

# Messenger

## JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

May 2025

Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld



Dear Friends,  
I have said this many times, but it can not be said too often - THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
Thank you for your generosity, your commitment, your faithfulness in serving this church we love.  
Praise God!

By now all of you should have received a letter from me concerning the financial situation our church faces, and some ways in which we can address it. I want to write to you again about this because it is absolutely essential to the ongoing success of our ministry. It does impact our ongoing survival. I give thanks to God for the individuals who came forward to put up the "Matching Gift", and now it is up to all of us to be generous in our response through our gifts to the Anniversary Fund, so that we may at least match, and hopefully exceed, our Matching Gift Goal of \$5000. One other thing I must mention about these gifts to the Anniversary Fund. They need to be gifts ABOVE AND BEYOND our regular giving. If we simply "switch envelopes" that we use for our normal amount of giving, we will NOT generate any additional income, and our financial position will not improve at all. BUT, if we all look into our hearts and souls, and if we all are serious about bringing this to God in prayer, and if we all are generous in our response, we WILL succeed! And our ministry will be able to continue to proclaim God's love - to each other, to our community, and indeed to the whole world.

In my letter I mention some other ways we all can address our financial circumstances. One way is by enrolling in the "Simply Giving" Program. Forms for this are available in the Church Office. This helps to keep our offerings consistent and regular. It is safe and convenient. See me if you have any questions about this wonderful program!

I also mentioned a couple of things related to the time of our passing. We all can list Jackson Park Lutheran Church as a Beneficiary in our Will. We used to receive Bequests quite frequently but in recent years not at all. And, we can make sure our family requests Memorials to the Church at our passing. All of these ways help sustain our ministry.

At present we are in a precarious position - BUT I really do believe God will be with us in this, too, leading us to a more stable place financially. There is SO much happening here! I especially want to thank our OUTREACH/EVANGELISM TEAM for the EXCEPTIONAL work that they do to make sure so many wonderful activities are planned and carried out to success!

May all of us be led by God to continue to generously support the ministry of our Church!

*Pastor Fred*

### Worship Services

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

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We have (I believe to be a returning) mother duck that has nested in the planter of the Church's front entrance. I think we should name her Johanna!



# FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC

## Easter Family Event April 19<sup>th</sup>

We had a a glorious day for our Community Outreach Easter Family Event! We had a very busy morning, with the petting zoo provided by New Beginnings Ranch, face painting, free "Peeps" Hot Chocolate, Easter crafts, goody bags, a bake sale and the Easter Bunny! Thank you to everyone that helped make this event so successful!



## Confirmation Class News

Confirmation Class meets on Wednesday, May 7 @ 6:30 pm  
Below is the Confirmation students and family members that went to the movie "The King of Kings" on Saturday, April 12.  
**OUR SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 8!** We are very excited about this as it is our first Confirmation since before COVID!! And to make this eve more special, Bishop Paul Erickson, Bishop of our Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA, will be the Guest Preacher! Pastor Fred will lead us in the Order of the Service. A Reception for our Confirmands will follow the Service. It will be a great day! Come and be part of the celebration!

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

**Peggy Rudolph Lisle  
Iris Michelson  
Chuch Bonack  
Carol Genrich**



*Please contact Pastor Fred if you have someone that you would like to add to the prayer list.*



## Kringle Sale Pickup

Pick up will be on Tuesday, May 6th, from 4-6 pm . If you haven't already paid, Please pay for your orders at pickup or by Sunday May 11th. Thank you to everyone that purchased and/or sold Kringles to support our Sunday Church School!



# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

- 2 Tony Meier
- 2 Julie Nelson
- 3 Kathleen McMahon
- 5 Joyce Daymond
- 6 Skylar Cranfield
- 6 Wade Cranfield
- 8 Tationna Wright
- 12 Nicholas Swenor
- 12 Richard Weiss
- 13 Korrine Cornell
- 18 Heather McMahon
- 19 Aiden Coyne
- 19 Harriet Kirchhoff
- 22 Leo Huntsinger
- 22 Chase Jacobi
- 23 Lorraine Gruettner
- 28 Sharon Buth
- 29 Patrick Ruesch



Declan Schimmels turned 14 on 3/23! He is pictured with the birthday card that many of us signed telling him how much we miss him!

## Festival Foods Brat Stand Fundraiser Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

We are going to try this fundraiser one more time at the **West Allis Festival Foods location on Hwy 100 & Greenfield Ave.**

We are looking for 2 teams to split the day. We will need a total of 4 people per shift:  
2 grilling  
1 prepping/ food handling  
1 cashiering.

Please contact Theresa Perry if you can help us raise much needed funds to supplement our offerings in the General Operating Fund.

## MOTHER'S DAY, May 11!

Looking for the perfect gift to give your Mom on Mother's Day? Come with her to church on her special day! Let her know how grateful you are that God has blessed you and your family with your wonderful mother! All moms will receive a carnation in honor of their special day, as we celebrate all that our moms mean to us!

*Something new for this year! When you come to church on Mother's Day, help us out by bringing DIAPERS that will be given to the **Milwaukee Diaper Mission**, as part of their Mother's Day Drive! Sizes 4 and 5 are especially needed!*

## Jackson Park Farmers Market

Starts Thurs. 6/12, and runs each Thursday in the summer from 3:00 to 6:30 pm. Pastor Fred is again looking for help each Thursday from 5:00 -6:30 pm to sell Mt. Meru Coffee.

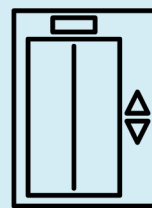
There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you have any questions about duties involved, please see Pastor Fred. Your help is deeply appreciated!!

## PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone that placed an order for our plant fundraiser. Plants will need to be picked up at the church parking lot on **Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** between 11 am-1:00 pm.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Elevator is now working again! And a special THANK YOU goes out to the anonymous donor that covered the entire cost of this repair! We are VERY grateful!



## PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH April 13

Special thanks to the Outreach/Fellowship Committee for providing us with a delicious meal and a chance to gather in fellowship!

