

Messenger JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

February 2026

Pastor Fred Thomas-Breitfeld



Worship Services

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

Dear Friends,

There are many things I am happy about, but as we begin this month of February one thing makes me very happy! The days are getting longer! Yeah! It is amazing how your body seems to slow down - to "go to sleep" - to begin to rest - when evening comes. We like the light. It gives us energy. It reminds us we have time to accomplish things - to be active! And when it is sunny out - that is even better! And as I write this we have had a week of sunny days! Yes, the light can make you happy and feel alive!

It may seem so long ago, but it was really only about six weeks ago that we celebrated the birth of the One who came as the "Light of the World". Our Christmas Service celebrated this Light of the World and reminded us that "the darkness could not overcome it". That is important for us to remember because often it seems like the world is full of "darkness". So much conflict strife hatred and war. It is good to be reminded that there is a power that overcomes it - and it is love, forgiveness, welcome and acceptance. That power is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This February we begin on Ash Wednesday to recall how this salvation story - this story of the triumph of the light of the World - how it unfolded and came to completion on the Cross. On Ash Wednesday, February 18, we will have two Services at 10 am and 7 pm. Both will have the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. And so our Lenten journey will begin. It will remind us that truly Jesus does "take away the sins of the world" as we sing each time we come to the Altar to receive Jesus' body and His blood.

On a completely different note, something else happens this February that is very important for our Congregation. **Our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held as part of the Service of Sunday February 15.** I encourage ALL of you to be there as we review our past year and look forward to our work together in 2026. Our Congregation will be 94 years old - but still full of life! And it is full of life because of all of YOU as you participate in our ministry efforts. THANK YOU for your commitment, your generosity, and your faithfulness to the work of our church!

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Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 15th

All annual reports (excluding financial reports) should be into the Church office by Sunday, February 1st

Our Elevator is back in operation!

In case you have not heard our elevator which has not been working since the flood in August is now back in operation! We are so happy that a new elevator company was able to get it going again! It has already gotten great use by many of our groups!



BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH

FEBRUARY

- 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



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Love one another.

1 JOHN 4:7



**Please
be
Praying
for...**

Peggy Rudolph Lisle
Iris Michelson
Liz Nowatzki
Carol Genrich

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, Please contact Pastor Fred.

CAN YOU BE A PART OF OUR CLEANING CREW?

We are looking for members that can do our routine cleaning on the weekends on a volunteer basis. Cleaning duties would take approximately 2-3 hours per week, or less if there is a team of two people. Thank you to the one family that is cleaning once a month! To start, this could be once a month and still have our paid cleaning service for the remainder of the weeks. Please contact Pastor Fred if you can help!