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A Message from Pastor Fred

Dear Friends,

It is the month of March! "In like a lion. Out like a lamb" goes the old saying. I was reading an interesting article by a meteorologist about this saying. He did a study of the last ten years of March weather in the Milwaukee area, and in only one year was this actually the case! But, like Groundhog Day, it gives us an amusing way to look at the weather! Our son was born in March, while we were still in Chicago, and it seemed like the old month was a lion! We were buried in snowstorm after snowstorm! We lived on the south side of the city. The hospital were Sean was to be born was downtown - about a 40 minute drive when conditions were good! Luckily, on the night we headed to the hospital when Sean would eventually be born (he took his time!), conditions were good and we made it with no trouble!

I try to relate this worldly phrase to my faith and things eternal. Does Jesus "come in like a lion? Go out like a lamb?" In one sense you could say He came in like a Lamb - a sweet, innocent baby born in a manger. But what did some people expect this Jesus to do? Many want him to be the Lion, the one to overthrow the oppressive government. And then I relate all of this to the last day of March, which is EASTER this year! Is Jesus a lion or a lamb in this context? Or is he both? He could be the Lamb that willingly laid down his own life for others. Or you can think of him as the Lion - the one who conquered sin and death!

Throughout this month of March, I invite you to contemplate this lion/lamb nature of Jesus. I hope you can see both images in him. The kind, loving, caring Savior. Yet also the powerful and mighty one! And because he does contain all of these attributes, he is able to be with us and relate to us in all kinds of circumstances. Yes, "what a friend we do have in Jesus"! Someone who is with us in all times! And that is with celebrating! So come and celebrate with us every Sunday and that Him for his everlasting love! And come especially of the last day of March, Easter Sunday, as we praise God for this Savior who is both lion and lamb! And the wonderful thing about Jesus is that he doesn't really "go out" at the end of the month! No, he goes ahead of us, into April and May and June and July and threat of the year to be our constant companion through life. Thanks be to God for this Savior Jesus!

Pastor Fred

Worship Services:

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Saturday Worship 4:00 pm
the 2nd & 4th week of the month

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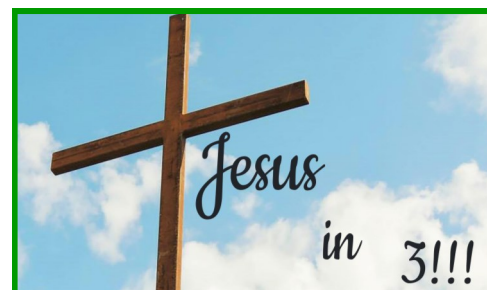
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soup
Sunday!

SOUP TO-GO SUNDAY- March 3rd!

Soup Sunday will be a to-go event in the Narthex after the Worship Service.

Large 16 oz. containers will be priced at \$7 Medium 12 oz. containers will be \$5.

Here is what we will have available (subject to change)

Cream of Potato and Turkey

Chicken and Wild Rice Soup

Spicy Sweet Potato Kale

Beef Goulash

Italian Sausage Tortellini

Beef Vegetable

French Lentil

Chicken Noodle (2 different kinds)

Soups will not be heated. Chefs should have their soup at the church by the start of the 10 am Church service. Invite your friends and neighbors to come at 11:00 if they would like to make a purchase. See you there! Proceeds will be donated to the Church General Fund.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our students will receive their First Communion at our Service on Sunday, April 21st. A reception for **everyone** follows! ALL ARE WELCOME!



Please help us beautify our Chancel area for our Easter Service by purchasing one or more Easter Plants. They are \$20 each and order forms are available in our church office. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 24.

We are truly blessed to have Declan Schimmels share his musical talent with us for almost every Sunday Worship service. We are spiritually moved by his inspirational performances!

THANK YOU DECLAN!!



The Kringle Sale is Coming!

Our Sunday School is again having a Kringle Fundraiser to provide funds for their projects. Orders will be taken at church or call the church office to place an order. Pick up will be on Thursday, May 9th, (before Mother's Day).



Please note that we **WILL** have a Service on Good Friday, March 29th at 1 pm. Please come as we watch our Lord go to the cross for our sake and contemplate this great sacrifice on our behalf.

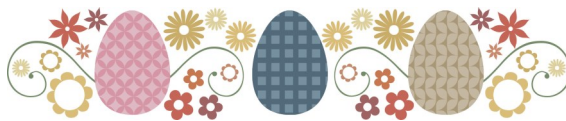


Mon. March 25th
6:30pm

REMEMBER TO FILL YOUR LENTEN SELF-DENIAL ENVELOPE! You will soon receive this envelope in the mail and we ask you to pray about your response that all of us may be generous in our support of the work of our church.

Our Faith in Action at JPLC

We participated in Outreach for Hope's Souper Bowl Sunday emphasis! And what an outpouring of donations we had! The picture is just of the food that filled the trunk of my car! Your donations also filled up my backseat! THANK YOU for your generosity! All donations were taken to the Food Pantry at one of our sister churches, Unity Lutheran in Bayview. And they thank you as well! To learn more about the Ministry programs of Outreach for Hope visit <https://outreachforhope.org/>.



HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH OUR WORSHIP SERVICE?

We are always looking for people to be Readers, Communion Assistants or Acolytes. There is a sign-up sheet in the Church office or you can call the church and leave a message of what date you are available, and Pastor Fred will return your call.



- 1 Emily Luedtke
- 2 Wendi Gerharz
- 2 Myla Rabell
- 6 Michael Tompkins
- 9 Eva Adler
- 10 Alison Wintheiser
- 11 Rya Adler
- 12 Greyson Coyne
- 13 Cheryl Fox
- 16 Cindy Iwinski
- 23 Jason Diaz
- 23 Lauren Duerr
- 23 Declan Schimmels
- 25 Laurie Pledl
- 26 Keith Kestner
- 27 Clare Scheuerell
- 27 Peggy Zautke
- 28 Gloria Yelczyn
- 31 Kyle Kramer



JOIN US FOR
EASTER
Sunday

Christ is Risen!

**EASTER SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE,
MARCH 31
AT 10:00 AM**