

Messenger

JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

January 2025

Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld

Worship Services

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



Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2025! A "NEW YEAR"! And it is New. The next 365 days are an open book as it were - with pages to be filled by you and me with experiences as of yet unknown! And that can be both exciting and terrifying! The unknown is like that. My New Year's prayer for all of you is that those pages will be filled with experiences that bring love and hope and comfort and strength into your life. And I pray especially that every day you will experience God in your life, no matter what kinds of circumstances you are going through.

A new year always offers us a time to review what happened to us in the past year, consider what we may have done differently and what worked out well for us. And it gives us a chance to consider what we would like to accomplish in the year ahead. In 1998 a group called Semisonic released the song "Closing Time" that had this very memorable line - "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." This is part of "the Circle of Life". Things begin. There is an ending. But then there is something new. That is what always gives us HOPE. Because there IS always something new! Our Lutheran theology would teach us that each new day brings the promise of something new, because in our Baptism we are constantly reborn as new creatures of God. And so on this dawn of a New Year, we realize some things will end, but new things will also begin. And that IS the grounds for our Hope. It is the message of the Resurrection. It is the message of our Baptism. It is the foundation of faith. "Every new beginning comes from some other beginnings end."

As this is true in our individual lives, it is also true in the life of the Church, of our Church. This new year gives us the opportunity to review this past year of ministry together and to plan and dream of what we would like to do in the year ahead. Two years ago our Church Council began those conversations, "Holy Conversations" it was called. We asked for input from the whole congregation in a series of Listening Sessions. We gathered information on a variety of issues. We reviewed what we had done in the past. In this coming year our Council wants to take up those conversations again. What is it we really want to do as a congregation? What can we realistically accomplish? What are we all willing to commit to? Again, it will eventually be a conversation we want all to be involved in. Because if we ALL are committed to whatever plan is developed, we will be successful!

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So, may God bless all of you richly in your individual lives, so that no matter what happens to you in 2025, you will rest assured that God is with you. And may God also be with us as a Congregation, leading us in the path right for us in the year ahead. My heart is full of gratitude for all that you do for this congregation we all love!

Pastor Fred

FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC

Stephanie Schimmels Shoebox Sunday Memorial Ministry-December 15th

THANK YOU to ALL of you who contributed items for Shoe Box Sunday and to our sunday school staff and students that did such a wonderful job putting them all together! And thank you to Pam and Tom Tarczewski who took all the boxes over to Hope House for the children there to enjoy at this Christmas time!



Above are some of our sunday school and confirmation students that decorated box covers for the boxes that contained items for families at Hope House.

Please pray for healing for:

Peggy Rudolph Lisle
Iris Michelson
Chuch Bonack
Carol Genrich



Confirmation Class Reminder!

Students & parents are reminded that our next Confirmation Class is on **Wed. January 22, at 6:30 pm.**

A "Thank You" from Pastor Fred!

I just want to thank ALL of you who sent cards and well wishes my way during this past Christmas season! All were greatly appreciated! I continually give thanks to God for the partnership in ministry that we share and for the great love and kindness you show to me! THANK YOU!

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 9th

All annual reports (excluding financial reports) should be into the Church office by Sunday, January 19th.



Please remember to pick up your 2025 Offering Envelopes!

THIS MONTH'S RECIPE

CHICKEN POT PIE

*from Facebook group
Quick Dinner Recipes*

INGREDIENTS

1 cup diced potato
1 cup diced onion
1 cup diced celery
1 cup diced carrot
1/3 cup margarine (melted)
1/2 cup all purpose flour
2 cups chicken broth
1 cup half & half
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
4 cups cooked chicken
2 pie crusts (that can be used for the top of the pie)

DIRECTIONS

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Saute together onion, celery, carrots and potatoes in margarine for 10 minutes. Add flour to sauteed mixture and stir well. Cook for 60 seconds stirring constantly. Combine broth and half & half and stir gradually into vegetable mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly. Stir in salt, pepper and chicken, stir well. Pour mixture into shallow 2 quart casserole dish and top with pie shells crimping ends. Bake until crust is golden and flaky, 30-40 minutes.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

THANK YOU TO ALL of you who helped make our Live Nativity event so successful! And to all of you who came and supported the efforts! It was a great time for our Congregation and for the Community. Here are some pictures from the day.

- 1/2 Bry Adler
- 1/3 Kaye Jung
- 1/3 Nancy Krahn
- 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 Przychowski
- 1/12 Andrew Caswell
- 1/14 Jeff Luedtke
- 1/15 Samantha Hertel
- 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 Krahn
- 1/27 Brandon Tompkins
- 1/28 Matthew McMahon
- 1/29 Adam Coyne

