



March 2025 Newsletter

A Letter From Pastor Andy

Dear JPC family and friends,

The season of Lent is upon us! This has been a long wait this year as Easter is later in the calendar in 2025. (Easter is April 20 this year; the latest possible date Easter can be is April 25—though for Easter to fall on April 23, 24, or 25 is exceedingly rare.)

This elongated schedule allows for a few new possibilities this year—well, two *new* spiritual opportunities and a returning one. The *returning* opportunity is the chancel choir offering a Lenten cantata during worship on Palm Sunday. For this beautiful time of song and story, the choir will be joined by a string quintet of Wauwatosa East High School students. Set your calendars to attend worship on April 13 for what is sure to be a powerful event.

The first new spiritual opportunity I would like to highlight is a Lenten Adult Education class. The class will meet on Thursdays at 11am starting this Thursday, March 6. The class will be discussing theology and faith using the framework of Donald McKim's *Presbyterian Questions and Answers*. No knowledge of the book is necessary as I will be developing lessons that bounce around different sections of the book. This class is the first in what is a new model for adult education at JPC: meeting during the day, in-person, for shorter durations (6-8 week segments). Feel free to ask me any questions you may have regarding this new class and format.

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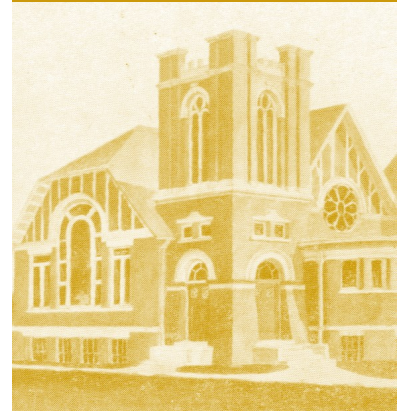
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Weekly Happenings

Mondays: 9am Women's Coffee at Black Canyon in Wales

Wednesdays: 8am Men's Breakfast Sunnyside Up in Dousman

Sundays: 9:30am Worship Service





A Letter From Pastor Andy continued

The other new spiritual opportunity for this Lent is an at-home daily Lenten devotional. We have printed copies of the devotional available at the back of the sanctuary. Bruce also has already emailed out the digital copy and will continue to attach it to the eblast for the next few weeks. Along with the devotionals we have centering prayer rocks to have something tangible to focus on. The devotionals and rocks are for anyone who want a little more spiritual guidance during this season as we focus on Jesus' journey to the cross. (Thank you to the worship committee for suggesting this idea and to Bruce and Rebecca for making it happen.)

Finally, our Ash Wednesday service is this Wednesday, March 5, at 7pm. Please join in this somber observance as we once again contemplate what it means to be finite creatures worshipping and infinite divine mystery.

May the Peace of Christ be with each of us this Lenten season,
Pastor Andy

JERUSALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHANCEL CHOIR *presents*

THE LENTEN SKETCHES

Written by Joseph M Martin



featuring the **WAUWATOSA EAST STRING QUINTET**

directed by **NATHAN ZYWICKI**

APRIL 13, 2025 | 9:30 AM

207 W. Main Street | Wales, WI 53183

Session Notes

The Session meeting scheduled for February 12 was cancelled due to weather concerns. The next scheduled meeting is set for March 12, 2025.

The appointment of the Treasurer and the Clerk will be on the agenda as well as Session committee assignments.

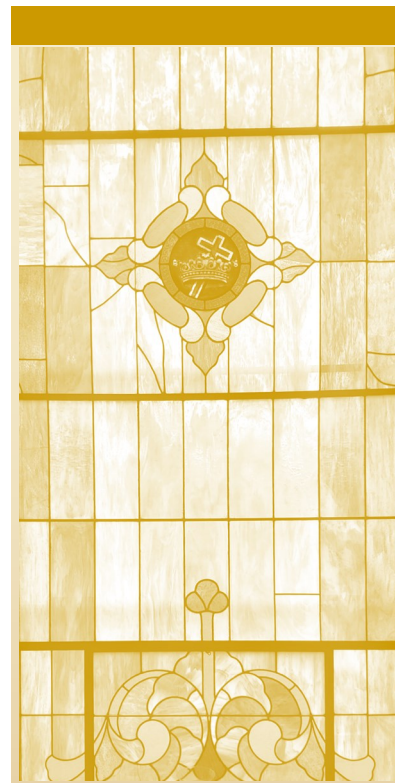
Check out the [Presbytery Gathering Highlights](#), a one-page synopsis of the February 22, 2025 Presbytery Gathering.

Habitat for Humanity Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!
ReStore Center: Saturday March 8th from 10:00am-1:00pm



Jerusalem has signed up to work at the Habitat for Humanity Restore Center on the second Saturday of each month from 10am until 1pm. Our duties include stocking donated items out on the sales floor, unloading donated items as they are brought in, helping customers load purchased items into their vehicles and straightening out items on the sales floor. New JPC Volunteers need to register at www.habitatwjc.org, click **volunteer** and then click on apply to **volunteer** and follow the instructions. Previous volunteers need to click on <https://habitatwaukesha.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/jpc> go to the JPC Calendar and click on the event they want to register for.





The Hope Center Breakfast

Each month we are looking for individuals to sign up to be the point person that will create the breakfast menu which we will be served at the Hope Center each month throughout the year. This also includes two evening events that we supply desserts and beverages. In both February and June in 2025.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up on SignUp Genuis if you would like to be a point person, a server, help prep the main entree, purchase the beverages listed, cut up some fruit or bake some luscious muffins or other baked goods.

Monthly reminders and links will be sent out via the SignUp Genuis and eBlasts.

If you are unable to sign up via the SignUp Genuis, please



contact Bruce Parker and he will be pleased to add you. Below is a calendar of all the 2025 events remaining at The Hope Center so you are able to coordinate with your own schedules. We hope to see you there.

Mission

Reducing the risks of poverty by helping people in Waukesha County meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing through services, partnerships and community collaboration

Vision

Providing hope and resources to help people

The Hope Center 2025 Calendar

March 6th 9am Breakfast

August 7th 9am Breakfast

April 3rd 9am Breakfast

September 5th 9am Breakfast

May 1st 9am Breakfast

October 2nd 9am Breakfast

June 5th 9am Breakfast
June 11th 5pm Dinner

November 6th 9am Breakfast

July 3rd 9am Breakfast

December 4th 9am Breakfast

A Message from Jake & Jenna

Dear JPC Family,

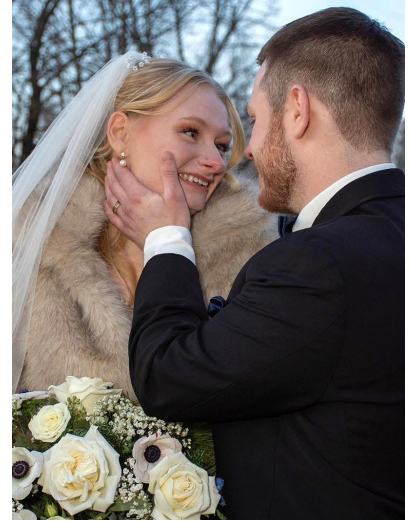
We wanted to take a moment to personally thank our JPC family . We want to express our deepest gratitude for the support and generosity you have shown us as we embarked on this new chapter of our lives. We have been blessed beyond measure.

As much as we would have loved to send everyone a personal thank-you card, the past few months have been a whirlwind with school, moving, and work. While it wasn't feasible at the moment to write to everyone individually, we still wanted to take the time to express our heartfelt appreciation.

We are truly thankful to have such a wonderful church family standing by our side. Beyond the generous gifts, we are especially grateful for the prayers, encouragement, and kindness you have poured into our lives. Not just on our special day, but all the years leading up to it. JPC has been more than a church it has been a home to us and a place where we have built relationships that we will cherish forever. Every single person in the congregation has had such an impact on our lives.

Thank you for celebrating our wedding with us and for being an important part of our journey!

With love,
Jake and Jenna



“The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.” – Lucille Ball

March Birthdays

10th Jan Dobrich

26th Carol Pasbrig

16th Judy Mueller

27th Chris Parsons

17th Patti Bailey

30th Kent Lorenz

17th Kyle Roberts

31st Makenzie Zywicki

25th Harris Wilke

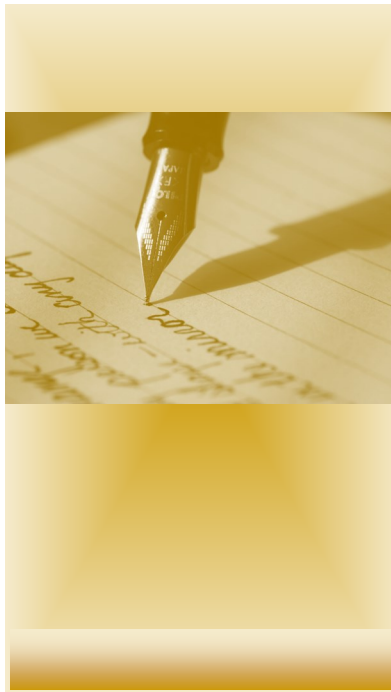




Lost & Found

Are you missing a cake pan? Cookie decorating supplies? Maybe a Milwaukee Brewers cooler? Random items have been piling up in the church kitchen, especially since the Christmas cookie sale.

Please take a moment to check out the counters in the kitchen and take home what is yours. After Sunday, March 16, what's left will be free for the taking. Thank you!



Messages of Thanks

"As I continue to heal at home, I wanted to truly thank this congregation for all of the prayers I have received over the past month. I hope to see all of you again soon in person".

-Kris Parker

"I'm so glad you are streaming your Ash Wednesday service. My church is not so I will join yours".

-Jan Holmes

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Church Office Hours

Pastor Andrew Holmes: Wednesday's 9am-12 noon and Thursdays 10am-1pm
Admin. Bruce Parker: Tuesdays 9am-11am and Thursdays 9am-12 noon.

JPC Website & YouTube

JPC Website: Visit us for more information on the web
at jpcwales.org.

YouTube Live Church Service Streaming: Every Sunday
starting at 9:30am and new posting every Tuesday.

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