

# Messenger

## JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219



January 2026

Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld

### Worship Services

Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
2nd & 4th Saturday of month  
4:00 pm

Dear Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope it is a happy and healthy new year for you and your family. I hope what you want to accomplish and to have happen comes true for you! May this be a most fulfilling year ahead for you!

I would like to thank so many of you that sent me cards and gifts over the Christmas season!

Your outpouring of love is deeply appreciated! And I want you to know that I deeply love and cherish each and everyone of you! We continue to work well together to serve this community and the whole world - proclaiming God's message of love to all of His children.

We have just concluded our very busy Christmas season. In so many ways you touched the lives of so many people. Our Live Nativity was another very successful outreach event to our Jackson Park community. So many of you braved the extreme cold of that day and persevered in the task of welcoming our neighbors into this church. A special "shout out" to the Cast Members who were willing to stand outside in the very cold weather!

Our Sunday School children and our Sunday School Staff and all of you worked hard to insure another very successful Shoe Box Sunday. This touched the lives of the women and children at the Hope House Shelter. Your generosity in providing these gifts was amazing!

We continue to touch the lives of the men at Serenity Inn. I want to especially thank Kari and Jeff Przybylski for their faithfulness in taking the dinner down to these men every month. These men are working hard to get back on their feet and on a right path of life. Thank you for your support in providing toiletries and other items for them.

We gathered for worship on Christmas Eve and celebrated with joy the birth of a Savior. Thank you to our Organist Dan Uhan for his work in leading us through all the music of that night! Thank you to Gale and Kyle Kramer for providing special music for this uplifting Service. It reminded us of how strengthened we can be by gathering together for worship.

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It is a New Year. It is filled with hope. Hope for dreams that will come true both for each of you personally and for our church. Let us work together to make dreams come true for our Church and continue to let others know about this great story of a God who loves ALL of His children.

*Pastor Fred*



## FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC

### Stephanie Schimmels Shoebox Sunday Memorial Ministry-December 14th

The Sunday School staff would like to give a huge thank you to all parishioners who graciously donated gifts toward the Hope House charity drive. Our students packed a total of 58 shoeboxes for the moms, children, and babies temporarily residing there. The Hope House staff was very appreciative of our effort and generosity.

Many thanks also go out to Claire Kirchhoff. She was a big help to our staff and students packing the many shoeboxes prior to delivery.



#### ***Please pray for healing for:***

Peggy Rudolph Lisle  
Iris Michelson  
Liz Nowatzki  
Carol Genrich



Please remember to pick up your 2026 Offering Envelopes!

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 15th**

All annual reports (excluding financial reports) should be into the Church office by Sunday, January 18th.



THANK YOU TO ALL of you who helped with our Live Nativity event! Although it was probably the coldest Nativity that we have ever had, thank you to Claire Zautke and the Diaz family for lending us their portable outdoor fire pits. Thank you to Harvey Duerr for getting and keeping the fires going! Thank you to everyone that made/brought in cookies, we were able to package and sell over 100 containers, that benefited the general fund of our Church. It was a great time for our Congregation and for the Community.







# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 1/2 Bry Adler
- 1/3 Kaye Jung
- 1/3 Nancy Krah
- 1/4 Donald Bernstein
- 1/5 Elaine Zautke
- 1/4 Dale Potter
- 1/5 Shamus Wright
- 1/8 Derrick Johnson
- 1/9 David Phillip
- 1/10 Joseph Przyczkowski
- 1/12 Andrew Caswell
- 1/14 Jeff Luedtke
- 1/15 Jeff Przybylski
- 1/17 Lydia Diaz
- 1/18 Tom Tarczewski
- 1/19 Jeremy Van Sliedrecht
- 1/22 Terry Buth
- 1/24 Kari Przybylski
- 1/25 Kaine Cornell
- 1/25 Isabelle Diaz
- 1/26 Bill Krah
- 1/27 Brandon Tompkins
- 1/28 Matthew McMahon
- 1/29 Adam Coyne

