

Messenger

ELCA

JACKSON PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

4535 W Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee WI 53219

April 2026

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Worship Services

Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Good Friday April 3 1:00 PM

2nd & 4th Saturday of month 4:00 pm

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Dear Friends,

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! Ever since the women went to what was an empty tomb on that very first Easter morning, this has been the proclamation of believers in the Resurrection! To this very day, we assert that Jesus is risen! And that has impact in all facets of our life.

There are so many moments in our life that are threatening to our existence. Tragically, many of us have had to face the death of a loved one. And all sorts of questions arise. How will I go on without the loved one present with me? What will my life be like now? Why did this have to happen? I know I faced these questions as a teenager when my mom died from cancer while I was in high school. It was my FAITH that gave me hope, comfort, strength, to make it through each day. That love of God was transmitted to me through other kids in my youth group who stopped by and just spent time with me. It was shown to me by classmates and teachers who continually "checked in" with me to let me know they were thinking of me and praying for me. All of this helped to only strengthen my belief in a saving God who died and rose again FOR ME! Hope is alive because Jesus is alive! I hope for all of you, when in similar circumstances, that there are other people in your life who become the Spirit of God, lifting you up!

But new life shows itself in so many other ways. Our natural world is full of such signs now! The brown grass that is turning green. The flowers that pop up out of nowhere to lend beauty to God's landscape. The trees that are beginning to show new life again. All of nature proclaims God's glory! It is another sign of new life, new hope, new beginning.

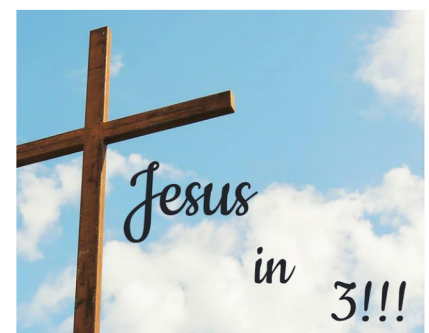
New life can also be evident in a new path or new direction your life takes. Maybe it is a job change. Or maybe a new volunteer opportunity. And suddenly new possibilities open up. Again, a sign of new life, in your life!

I invite you to join us this EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, at our 10 am Service and be reminded of the impact this story of Jesus' resurrection has on our lives NOW! Let the music, the Liturgy, the Word of God, and the fellowship of other believers deepen your faith in a Risen Lord and Savior! Be filled with new hope! Be filled with new strength! Be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit! I look forward to seeing you!

Pastor Fred



Our Sanctuary with the Easter plants



FAITH IN ACTION AT JPLC



Cupcake Sunday 3/15

Our Sunday School students enjoyed frosting/decorating cupcakes with a St Patrick's theme. These delicious treats were used for desserts for the Serenity Inn Meal Program.



We want to THANK Dave and Lynn Mork and Wade Cranfield for painting the Martin Luther Room and also the edging around all of Fellowship Hall where the baseboards USED to be! All the old wood baseboards had to be thrown out after the flood in August. We soon will have new baseboards down in Fellowship Hall.



It's Kringle Time!

Our Sunday School is again having a Kringle Fundraiser to provide funds for their projects. Please place your order by Sunday April 19th. Pick up will be during the week before Mother's Day.

PLANT SALE

Spring is just around the corner! This year as a Church fundraiser, we will again be taking orders for various annuals, perennials and vegetables (full flats, full trays which can be split), baskets and planters. We will also be selling vouchers to use at the greenhouse if you would like to get something that is not on the order form. Plants will come from Shady Lane Garden Center in Menomonee Falls. Order sheets are available in the Narthex. An order sheet can also be mailed/e-mailed. Checks should be made out to the Church. **Please place your order on or before Sunday April 26th.** Plants will be delivered on the morning of Saturday, May 16th. Please note that this is *after* Mother's Day. Please contact *Theresa Perry* at tperrski@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Please pray for healing for:

**Peggy Rudolph Lisle
Iris Michelson
Liz Nowatzki**



**CHURCH
COUNCIL
MEETING**

**Mon. April 20th
at 6:30 pm**

CAROL GENRICH SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

Service for Carol will be on Monday, April 6, at noon, at Church. There will be a Visitation from 11 am until the time of the Service. I want to note that Carol included "Memorials to Jackson Park Lutheran Church" in her Obituary. I would encourage all of us to do the same when our time comes. It is a way to leave a lasting legacy with the church, and just another way to financially support the ministry of the Church. Carol had been a member of our congregation since 1955!



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST- MARCH 29TH

The Outreach/Fellowship Committee along with other church members provided delicious egg bakes, salads, ham & rolls, and desserts for everyone to enjoy on Palm Sunday. We were happy to see so many families attend and enjoy the fellowship meal.

- 1 Sam Wintheiser
- 2 Lucas Krahn
- 3 Lauriana Iwinski
- 5 Jennifer Diaz
- 12 Trevor Buth
- 14 Edward Przyczkowski
- 17 Nicole Rivera
- 17 Fred Thomas-Breitfeld
- 24 Don Kuhn

