

# Messenger

## JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

August 2025

Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld

### Worship Services

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

No Saturday services this month



Dear Friends -

Many of you know that I grew up in Upstate New York in the Finger Lakes area. It is in the western part of the state and is a beautiful area of lakes and hills. Our home was outside of Geneva at what was then a lot of farm area. My brother and I would love to go exploring in all these open fields and just see where it took us. One day however we realized we had gone farther than we had ever gone before and we were not exactly sure how to get back home! It was a little bit terrifying for us! We were probably nine or ten years old at the time. We kept walking and eventually saw a house! We stopped there and introduced ourselves as two very lost boys and asked if we could call our home. They said yes and mom and dad came to get us. They were of course a bit upset that we had strayed too far - but all of us were glad just to be together again - safely! IT was a life lesson learned!

When have you felt lost? When have you felt you strayed too far from home? How do you find your way back? I believe all of us have times when we feel "lost". We are not sure of how to solve a family problem. Or we are not sure if we should change jobs. Or we are not sure if we should undergo that surgery (I dealt with that question for a few months before deciding to go ahead with this latest back surgery!). Feeling lost is a human predicament that we all encounter at some time.

So what do you do to get back on the right road for your life? How do you decide which direction to take? Sometimes we even feel like we have strayed too far from God and are not sure how to get back. I encourage you to come back to church and be more regular in your worship and you will discover that God has been waiting to welcome you with open arms. I encourage you to begin a prayer life where you talk with God and tell Him what is on your mind and ask for His guidance. Even now in these warm summer days God is waiting for you to return to Him and trust in His wisdom. In that old song we sing "what a friend we have in Jesus - take it to the Lord in prayer". Let's act on what we sing! Another old song (Amazing Grace) reminds us that we once were lost but now are found! Let's believe in what we sing!

So I welcome you to worship. If you are feeling lost I pray that God will show you the way you should go. Thank you all for your commitment to our family of God gathered here at Jackson Park Lutheran Church. And thank you for your faithfulness to our God!

See You In Church!

*Pastor Fred*

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In this newsletter  
you can expect:

*School Supply  
Drive*

*Cookout  
Fundraiser at  
Festival Foods*

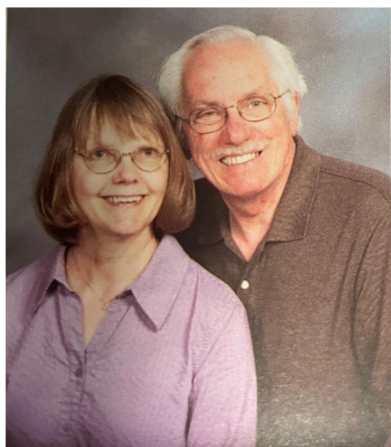
*Remembering  
Chuck Bonack*

*Help needed with  
cleaning*



## Our Next Festival Foods Brat Barn Fundraiser

Since we have had success with the Festival Foods Brat Barn fundraisers, we have scheduled one more sale for **Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-6 at the Hales Corners store (located at 5600 S 108<sup>th</sup> Street and Grange Avenue)**. Sign up sheets for morning or afternoon shifts will be in the Narthex or contact Theresa Perry. Plan to stop by to make a purchase- have an easy and delicious lunch or dinner!



BONACK, Chuck & Peggy

## In Memoriam- Chuck Bonack

Chuck passed away on July 15, 2025 at the age of 82. Funeral Services were held on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Chuck and Peggy have been members of our church since 1975. Chuck served the Church as a Council member, an usher, usher guild member and scheduled the ushers (*back when we had a regular usher schedule*). Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time. Here is a link to his full obituary. Memorials to the Church are appreciated.

<https://www.heritagefuneral.com/obituary/charles-chuck-bonack/>

## Fundraising Brainstorming Sessions

On June 9<sup>th</sup> some members of our congregation gathered to discuss ideas for fundraising for our Church. Here are some of the short term and long term ideas. We will be having another session later this month (TBD) All are encouraged to participate in the discussion and planning!

### Short Term

- Have a rummage sale (no clothing sales)
- Host a fall craft fair & rent out our parking lot space to food trucks (combined as one event)
- Wreath sales
- Sell Church T-shirts
- "Adopt a bill" board

### Long Term

- Increase Simply Giving enrollment for more consistent giving
- Add a way to make a donation to the Church on our website
- Increase marketing to immediate neighborhood
- Organize another Stewardship Campaign
- Find another group that wants to rent worship/meeting space

**Please pray for healing for:**

**Pastor Fred  
Peggy Rudolph Lisle  
Iris Michelson  
Carol Genrich**



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

## Summer Worship Service Helpers needed !

Please consider how you may be able to help with our Worship by doing one of the following:

- Be a communion assistant
- Be a reader of the lessons
- Be an acolyte

Please either sign up on the bulletin board in the Church office or contact Pastor Fred.





Catch Pastor Fred's sermons on our Facebook page when you are not able to worship in person- **Jackson Park Lutheran Church ELCA**. Send us a like to let us know that you were able to watch!

### JPLC School Supply Drive in August

We will be collecting school supplies for children in need in our area! Here is the list of supplies that are needed. Please bring in school supplies in the the month of August.



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| 1  | Bobby Cranfield        |
| 8  | Amelia Rabell          |
| 9  | Eugene Heimerl         |
| 10 | Errick Johnson         |
| 10 | Claire Kirchhoff       |
| 13 | Mary Gonion            |
| 16 | Lainey Frodermann      |
| 18 | Toni Cranfield         |
| 18 | Leota Thomas Breitfeld |
| 22 | Kathleen Pica          |
| 23 | Terry Nelson           |
| 24 | Peggy Bonack           |
| 25 | Edward Przyczkowski    |
| 26 | Claire Zautke          |
| 28 | Kurtis Frodermann      |
| 28 | Lindsay Rabell         |
| 30 | Cherrie Behling        |

**Become a partner with MPS to ensure students have the supplies they need to be successful in the classroom!**

#### Donate any of the following supplies:

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| • Backpacks                           | • Pencils and colored pencils                  |
| • 4 pocket folders                    | • Pencil sharpener                             |
| • 4 spiral notebooks                  | • 2 pink erasers or pack of pencil-top erasers |
| • Loose-leaf paper                    | • Box of crayons (24 count)                    |
| • Scissors                            | • 2 highlighters                               |
| • Ruler                               | • 2 glue sticks                                |
| • 2 black or blue pens and 2 red pens | • Washable markers (8 count)                   |
|                                       | • Supply pouch                                 |

### CAN YOU HELP US WITH A FEW CLEANING JOBS?

There are a few items that need our attention that can be done in a half hour or less! Would you be able to help?

1. The flooring underneath the sinks in the kitchen are in need of a good cleaning.

Everything was removed from there so that all the pipes could be replaced.

Before we move items back let's clean the floor!

2. The recycle bins need to be cleaned out

3. There is a stool in the women's restroom that really needs to be washed off!

If you can help with one or more of these please speak to Pastor Fred. Thank you!



We are also still looking for members that can do our routine cleaning on the weekends on a volunteer basis. Cleaning duties would take approximately 2 hours per week. To start, this could be once a month and still have our paid cleaning service for the remainder of the weeks.