

Greetings.

And so, we settle in to a new year – 2025. Most years it takes me forever to get the hang of writing 2025 on my correspondence, but not this year. Isn't that funny? Not "HaHa" funny, just sort of makes you go, "HmMMM" funny.

We are off to a new year, and off to a good start, and there will be so many good things unrolling in the weeks and months ahead. This past November, while Janice and I were on vacation, the city of Rome was preparing for the upcoming year, because every 25th year there is a year of Jubilee. This is marked, in the Roman tradition, with pilgrimages, special Masses, acts of kindness, and the forgiveness of debts.

Wouldn't that be something if it really happened?!? (Notice the intentional use of question marks and exclamation points. Every week we pray, "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors". Wouldn't it be marvelous if this really happened. For instance, every year in the United States, approximately 500,000 families (or two million people) file for bankruptcy because of medical debt. Imagine losing everything you have because you could not afford chemo-therapy. In year 2023 it was estimated that Americans paid approximately 16 billion dollars in out of pocket expenses for cancer care. In that same year, United Health Care, one of many health insurance companies in the United States, posted 22 billion dollars in profit. That one company could have eliminated all of that cancer care debt, and still made six billion dollars in profit. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. It is the cornerstone of the Jubilee year.

Of course, people are indebted to each other in different ways -they don't all have to be financial. The use of time to care for a person, or running errands, or childcare. We can keep mental score sheets on just about anything. Imagine, if they were to be released, just one day disappear. Imagine the relief. Imagine the joy. Imagine the grace. Imagine the true feeling of forgiveness.

Coming up....

Prayer Service for Unity and Peace Sunday, January 19, the Churches of the Green Corners will come together for a Prayer Service as we remember the legacy and teachings of Martin Luther King Jr, and as we prepare for the transition of administrations in our country. During the service we will pray for our country, our neighbors, our families, and our world. The service begins at 4:00 p.m. and is being hosted at St. Stephen the Martyr Lutheran Church locate at 6101 S. 51st Street in Greendale.

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, January 26, immediately following the service of worship, the participants of the Intergenerational Mission Trip will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, and fruit salad. A free will offering will be taken. At the breakfast, there will also be information shared about some of the details of the Mission Trip.

A Time of De-Decorate This Sunday, January 12, following the service of worship, we will spend a few moments putting away the decorations of the Christmas Season. We are now in the Season of Epiphany, a season in which we watch for God's revealing of God's self in the world around us.

I will see you on Sunday,

Pastor Dave

GCC Activities

January 9 - January 15

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THURSDAY

Community Yoga

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

10
FRIDAY

Guest House Soup

8:00 AM

13
MONDAY

Tai Chi

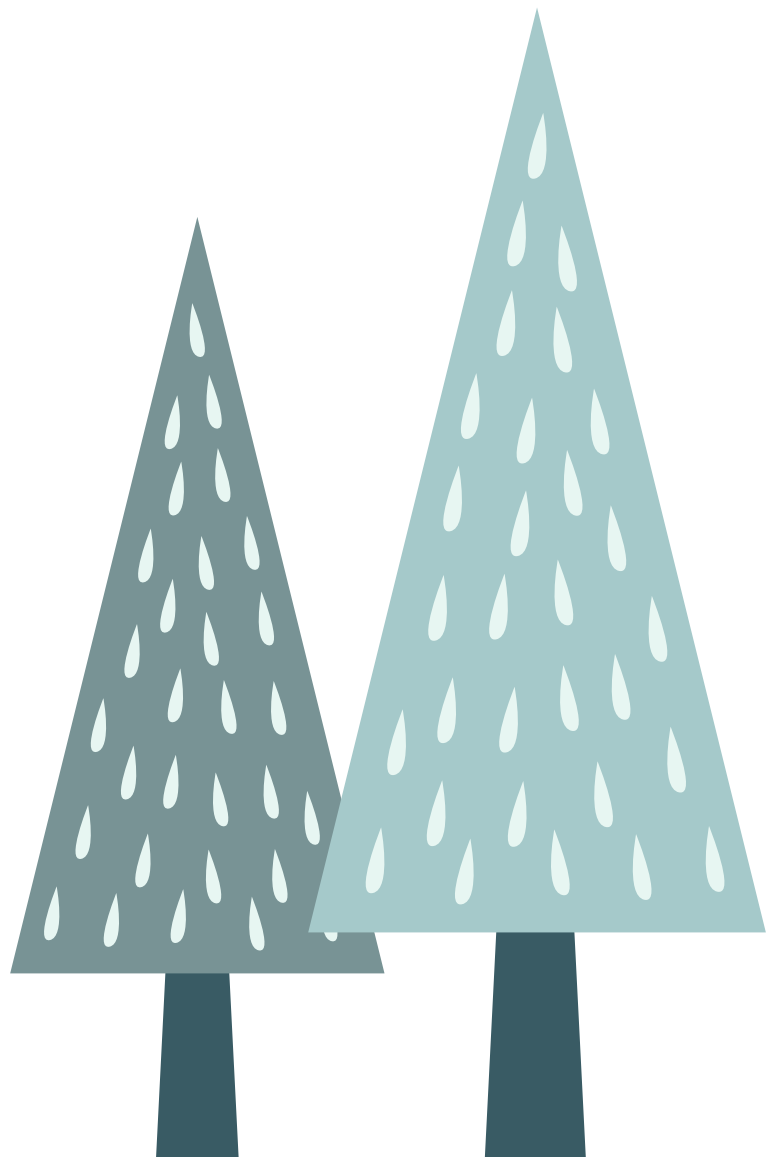
9:00 AM - CONTINUING

10:00 AM - BEGINNER

14
TUESDAY

Community Yoga

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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GREENDALE **COMMUNITY** CHURCH

SUN DAY

JANUARY 12, 2025

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Values & Visions

Where Do We Go From Here

Before we get to work, it's one last opportunity to listen and talk before we get to work. Come join us for this special evening with Grief Counselor Abigail Goelzer.



1/27 • 6:30pm

FINDING JESUS



FACILITATED BY KATHRYN RAMBO

COME AND SEE JESUS AS HE WAS RAISED AND LIVED IN HIS NEAR EAST CONTEXT, CULTURE AND TIME, WHEN AND WHERE HE LIVED IN THE WORLD.

\$10 FOR THE 5 PART SERIES

**1/28 • 2/4 • 2/25
3/11 • 3/25**

1:00PM-3:00PM

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INTRODUCING ME

**Discovering Yourself Through the
Ancient Practices of Astrology,
Numerology, and the Enneagram**

2/11: ASTROLOGY

1pm-3pm

3/18: NUMEROLOGY

\$10 for all

4/8: THE ENNEAGRAM

4 sessions

5/13: PUTTING IT ALL

TOGETHER

In each session we will be going over the most important elements of each area of study and then identifying where you personally lie within them. There will be teaching time, as well as individual, and group study. At the end of our sessions together you will have a better idea of what makes you tick! In the last session we will put all the pieces together in a fantastic way :)



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GRIEF CIRCLE

Join us for a special Grief Circle as we welcome
Grief Coach and Death Doula, Abigail Goelzer.

**INTEGRATING GRIEF:
HOW WE REMAIN**

2/17/25 • 6:30 PM



Men's Club Breakfast

**Men's Club will be meeting on Thursday,
January 16, at Noche in Greendale for
breakfast at 8:00AM**

No need to RSVP, feel free to just come