

# Messenger

## JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

November 2024



Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld

### Worship Services

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

### Message from Pastor Fred

Dear Friends,

First of all, I must begin with a huge THANK YOU to all of you for the very kind and generous recognition and reception on October 20 in honor of Pastor Appreciation Month! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! I am most grateful for this partnership in ministry that we share at this church that we all love. I pray that we may continue to grow together as we grow in Christ's love.

And now, on to November! The month of November holds a special place in my heart in relation to this church, for it was on November 1, 1981, that I began my ministry here! Yes, it has been a long time! But the years have flown by and are filled with wonderful memories of all that we have done over these years. It has been good - it has been very good! God has been good to us! And day after day I continue to find joy in this ministry. I know that God will continue to be good to us. And I know we will continue to work together to do God's will in this place.

So, what is happening now? Well, I have six students in our Confirmation Class! Yes - we have a Confirmation Class again! I had not had one since before COVID, so this is a cause of celebration!

We are collecting items for Thanksgiving Food Baskets again - more details of this are elsewhere in this Newsletter. But our mission to feed the hungry continues. We are still serving dinners at Serenity Inn - thanks to Jeff and Kari Przybylski. We continue to support the Mt. Meru Coffee Project and our Partner Parish, Makimura Lutheran Church, in Tanzania. We continue to come together faithfully and regularly each Sunday to worship our Lord. Our Quilters continue to dedicate their skills in sewing so that others all over the world may be wrapped in the comfort and warmth of a quilt. For a smaller congregation, there is a LOT we are doing! Celebrate this! And give thanks to God for it!

One last thing that we are doing right now is preparing for another LIVE NATIVITY! For over 15 years this has become one of the cornerstones of our ministry to the community - and one that the community thoroughly enjoys! It is on Saturday, December 14 this year. I hope that ALL of you will find some way in which you can help make this event a special one again. Be ready to say "yes" when asked! Better yet, ask how you can help!

In this month of Thanksgiving, let us GIVE THANKS for our life together in this congregation and may we dedicate ourselves to make sure it continues for many more years to come!

Pastor Fred

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## Thanksgiving Baskets



We will again provide Thanksgiving Food Baskets for needy families in our area. We will need:

- Pies
- Rolls
- Turkey Gravy
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mashed Potato Box Mix
- Stuffing Box Mix
- Money for Turkeys

Check the display board in the Narthex for other items that may be needed.

All donations need to be at the Church by Sunday, November 24.

## FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC



**Stephanie Schimmels**  
**Shoebbox Sunday**  
**Memorial Ministry**  
**December 8th**



Our dear member, Stephanie Schimmels, who passed away this past year, supported our Shoebox Sunday Ministry in many ways. Not only did she donate much needed items, but she also donated many plastic containers that were used instead of regular shoeboxes. Her and Declan put the packages together for the families of Hope House, even in the years of the pandemic. Going forward we will be naming this Ministry in Stephanie's memory.

We will be collecting shoe boxes and items for the moms and kids at Hope House women's and children's shelter. Small, new toys, stuffed animals, card games, books, activity books, lotion, toiletries, socks, hats, scarfs are all appreciated for the moms, kids and babies. **Toothbrushes and toothpaste are not needed.** Please bring in your donations to church by **Sunday, Dec. 8th**. Thank you in advance for your support of these families in need! For more information please visit [Hope House](#)

### ALL SAINTS SUNDAY- NOVEMBER 3RD

We will again remember and honor our dear departed loved ones in a number of ways. We will come forward to light a candle in their honor as part of the Worship Service, and prayers will be said for all of them. You also are invited to bring in a picture of your loved one who has passed to be part of a display of these saints in the Narthex. It will be left up for the following week as well so we may pay proper tribute to them.

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



**Sunday, November 10 -**

On this Sunday we will recognize all of our Veterans of the Armed Forces as Veterans Day is the next day, November 11. We thank all of them for their willingness to serve our country in this way.



**Special thanks go to Mark Lenzke.** Not only has he been keeping our lawn cut and well groomed, but he also took it upon himself to paint and fix the sign by the Church parking lot sign. Thanks Mark!

# NOVEMBER Birthdays

- 1 Ariel Gonzalez
- 1 Joan Obst
- 1 Helene Przyczkowski
- 2 Ken Cornell, Jr.
- 2 Douglas Dombeck
- 7 Lauren Wintheiser
- 8 Karen Iwinski
- 9 Daniel Paget
- 11 Ian Cranfield
- 13 Elizabeth Krahn
- 15 Gary Nelson
- 15 Emmanuel Rivera
- 18 Reign Rasmussen
- 19 Laurie Iwinski
- 20 Malik Dancer
- 21 Greg Phephles
- 22 Francina Wright
- 25 Carol Carlson
- 26 Khalia Rabell
- 27 Elizabeth Nowatzki
- 29 Harvey Duerr
- 29 Bonnie Kuhn

Please pray for healing for:

Peggy Rudolph Lisle  
Chuch Bonack

Iris Michelson  
Carol Genrich



### LIVE NATIVITY- HOW CAN YOU HELP?

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th 2-4 PM**

It is never too early to plan! And really, it is only 6 weeks 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 will need cookies brought in by Friday night Dec 13th by 6:30 pm!** Let us know what you can bring! We need the following to make this event a successful outreach to our community:

- 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!

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH

## FROSTED PUMPKIN BARS

#### BARS

- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 (15 1/2 oz) can pumpkin
- 1 cup oil
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

#### CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

- 1 8 oz cream cheese softened
- 1 stick of butter softened
- 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

#### DIRECTIONS

Combine all bar ingredients: mix well. Pour into ungreased 15 1/2X 10 1/2 jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted comes out clean. Cool.

To make frosting, cream softened cream cheese and butter. Gradually add sugar; beat until well blended, add vanilla. Makes 4 dozen.

