

Messenger

JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

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Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld

Message from Pastor Fred

Dear Friends,
 Welcome to the month of October and the Fall season - definitely a time of change! Our gardens are done for the year - we have pulled out the last remaining plants. The leaves are beginning to fall. The temperatures are beginning to fall too! It has been said that the only constant thing in life is that it will change! And that it does! We are affected not only by these seasonal changes but so many other changes as well. A report from our doctor changes us. A family crisis changes us. Turmoil at work changes us. The ending of our employment changes us. So many kinds of events in our lives change us. And so often we wonder how we will cope with the change. It is not easy for us. And then there is the Church. It is a refuge in our lives. A place we go to for comfort, stability, love, welcoming assurance, and compassion. At least that is what it should be. God is our refuge and our strength- a very present help in time of trouble" (Psalm. 46:1) The founder of our faith tradition Martin Luther used this as the basis for his great Reformation Hymn "A Mighty Fortress".

God is our refuge and the Church God's family should be that as well. And so, when you come here, to Jackson Park Lutheran Church, I hope and pray that it is a place of refuge for you in the midst of the changes of this life that seem to so upset our being. One thing should NOT change - and that is the mission of the church which is to be a community of love and welcome. I hope that is what you find here and what brings you back week after week.

And because this Church is such a place of refuge for us I hope you find it within your heart and soul (AND your wallet!!) to support our efforts to be that place of refuge for you for all our members and for anyone who seeks out our help. About a week or two ago you received a request for additional funds for our "Improvement Fund" as we seek to IMPROVE our FINANCIAL position.

Please help us in this effort to secure our financial future and the future of our faith-filled community. I know we will be successful in this effort. I have seen you come through time and time again to help insure the future ministry of our Church. We all LOVE this Church! And it is not just the

Worship Services

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

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building or the address of where we are. We all LOVE this FAMILY AND the WORK for God that we are able to do TOGETHER! Pray about your response - I mean really pray about it! Talk to God and let Him lead you in your response. God will not let you down! This Church will not let you down! We are family! We will do this together for the glory of God and for the future of our ministry together! I will see you in Church!

Pastor Fred

"Fall Into Faith - Rally Sunday"

We gathered on Sunday, September 29 to "kick off" our fall activities! It was a joyous day of celebration and fellowship! THANK YOU to our Sunday School Staff and the Outreach Team for making it such a successful event!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 3RD

Sunday November 3 is All Saints Sunday and we will again be honoring our departed loved ones by lighting candles in their honor. This is always such a moving ceremony and we hope all of you will be here to join us in this very special Service.



Also please remember it is the end of Daylight Savings time so please turn your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed!

Matching Gift Giving Opportunity

An anonymous donor will give us \$5,000 as a Matching Gift if we can raise another \$5,000! That would give us \$10,000 in much needed income to make up for the consistently low offerings over our past summer months. This will only work if ALL of us are generous in our giving. Please pray about your response to this generous offer and make use of the special envelope that is included in the mailing that was sent out this last week. It is marked "Improvement Fund" because we want to IMPROVE our financial position! These special envelopes will also be available in the back of the Sanctuary.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES HAVE STARTED!

We had our orientation session on September 25. Our next class will be on Wednesday October 23 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Pastor Fred if you have any questions about the class.

FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC



Quilt Blessing Sunday October 6th

This year our Quilting Club will be sending a total of 89 mission quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Shown here are Kaye Jung, Jo Sandin, Kathy Hutchinson and Amy Koebel. Other members of the Quilting Club include Carol Gendrich, Pam Laurien, and Pam Tarczewski. This faithful group meets on Tuesday afternoons starting at 12:30.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

THANK YOU for your continued support of our food pantry ministry!

We are able to feed those in our neighborhood who are in need of food assistance.

At this time we DO NOT NEED any canned goods. What we DO need are:

- Cereal
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Cookies
- Crackers



Thank you all for your help!



October 27th





Please pray for healing for:

Peggy Rudolph Lisle Iris Michelson
 Chuch Bonack Carol Genrich



BIRTHDAYS	
7	Fay Bonifield
9	Leighton Meeker
12	Kate Stuewe
13	Kali Jacobi
16	Nancy Bernstein
16	Marie Fox
16	Theresa Perry
26	Diane Kestner
28	Doug Ruesch
29	Kim Phillip
30	Ken Frodemann
30	Laurie Phillip

**LIVE NATIVITY- HOW CAN YOU HELP?
 SATURDAY Dec. 14th 2-4 PM**

It is never too early to plan! And really, it is only three months away! Plan now on ways you can volunteer to help! And ALL of us can begin getting the word out to our friends and neighbors and inviting them to come and enjoy the fun!

We particularly need:

- an abundance of baked cookies!
- 2 people to greet guests in the Church.
- 1-2 people to help with refreshments during the Live Nativity
- 1-2 people to help with clean-up and moving tables

Please contact either Pastor Fred, Theresa Perry or Gale Kramer if you can give us a hand to make this event successful!

The Jackson Park Community Association Trick or Treat Night Out

Will take place on October 26 from 6 to 8 pm. Registration is on October 18 from 4 pm to 7 pm or October 19 from 10 am to Noon. Registration has usually been at Manitoba Park but the location will have to be confirmed. That news will be in the Sunday Bulletin and emailed. Pastor Fred has volunteered for this event in the past and it is a great community event!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH- POTATO CHEESE SOUP

INGREDIENTS:

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| 4 potatoes, peeled and quartered | 2 1/2 cups milk |
| 1 small carrot, finely chopped | 3 tablespoons butter, melted |
| 1/2 stalk celery, finely chopped | 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour |
| 1 small onion, minced | 1 tablespoon dried parsley |
| 1 1/2 cups vegetable stock | 1 teaspoon ground black pepper |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese |



Crumbled Bacon and green onion for garnish

DIRECTIONS- 1. In a large saucepan, bring potatoes, carrots, celery, onion, vegetable broth and salt to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer until potatoes are just tender. Do not rinse; mash mixture slightly. Stir in milk.
 2. In a small mixing bowl, blend butter, flour, parsley and pepper; stir into potato mixture. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. 3. Remove from heat; add cheese and stir until cheese is almost melted. Let soup stand for 5 minutes. add bacon and green onions to individual serving bowls. 4 servings