

Greetings.

I saw Penelope today. For those of you who don't know, Penelope is an albino deer who is currently residing in the Village of Greendale. Some have reported that she is very tame. I happened to be driving down Southway, when, all of a sudden, she decided to cross the street. She is beautiful, and so incredibly calm. Watching her gave me such a sense of peace.

It is good to have those things that anchor you and help you to feel calm and at one with the world. I know, for each of us those things are different. Some people are water people, and, therefore it is important to live near lakes or oceans. Some folks are mountain people. Some folks like the prairies. I have a friend who lives in Eagle and has 18 acres of prairie outside of her kitchen window. She loves to watch the breeze go over her prairie. It calms her.

This past Sunday, when talking about the baptism of Jesus, I spoke about a difficult time in the way back of my life, and a moment when complete calm washed over me. I identify that calm as God. I have absolutely no other way to describe it. That calm anchored me and gave me strength. And, in that calm I could know myself, and know God. Maya Angelou once said, "You don't need another person, place, or thing to make you whole. God already did that. Your job is to know it."

We are moving into the third week of Epiphany. This year, the season of Epiphany is eight weeks long, so we are almost waist high. God is revealing God's self all around us. And in response to that, we are supposed to figure out who we are. Are we?

Here's what's coming up in the life of the church:

Thank You to everyone who stayed after church on January 12 to take down the Christmas decorations. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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 located at 6101 S. 51st Street in Greendale.

Yone. It's a reminder for all of us to know that we are how God moves through the world and kindness is like giving thirsty people a drink of water.

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.

Be Kind! Be Kind! Be Kind! Random Cool Thing Sunday January 19! There is no better way than starting out the new year than with lessons and reminders about kindness and inclusion! Our Random Cool Thing Sunday on January 19th will focus on just that. Our kindness and inclusion Sunday will be led by our SEARCH students who have prepared lessons for three different age groups. This is giving our SEARCH youth experience in leadership, organization, and teaching and also, there is no better way to reinforce the lessons in kindness and inclusion than to teach them. Class will begin at 9:30 with pre-school Kindergarten in room 102. Grades 1-2-3 will be in room 109/110. Grades 4-5-6 will be in room 111/112. Did you know, when you feel disrespected you are mentally, emotionally, and physically at your worst and it can take the body up to four hours to get rid of all that extra cortisol. Who wants to feel like that or make someone else feel that way? Parents - you will not want your children to miss out on this special Sunday Random Cool Thing Sunday. Be sure to check out all the posters throughout church on Sunday about kindness and inclusion that is meant for everyone. It's a reminder for all of us to know that we are how God moves through the world and kindness is like giving thirsty people a drink of water.

See you at church!

Peace,
Pastor Dave

GCC Activities

January 16 - January 22

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THURSDAY

Community Yoga

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

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FRIDAY

Special Sound Healing

7:00 PM

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MONDAY

Tai Chi

9:00 AM - CONTINUING

10:00 AM - BEGINNER

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TUESDAY

Community Yoga

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM



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GREENDALE **COMMUNITY** CHURCH



SUN DAY

JANUARY 19, 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

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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