

Committee

1929

MISSION FESTIVAL AT FRIEDENBERG AUGUST 4.

The Friedenbergs Lutheran congregation will celebrate its annual Mission Festival on Sunday, August 4. The sermons will be delivered by the Rev. R. F. Kloehn of Crosstown, who will preach in German at 10 o'clock a. m., and the Rev. J. H. C. Sieck of Shawneetown, who will deliver an English sermon at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend the mission services, which will be held in the grove opposite the church.

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Big Picnic
Friedenberg Church Grove
Sunday, May 29
Given by Ladies' Aid Society
CHICKEN DINNER AND SUPPER
Lunches and Refreshments
Music by Uniontown Band
ALL THE USUAL PICNIC ATTRACTIONS