

Messenger

JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

March 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,

They call it "March Madness"! That yearly ritual of the college basketball tournament that leads to crowning the best team in college basketball. Both UW-Madison and Marquette have played very well this year and both could advance far in the tournament. It is amazing how much attention is given to this, and to the college football playoffs. I sometimes think college sports has become just a "minor league" for the NFL and the NBA!!

As Christian believers, we will be in the midst of another kind of "March Madness". For most of the month of March we will find ourselves in the midst of the Lenten Season, which draws us to this other kind of "March madness". It is madness to think that God's Son would die on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to our great God, so that our sins would be forgiven and we would be granted eternal life. But what may seem like madness is really just another sign of God's amazing grace. Yes, it is by this grace that we are saved! And that really is GOOD NEWS!

We will begin this journey again with two Services on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 10 am and 7 pm. Both will have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. The Liturgy is very reflective in nature, giving us the opportunity to truly understand the magnitude of this gift.

You will again receive in the mail your Lenten Self-Denial Envelope. It is one way in which you can deepen your Lenten journey by giving back to God - sacrificially - and support the ministry of our church.

You will have the opportunity to support the ministry of the church in another way during this month. On Sunday, March 16 we will have our Soup Sunday! This is always a great event with some delicious soup made by our own members! And all proceeds go to support our ministry!

It continues to be a busy place around church and we are so appreciative of all YOU do to support this ministry! Let us walk this Lenten journey together and have our faith strengthened and our spirits renewed and lifted up.

See You In Church!

Pastor Fred



SOUP "to go" SUNDAY MARCH 16th

We still could use a few more soups to add to our menu! See the sign up sheet in the Narthex- all funds raised will go to our general expenses fund. Dont forget to mark your calendar! Who doesn't want some soup to warm your body, heart and spirit!

FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC

ELCA Disaster Relief totals for California Wildfires

Thank you to everyone that donated to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund, to provide relief to the wildfires victims in California. Members of our congregation donated a total of \$155. The Sunday School has added \$100 to that bringing the grand total that will be contributed to **\$255.00** for more information go to:

elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response/our-impact/us-wildfires

Please pray for healing for:

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



Did you know that we have a "Card Ministry"? The cards in the rack in the Narthex are for sale for \$2.00 (including a stamp!). Purchase them to send to our members, to your family members, or friends and neighbors. It is a wonderful way to show someone you care! For many years Clare Schuerrell has stocked the Card Rack for us. Because of some health issues that are getting to be a bit more challenging, she is unable to continue to do this. We thank her for her many years of faithfulness in tending to the Card Rack. We are looking for someone to take over this work. Would YOU be the one to do so? Check with Pastor Fred for more information!

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Confirmation Class helped Pastor Fred organize our Food Pantry. They did a wonderful job! Now we know what items we need and what we have plenty of! I want to thank them for their great work! Here are the items that we need:

- Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter and Jams
- Canned Meats
- Fruit cups/ canned fruit
- Jerky or beef sticks (with *no refrigeration needed*)
- Crackers & Peanut Butter (or cheese) Snack Packs
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cookies & Crackers
- Protein & Granola Bars

Please check expiration dates before donating. Thank you, in advance, for your help in sustaining this ministry to feed the hungry!



Confirmation
CLASSES

Confirmation Students & Parents

Are reminded that we meet on **Wed. March 19, at 6:30 pm** for our class. And please save the date of **Sunday, June 8**, Pentecost Sunday, when all of you will be Confirmed!!



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. The cost will be \$10 each. Pick up will be on Wednesday, May 7th, (before Mother's Day).



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



March 5th
 Worship Services
 including imposition of
 Ashes and
 Communion at 10:00
 am and 7:00 pm



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.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

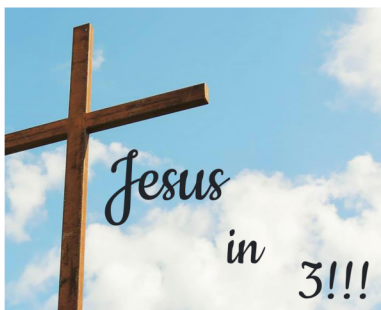
OUTREACH EVENT
FREE PETTING ZOO
EASTER CANDY GIVEAWAY
EASTER BAKE SALE

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

How can you help?

- Donate bags of wrapped Easter candy
- Sign up to bring baked goods that can be sold at the event
- Donate hot chocolate mix or peeps

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR!!
Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 9! Remember to plan ahead and set your clocks accordingly!



PLANT SALE

Spring is just around the corner! This year as a Church fundraiser, we will be taking orders for various annuals, perennials and vegetables (full flats, full trays (which can be split), baskets and planters. All plants will come from Shady Lane Garden Center in Menomonee Falls. This is the same greenhouse that was used for the Boy Scouts fundraiser of Ian Cranfield. Order sheets will be available later this month. An order sheet can also be mailed/e-mailed. Plants will be delivered on Mother's Day, May 11th. *Please contact Theresa Perry at tperrski@sbcglobal.net for more information.*



Cheers to 90 years!
Happy Birthday to Mavis Stark!

One of our longest tenured members, Mavis Stark, celebrated her 90th birthday on February 16th! She has been a member of Jackson Park Lutheran Church for 71 years!