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Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial

Located in Friedenber, MO

A Ministry of Concordia Historical Institute

2025 Newsletter

Dear Friends of Hill of Peace,

Hill of Peace had three services this year. In addition, there were several projects completed at the site.



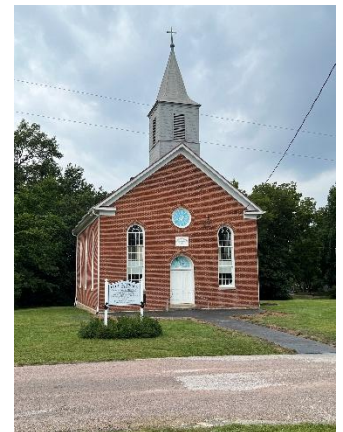
“A Service in Anticipation of Easter”

March 17, 2024

The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Daniel N. Harmelink, *Executive Director, Concordia Historical Institute*. “Living the Life of Faith Under the Cross of Christ”. Darlene Kiefer was the organist, with the Immanuel Lutheran Men’s Choir, directed by Nathan Steele, and accompanied by Janet Seibel. Fellowship followed in the Church Hall.



We are happy to announce that through your financial help we were able to complete several projects through the year. The largest project was the replacement of the concrete in front of the church and extending the sidewalk to the county road in front of the church.





“Harvest Festival Service”

October 13, 2023

The service was conducted by Rev. Joseph Schlie, of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville, MO and Rev. Dr. Daniel N. Harmelink, *Executive Director of Concordia Historical Institute*. The organist was Darlene Kiefer. Special music by the Immanuel Lutheran Men’s Choir under the direction of Cantor, Nathan Steele and accompanied by Janet Siebel. Fellowship and good food followed the service in church hall.



Richardet Floor Covering installed a new rug in the church in time for the annual Country Christmas Tour. The old rug was faded and very hard to clean.



“A Service of Readings and Carols”

December 1, 2024

The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Daniel N. Harmelink, *Executive Director of Concordia Historical Institute*. The sermon was “Did you have a ‘good’ Christmas?” Darlene Kiefer was the organist, with the Immanuel Lutheran Men’s Choir, directed by Nathan Steele, and accompanied by Janet Seibel. Fellowship followed in the Church Hall.



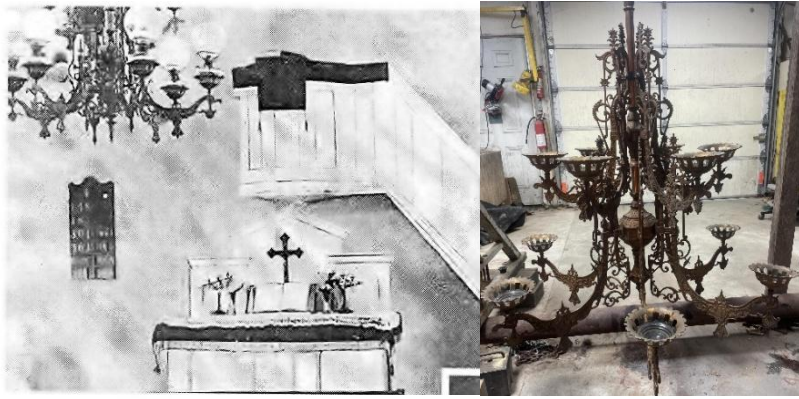
This year we also participated in the *Perry County Country Church Tour*. Hill of Peace was showcased with 39 other churches in three counties. Approximately 500 people visited the church in the two days. Many visitors said Hill of Peace Church was a favorite. Danny and Darlene Kiefer along with Linda Holt played their dulcimers on Friday, a crowd favorite.



Thanks to all for the support allowing the necessary repairs and beautiful upgrades to the Hill of Peace historic church.

You are invited to attend the **2025** services and fellowship:

Service in Anticipation of Easter	April	6th
Harvest Festival Service	October	12th
Service of Readings and Carols	December	7th
Perry County Country Church Tour	December	18th & 19th



Oil Light 1919–Pulpit Above Altar

We are excited about the restoration and re-installation of the chandelier that hung in the old church. The chandelier was found under the steps in the church. A generous benefactor has offered to restore it and add electric LED lights. The original chandelier was lighted by oil lamps on the arms of the light. The chandelier is scheduled to be installed before the 2025 Easter Service.

Dear Friends of Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial Church:

We give thanks to God for the numerous individuals who have given so selflessly of their time, treasures, and talents to care for and improve both the Hill of Peace Lutheran Memorial church building and the Parish Hall. This last year saw many attend the three worship services as well as individual visits throughout the year—and those who were involved in the Christmas Church Tour. During our worship services we were blessed with the voices of Immanuel Perryville’s Men’s Choir as well as our organist and guest violinist. The Christmas tree at the December service was especially grand. Thank you for all who contributed.

At this time, we want to give thanks to God for those who regularly maintained and beautified the church and parish hall, as well as all who took the time to bring their friends and family to attend the services. This new year beginning will naturally bring with it new challenges but also great opportunities to honor the saints that have gone before us—to honor especially their Christian faith and life.

As plans are already beginning for this year’s events, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this historic ministry. Donating Thrivent Choice Dollars, or making a generous contribution towards the maintenance of the property in the name of a loved one, or volunteering to help clean or decorate or provide a dish for a reception would do much to make this ministry a blessing to even more people interested in catching a glimpse of the congregational life of the Bavarian families that founded and managed Friedenberg Evangelical Church for 95 years.

Again, thank you for your prayers and generous support of this fabulous touchstone of local Lutheran history. We look forward to seeing you again for our traditional “in anticipation of Easter” service this spring.

God’s richest blessings in Christ,

Daniel N. Harmelink

*The Rev. Dr. Daniel N. Harmelink, Executive Director
Concordia Historical Institute*

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Friedenberg History

May 1900

Friedenberg.

The infant child of Ferd Hoehn is very sick with winter fever.

W. F. Wingerter and Mrs. Bishop of Sereno, were visiting here Sunday.

H. D. Farrar, our lawyer made a business trip to Ste. Genevieve one day this week.

H. J. Rauh, accompanied by Miss Mary Meyer, were visiting friends near Brewer Sunday.

A number of our young sports went on the excursion Sunday to see the base-ball game between the Perryville and Ste. Genevieve nines. They all report a pleasant trip.

There was a mix up a few days ago between a Taylor and a Goebel man which resulted in the knockout of the Goebel man.

Roy Barber has gone into the stock business.

Peter Streiler, accompanied by Miss Katie Smidt, departed for St. Louis Sunday where they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. After seeing the sights they will depart on their journey for foreign lands. We wish them a happy and prosperous journey.

John Meyer and wife were the guests of Arthur Meyer Sunday.

Mrs. Addie Bergman was visiting her parents last Monday.

Louis Oswald has taken the contract to build a hall in our burg.

The prospect for wheat around here is very good.

E. Deimond of Perryville, was in our burg Monday on business.

Some of our sports attended the dance which was given in Meyer's hall at Longtown, last Friday.

Theo. Rauh has the contract for hauling lumber for the Friedenberg poultry house.

The Friedenberg ball team will cross bats with the Highland team next Sunday. Both the nines are in good trim and a fine game can be expected.

Uncle Jake will organize a Bryan club if he can get enough members together—Bryan men are dead scarce here.

May 1921

Friedenberg School Picnic

Will be held in Friedenberg Grove on the afternoon and evening of

Sunday, May 22, 1921

instead of Sunday, May 29, as previously announced.

Entertainment and Refreshments

Everybody invited to come and spend a pleasant afternoon and evening with us.

REV. ROOK

April 1925

REV. GIESELMANN INSTALLED AS PASTOR, FRIEDENBERG CHURCH

On last Sunday Rev. Gieselmann, was installed as the new Pastor of the Friedenberg Lutheran Church. This pastorate was held until recently by Rev. R. A. Rook, who is now pastor of the Lutheran Church at Farrar, Mo.

Rev. A. M. Lohmann, Pastor of the Lutheran Church of this city conducted the installation. He was assisted by Rev. Leopold Dippold, of Longtown, and Rev. Rook, of Farrar. A large attendance witnessed the installation.

Rev. Gieselmann was born in the City of St. Louis, and is a graduate of St. Paul's College, at Concordia, Mo., and received his Theological training at Concordia Seminary, at Springfield, Ill., from which institution he was graduated in the year 1897.

He served as pastor of the congregations at Sweet Springs, Mo., Grand Rapids, Michigan and Pevely, Mo.

August 1929

MISSION FESTIVAL AT FRIEDENBERG AUGUST 4.

The Friedenberg 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.

March 1942

FIRE DESTROYS LUTH. PARSONAGE

Blaze Mar. 17 at Friedenberg Causes Loss in Excess of \$5,000.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Lutheran parsonage at Friedenberg, occupied by the Rev. H. Teske and family, about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. The entire structure was consumed, with practically all of the household goods and clothing of the family. The loss is estimated at more than \$5,000.

Rev. Teske was at the Lutheran school nearby when the fire was discovered by one of his children. At this time smoke was coming out of the roof, and a short time later the roof caved in. Only an electric refrigerator, a stove and a few bed clothes were saved.

The Rev. and Mrs. Teske and their eight children are making their home temporarily with various members of the congregation, but arrangements are being made to move to the old Judge Henry Ochs farm, now owned by Carl Bergman.

The church committee plans to make arrangements this week to build another parsonage at once. The structure which burned Tuesday, a two-story frame, was erected in 1923 at a cost of \$4,700. It was covered by insurance.