



May/June 2026

Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld

### Worship Services

Sunday Worship 10:00 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of month 4:00 pm

Dear Friends,

How many of you have noticed what our outdoor church sign says? "Let New Life Spring Up In You!". The physical signs of new life are all around us as nature bursts forth with beautiful signs of new life during these Spring-time days! Flowers popping up, trees budding, the grass grows ever greener (and longer!). It is such a wonderful time of year, giving us all a breath of "new life" !

As I write this to you we are still in the midst of the Easter Season - another sign of new life! As we are reminded of the new life given to us in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, new life, new hope, new possibilities "spring forth" in our souls as well! I hope you are experiencing that in your own life. And we are certainly experiencing that in our life as a congregation.

I want to let you know that our Church Council has started a process to put together a Five Year Plan that would run from 2027 to 2032 - the 100th Anniversary of our Congregation! And you, all of you, are part of that process as well! Our Church Council has begun to take a look at some events/activities for us to plan in that five year period, but we want your input as well. So, beginning on Sunday, June 14, there will be an area in the Narthex for you to post whatever ideas you might have for our future ministry together. Whatever the idea is, just write it on one of the Post-It Notes (provided) and post it in the area provided. All ideas will be considered!

We will also take some time to talk about the following question: What is it you say to others when talking about your church? What are you proud of ? What makes you stay here? This is all part of "telling our story" to others, of making our history together come alive.

The Church Council will then take into account all this information and continue to work on our Plan. Another report on our progress will be made to the congregation in September. Then, at our February, 2027 Annual Congregational Meeting, we will vote on the final Five Year Plan. It will give us a way to move forward through the next five years,, culminating in the excitement of our 100th Anniversary Celebration!

Call/email/text me with any questions you might have. I am truly excited about this process, and I want to thank our Council Members for their commitment in this effort. Pray for our success together! THANK YOU for YOUR faithfulness to our congregation!

*Pastor Fred*

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### She's Back!

Mama Duck, who I like to call Johanna, is back to nest in the planter outside the Church's front door. We are happy to see her again and hope that we see her ducklings before she decides to move on!

# FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC



## We will be back at the Jackson Park Farmers Market!

After a year off, we will again have a booth at the Jackson Park Farmers Market!

It begins on Thursday, June 18. Our last Thursday there will be August 27. It is a great event, and offers us the opportunity to connect with our neighbors! I will be at the booth each week, and I will have a sign-up sheet for YOU to partner with me each afternoon! There will be two time slots each Thursday, 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM; and 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM, although you are welcome to sign up for the whole shift if you can! Any questions? Contact Pastor Fred!



## It's Kringle Pick-up Time!

Pick up for Kringle orders will be at church on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> between 4-7pm. Thank you to everyone for your purchase!

## PLANT SALE PICK UP

Thank you everyone that ordered plants this year!

Please pick them up in the Church parking lot

**between 11:00 am-1:00 pm on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

*Please contact Theresa Perry at [tperrski@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tperrski@sbcglobal.net) for more information.*



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 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



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Richard Cook
- 3 Jessica McMahon
- 5 Michael Perry
- 8 Elieser Rabell
- 9 Marie Cook
- 9 Dolores Schuetz
- 13 Lloyd Root
- 14 Amanda Schoeneich
- 14 Julio Tompkins
- 15 Jerrick Johnson Sr.
- 19 Peter KraH
- 19 Mary Grundmann
- 20 Anthony Karr
- 21 Diane Brickler
- 23 Alona Wright
- 25 David Mork
- 30 JoAnn Petaschnick

*Please pray for healing for:*

**Peggy Rudolph Lisle  
Iris Michelson  
Liz Nowatzki**

**CHURCH  
COUNCIL  
MEETING**

**Mon. May 11th  
at 6:30 pm**

