

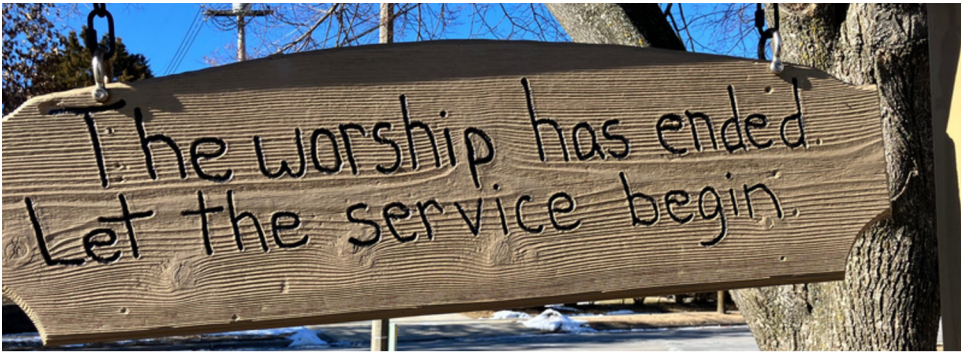
# Messenger

## JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

February 2025



Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld

### Worship Services

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

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Dear Friends,

I call your attention to the two pictures accompanying this article.

I love the music of the 1960's and 1970's. I think many of us develop an affinity for the music we grew up with! So in 1971, a Canadian group called Five Man Electric Band released the song "Signs". In part it went like this: "Signs, signs, everywhere are signs. Blocking up the scenery, messin' with my mind. Do this. Don't do that. Can't you read the signs?"

We are challenged to read signs all the time! As we drive along, there are so many signs for our eyes and minds to absorb - we miss many of them - because it is impossible to take them all in!

That brings me to the two signs associated with this article. Do you recognize them? Where did you see them? What do they mean to you?

As you exit our parking lot, these signs are visible on either side of you! Have you noticed them? Have you read them? Do they mean anything to you? They say: You Are Now Entering the Mission Field; and The Worship Has Ended. Let the Service Begin.

They are messages to help remind us of what comes NEXT, AFTER our time in worship! They remind us of WHY we came to Worship in the first place! Once we have worshipped our great God, and sung hymns of praise to Him, heard His Word proclaimed to us, received His body and His blood, we are renewed and revived to live a life of service in His name! Now our work begins to show by our very lives that God loves ALL His children! So, the next time you are in the Parking Lot, and you are getting ready to leave, stop for a moment and take note of these two signs, and then live your life in service to Him. This is fulfilling our Christian calling. It is our life cycle of being filled spiritually in worship to be able to tell others of the love of Jesus, demonstrated by the very way we live our lives! May God be with us as we "read the signs"!

*Pastor Fred*



# FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC

## ELCA Disaster Relief for California Wildfires

Please help our Sunday School Children in their efforts to raise funds for the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund, directing money to fight the wildfires in California. My daughter and her family now live just thirty miles away from those fires. Luckily, the wind is blowing the fires AWAY from them! The Sunday School has a table set up in the Narthex to collect your donations! for more information go to:

[elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response/our-impact/us-wildfires](https://elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response/our-impact/us-wildfires)



## NOTICE OF OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!!

Please note that our Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 9th** DURING our Worship Service! Please plan to attend as we review 2024 and look forward with excitement to 2025. What does God have in store for us in this New Year?!?! We need to hear from you!



**March 16th**

**This is one of our favorite annual events!  
This will be a “**

Let us know if you can bring one of your favorite soups to add to the menu! More details and soup selections will be in next month's newsletter. See the sign up sheet in the Narthex- all funds raised will go to our general expenses fund. Who wants some soup to warm your body, heart and spirit!

*Please pray for healing for:*

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



**CONFIRMATION Students and Parents** are reminded that our next Class is on Wednesday, **February 19, at 6:30 pm.** And please save the date of **Sunday, June 8**, Pentecost Sunday, when all of you will be Confirmed!!



## **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH** *We're bringing it back!*

The Outreach/Fellowship Committee is happy to announce the return of the Palm Sunday Brunch on **April 13th!** This will be a congregational free will offering meal. We will have a sign-up sheet to plan for how many people we will be serving. Let us know if you can bring something to share!



## **SAVE THE DATE!!**

### **OUTREACH EVENT**

**FREE PETTING ZOO  
EASTER CANDY GIVEAWAY  
EASTER BAKE SALE**

**Holy Saturday, April 19th  
from 10 am-noon.**





If you have not done so already, please remember to pick up your 2025 Offering Envelopes!

7 Kathryn Hutchinson  
11 Christine Johnson  
12 Emily Currier  
13 Eli Rabell  
14 Shamus Wright  
15 Pearl Blanchette  
16 Mavis Stark  
17 Fredrick Johnson  
18 Amy Zollitsch  
19 Iris Michelson  
26 Anthony Fox



March 5th  
Worship Services at  
10:00 am and 7:00 pm



Love one  
another.

1 JOHN 4:7

All you need is love.  
But a little chocolate  
now and then  
doesn't hurt.

CHARLES M. SCHULZ

## Recipe of the Month

*What would the month of February be without a little chocolate?*

### Easy Oreo Truffles

*yields 42 truffles*

#### Ingredients:

- 2 (8 ounce) packages semisweet chocolate chips
- 16 ounces Oreo cookies, divided
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

#### Directions:

Place 9 cream-filled sandwich cookies in a food processor (or crush in a ziploc bag) and blend until finely crushed. Transfer crumbs to a bowl and reserve for decorating.

Add remaining cookies to the food processor and blend until finely crushed.

Transfer crumbs to a large bowl and stir in cream cheese; mix until well-blended. Roll mixture into 42 balls, about 1-inch in diameter. Place balls on a wax or parchment paper lined baking pan and cool in freezer while melting chocolate.

Melt chocolate in a saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally, 4 to 6 minutes.

Place each ball in melted chocolate and use two forks to roll it until fully coated. Lift the ball with both forks and allow excess chocolate to drip off.

Place coated truffle back on the baking sheet and sprinkle with reserved cookie crumbs to decorate. Repeat to make remaining truffles.

Refrigerate truffles until firm, at least 1 hour. Keep in the refrigerator until just before serving. Enjoy!

*Recipe from allrecipes website*

**HELP!! I NEED MORE RECIPES TO SHARE!!**