



April 2025 Newsletter

A Prayer for Holy Week

If you'd like a specific biblical text to serve as a prayer charter for this week, here's what I'm asking for myself and my family: that God would make the prayer of [Ephesians 3:16-19](#) increasingly true of us this Holy Week —

that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Jesus's step-by-step journey to Golgotha is a glowing revelation of the extent of his love. He loved us "to the uttermost" ([John 13:1](#)) in going all the way to the cross for us, with every bruise, every puncture, and throb and stab of pain. And it is during Holy Week that we see most profoundly *how deep the Father's love for us*. "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" ([Romans 5:8](#)).

May God make this to be for you a week of being newly grounded in the love of Christ, so plainly on display from the resolve of Palm Sunday, to the ultimate sacrifice of Good Friday, to the triumph of Easter Sunday. And may you freshly know the love of Christ, in all its breadth and length and height and depth — and wonder upon wonder, be filled with all the fullness of God.

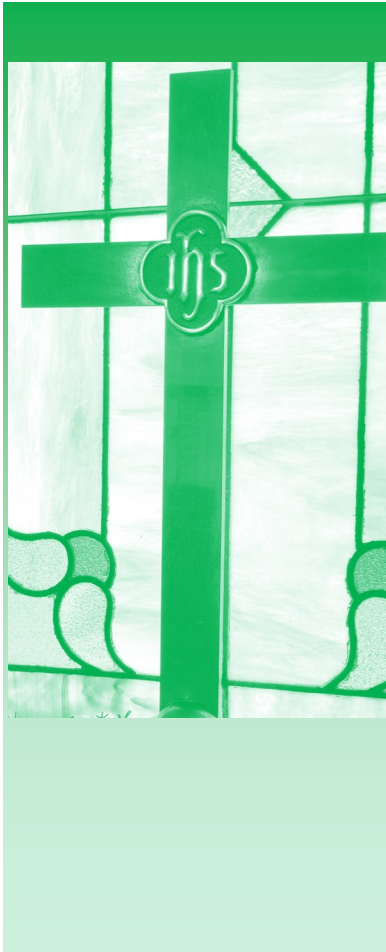
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Weekly Happenings

- Mondays: 9am Women's Coffee at Black Canyon in Wales
- Wednesdays: 8am Men's Breakfast at Sunnyside Up in Dousman
- Sundays: 9:30am Worship Service





Seize the Passion

Without any arm-twisting or conscience-pressing, I would encourage you to consider how you might make the most of this week. These are some of the darkest and brightest days in the history of the world, and they are rich with soul-sustaining food and life-clarifying vision.

In the chaos of our increasingly fast-paced and hectic society, Holy Week is a reminder to pause and ponder, to carefully mark each day and not let this greatest of all weeks fly by us like every other.

Perhaps pick a time each day — to slow down and savor what was happening during the Passion week some two thousands years ago. Consider reading through the last seven days of the Devotional we emailed out last month. — or even better, read one (or a couple) of the Passion narratives from the Gospels:

- Matthew 21–28
- Mark 11–16
- Luke 19–24

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

Lost and Found

Last Call — Items Now FREE!

These lost and found items are still in the church kitchen and are free to whoever wants to pick them up:

- Cake pans
- Tupperware containers
- Serving trays
- Milwaukee Brewers cooler
- Large cardboard cake boxes

Anything not claimed by April 6 will be tossed or donated to Goodwill. Thanks for your help



Habitat for Humanity Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!
ReStore Center: Saturday April 12th 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. To sign up and volunteer, go to the site below or speak with Jerry Gapinski.

<https://vhub.at/jpc>





The Hope Center Breakfast

Monthly we are looking for volunteers to help out with the Hope Center Breakfast. This also includes two evening events that we supply homemade desserts and beverages. These additional events are in] February and June.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up on the clip board in the narthex if you would like to be a server, help prep the main entree, purchase the beverages listed, cut up some fruit or bake some luscious muffins or other baked goods. Deb Bennett (Deacon) has agreed to plan the entrée selections throughout 2025. Recipes will be on the back of the clip board.



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

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

August 7th 9am Breakfast

April Birthdays

1st Rebecca Schultz	20th Paul Muzzey
3rd Jeff Madden	20th Zachary Schultz
4th Laurelei Schueller	21st Marlene Williams
5th Nancy Prellwitz	25th Austin Weber
6th Jack McEwing	26th Walt Sadler
13th Zack Bennett	27th Paul Beil

“The older you get, the better you get. Unless you’re a banana.”
– Betty White

Finance Update

In the 2024 JPC Annual Report, the financials showed a negative amount because the Capital Improvement Renewal Fund was recorded in the budget report as a negative. After working with a CPA from Delafield, we are now currently recording the amount we spend on our monthly income and expense budget report.

As a result of this correction, the income and expenses for 2024 reflect a positive position of \$10,543. 24 as income. This should be a correction of \$17,700 spent as part of our Capital Improvement Fund. Expenses from the Capital Improvement Fund are not treated as regular budgeted expenses.

Respectfully,
Dave Kilpatrick
Finance Chairman



Session Notes

The following is an abbreviated recap of some of the business items discussed at the last session meeting on March 12, 2025. The February Session meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

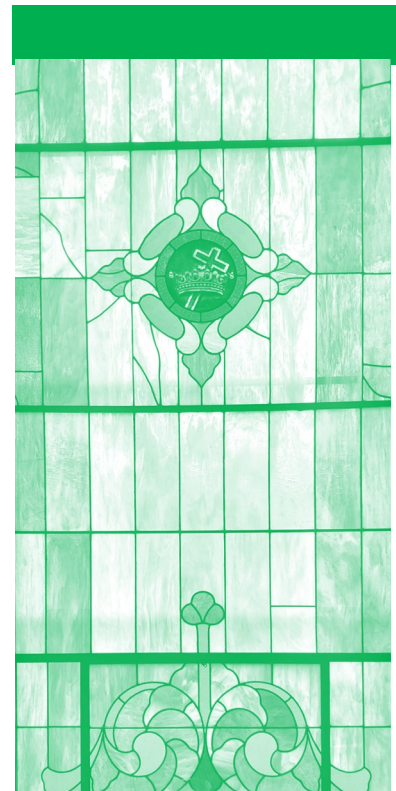
March 12 motions:

- To approve the minutes of the January 8, 2025, session meeting. **Approved.**
- To approve the minutes of the January 26, 2025, Annual meeting. **Approved.**
- To elect Dave Carr as clerk of session. **Approved.**
- To elect Mary Anne Spencer as Treasurer. **Approved.**

March 12 other business:

- With one exception, all the new officers have been installed.
- The 2024 Statistical Report was submitted to the Presbytery.
- The 2024 JPC session minutes were accepted without exception by the stated Presbytery clerk.
- Session committee assignments
 - ◇ Worship: Rebecca Schultz (C), Margaret Wieland
 - ◇ Building & Grounds: David Christiansen (C), Walter Schulz
 - ◇ Mission: Bruce Tammi (C), Jerry Gapinski (possible co-chairs)
 - ◇ Education: Rebecca Schultz (C), Cindy Barter
 - ◇ Fellowship & Evangelism: Miranda Zywicki (C), Sue Snyder
 - ◇ Finance: David Kilpatrick (C), Margaret Wieland
 - ◇ Technology & Marketing: Karen Potratz (C), Bruce Tammi
 - ◇ Personnel: Cindy Barder (C), Sue Snyder (C) (co-chairs)
 - ◇ Nominating: Jerry Gapinski (C), Walter Schulz
- Thanks to Karen Potratz for dealing with the accumulated clutter in the kitchen.
- Grounds cleanup will be April 5 at 9:00 am.
- Four hundred sixty hygiene kits were prepared and will be transported to Illinois for future distribution.
- There are opportunities to volunteer with Habitat.
- Selection of the recipients of the Donna Lexa scholarships will begin soon.
- Very special music (cantata) will be performed on Palm Sunday. There will be a Maundy Thursday service, traditional Easter service and Bright Sunday service following Easter Sunday.

Next session meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2025



Mission Updates

In Isaiah 58, the prophet exclaims, “Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in” (Isaiah 58:12). As the people of Israel returned from the cloud of exile and struggled to rebuild their lives, Isaiah questioned their efforts: [Are you not called] “to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them?” (Isaiah 58:7).

When we give to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), we are combining our efforts with those across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to repair peoples’ lives — people who are hurting, oppressed, lost or on the margins of society. The exact people about whom Isaiah is speaking of. The people we are called to connect with every day, but especially in the light of the Good News of the resurrection. In this country and around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. One Great Hour of Sharing has been a catalyst for love for over 75 years. Your gifts help those who are fighting for basic needs and seeking to change the structures that perpetuate poverty, oppression and injustice. Your gifts bring a beacon of love and hope in our world and put the power of healing into the hands of those who need it most. Please consider renewing or increasing your offering to One Great Hour of Sharing which we are taking thru Easter Sunday, April 20th.

JPC Mission Committee



Deacon’s Monthly Update

For March, the deacons cared for our community by:

- Visiting 2 members
- Sending 6 cards to members
- Welcoming family and friends to the Kilpatrick funeral
- Distributing food donations to the Waukesha Food Pantry
- Encouraging prayer through the JPC Prayer chain
- Launching an outreach initiative to all members

We appreciate the continued commitment and support of the church for the Hope Center breakfast where we feed approximately 66 people each month. These acts of love are a testimony to Christ’s call for us to care for one another. We are deeply thankful for the love and support of our church family in these endeavors.

The Deacons (Deb Bennett, Marge Bartz, Dawn Carr, Bruce Parker, Thea Ragatz and Linda Ravello)



Holy Week April 13th-20th



13th - Palm Sunday Cantata Service at 9:30am

17th - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm

20th - Easter Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am



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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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