

Messenger

JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

April 2025

Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld



Dear Friends,

The Christian Church throughout the world will be celebrating the Festival of the Resurrection on Sunday, April 20! As we approach Easter, we begin to recall all those past memories of Easter Sunday. Let me share one with you!

I grew up in upstate western New York in a beautiful farming region called "The Finger Lakes".

It was a series of lakes that indeed did look like a hand when you saw the region on a map! I grew up in Geneva, right at the northern tip of Seneca Lake. It was the largest lake, and I of course always thought it was the BEST lake! I swam in it all summer. I went fishing with my Uncle Karl. I sat along the shore and watched the sunset on warm summer nights. It was also the location of the Easter Sunrise Service of my home church, Zion Lutheran Church! My Aunt Joannie was the Church Organist, and she brought her electric piano out to the location of our Sunrise Service. Sometimes, when Easter was early in the year, we all huddled together in our winter coats! It could get pretty cold along the shore of the lake, early in the morning! Yet, we all were there, filled with joy and excitement as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord! Like the new beginnings we witnessed in creation in early Spring, we were energized by the new beginnings of our souls as we celebrated the promises won for us by our Risen Savior! It was a joyous time! And after the Service was over, we all piled in our cars and headed to Church to get ready for the next Service - AND to warm up!!

I am sure you have your own Easter memories. And I am sure those memories stay with us only because they are connected to the importance of the day in which we gather - that Easter IS important to us because we hold so dear promises connected to it, and the hope that it brings us, because our Savior did conquer sin and death for us. There indeed is the hope of new life and new beginnings because of the very real event of that first Easter!

I invite you to join us, then, on Easter Sunday, April 20, at 10 am, to celebrate again the Festival of the Resurrection. Come, be renewed, and rejoice with us! Praise be to God for the glorious resurrection of His Son! See you in Church!

Pastor Fred

Worship Services

Sunday Worship 10:00 am
2nd & 4th Saturday of month
4:00 pm
Good Friday 1:00 PM
Easter Sunday 10:00 AM

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HELP DECORATE OUR CHANCEL AREA FOR EASTER!!

We will again fill our Chancel area with flowers on Easter Sunday. Each plant is again \$20.00. There are order forms in each Sunday Bulletin as well as extras in the Narthex on the bulletin board. You can also call the Church office to place an order. *The deadline to order is SUNDAY, APRIL 6.*

The picture above is from last Easter.

FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC

**JOIN US FOR OUR
GOOD FRIDAY
SERVICE!**



Cupcakes for Serenity Inns

On March 16th our Sunday Church School students decorated cupcakes for the Serenity Inns Meal Ministry. Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, Kari and Jeff Przybylski provide a meal to the residents of this residential drug/alcohol recovery program for men.

We will again have a Service at 1:00 PM on April 18th. Good Friday. Come and remember again this great sacrifice that God did on our behalf- offering His Son for our salvation.

SPRING CLEANING UPDATE!

Give yourselves a round of applause, because YOU have accomplished a LOT over the last month!

1. You raised enough money through the Improvement Fund to get both the floors cleaned and waxed, and all the carpets professionally cleaned.
2. ALL of the items on the "Spring Cleaning List" have been completed! Our thanks to the MANY volunteers that came forward to complete each of those tasks!
3. As many of you know, our elevator was in need of a very expensive repair. A VERY generous anonymous donor came through, and soon that repair will be able to be completed. The parts have been ordered - we are just waiting for them to come in and then to be installed!

THANK YOU for "stepping up"! THANK YOU for your generosity! THANK YOU for your faithfulness and commitment to our ministry!

CONGREGATIONAL MOVIE OUTING!!

I have spoken to our Confirmation students and parents about attending, as a group, the animated movie "The King of Kings", on Saturday, April 12. The time has not been confirmed as of this writing, but I intend to purchase a group of tickets and would be happy to have YOU come along! Just let me know if you would like to go (as soon as possible so I can get the right number of tickets!). Watch the Bulletin for final details!



Please pray for healing for:

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



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



The Kringle Sale is Happening!

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 Tuesday, May 6th, (before Mother's Day).



- 1 Sam Wintheiser
- 2 Lucas Krahn
- 3 Lauriana Iwinski
- 4 Jennifer Diaz
- 5 Trevor Buth
- 6 Edward Przychowski
- 7 Nicole Rivera
- 17 Pastor Fred
- 20 Chuck Bonack
- 21 Becky Hertel
- 24 Don Kuhn



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
- **Attend with your family & invite your friends and neighbors**

Festival Foods Brat Stand Fundraiser Saturday, May 31st

We are going to try this fundraiser one more time at the **West Allis Festival Foods location on Hwy 100 & Greenfield Ave.** We are optimistic that it will be a better Brat Sale, since the other store that we were at last year was in the process of closing. We are looking for a 2 teams to split the day. We will have a total of 4 people per shift: 2 grilling, 1 prep and one cashier. Please contact Theresa Perry if you can help us raise much needed funds to supplement our offerings in the General Operating Fund.



PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

Spring planting season is just around the corner! This year as a Church fundraiser, we are 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 are available in the church Narthex. Our deadline to order is Sunday April 27th. An order sheet can also be mailed/e-mailed. Plants will be delivered on the day before Mother's Day, May 10th. Please let us know if you would like to order/donate flowers that can be planted around the church. Please contact Theresa Perry at tperrski@sbcglobal.net.

Article about Myanmar Learning Center

Almost every Saturday, our Fellowship Hall is transformed into the Myanmar Learning Center. Our own Gale Kramer is a volunteer tutor that helps refugees from the country of Myanmar with reading, arithmetic, and other subjects & learning activities. See the recent picture gallery in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel by going to this link. <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/2025/02/19/burmese-refugee-kids-milwaukee-flourish-weekly-tutoring-program/78384772007/> The full printed article is posted in the Narthex. *Myanmar recently suffered a 7.7 magnitude earthquake- please include the victims of this devastating natural disaster in your prayers.*

