Greetings,

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. In Roman Catholic Tradition it is called Passion Week. There is a marked difference though, because more went on during this week. This week was not just about the arrest, trial and execution of Jesus. When I teach Confirmation, early on in the year, there is a "Life of Jesus" examination that I give. This helps me to know how biblically literate the students are, and how much they actually know about Jesus' total life. One section of that examination is composed of the events of Holy Week. What happened on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. If they were lucky, the youth could get the two Sundays correct – the first being Palm Sunday and the second begin Easter, and they could also get Friday correct – Good Friday (though they always wondered why it was called "Good", and quite frankly, don't we all wonder that?). But, what happened on the rest of the days was a true mystery. And yet, something had to happen. I'm wondering how many of us are in touch with the events of that week:

Sunday (Palm Sunday) – Jesus enters Jerusalem to shouts of acclamation by the disciples (and in some of the Gospels by inhabitants of Jerusalem as well).

Monday – Jesus turns over the tables of the money-changers, commonly called the cleansing of the temple **Tuesday and Wednesday** – Jesus teaches in the Temple

Thursday – (Maundy Thursday) – Jesus gathers with Disciples and friends in an upper room to celebrate **Passover**. He prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. He is betrayed by Judas Iscariot and handed over to the Roman and Jewish Authorities for trial which takes late on the night of Thursday and early on the morning of Friday.

Friday - Good Friday - Jesus is tried, murdered by the state, and buried

Saturday - guards were assigned at the tomb to make sure that Jesus' body would not be stolen.

Sunday – Easter – the tomb is empty, the proclamation is made that Jesus is Risen and goes before the Disciples and will meet them in Galilee.

Surely, in this week, there is much more going on than the Passion, than the execution of Jesus, which is why in the Protestant tradition it is not called Passion Week but Holy Week. In so doing, the Protestant tradition makes the bold claim that all of the events of the week are Holy – the process of making things right, the art of teaching, gathering with friends and family to share a meal, the sharing of sacred stories, laying someone in a tomb, washing and anointing a body after someone has died. It is all Holy – magnificently and beautifully holy. And, what's even better is that it goes on around us, within us, and through us absolutely every single day, if we will just see it!!! And that, my friends, is what Jesus wanted us to see, and know, and learn.

Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. The Agape meal is a nod to the Jewish Seder Dinner, but also encompasses the Divine commandment that we should love (Greek Agape) one another. Our celebration of the Agape Dinner was sidetracked last year due to Pastor Dave's illness, but this year, we would like to resume the celebration. Sign Up Sheets are posted to the left of Pastor Dave's office door – folks are needed to help cook on April 16, Set the Hall on April 17, Serve the Dinner, and Clean Up after the Dinner. Also, because the congregation of St. Stephen the Martyr was so gracious in accommodating us last year, we have invited them to participate with us this year. So, sign up, to work and to participate in the celebration of AGAPE.

Holy Week April 13-20 In just a few more weeks, Holy Week will be upon us. We will celebrate the week as follows:

Sunday, April 13 – **Palm Sunday** – All of the Youth Choirs will join in the amazing news of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday, April 17 – Maundy Thursday – Agape Meal – 6:00 p.m. – We will celebrate Jesus' New Commandment to Love One Another with the Agape Meal. (see note above)

Friday, April 18 – **Good Friday** – 2:00 p.m. Ecumenical Cross Procession through the village, beginning at St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Church. 3:00 p.m. Ecumenical Good Friday service hosted by the Churches of the Green Corners at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church.

Sunday, April 20 – **Easter Sunday** – 9:30 a.m. – we will pull out all of the stops for our Celebrational Easter Service of Worship, with Bel Campana and The Chancel Choir.

Sunday, April 20 – **Easter Egg Hunt** – Immediately following the worship service, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all of the children present. Children should proceed to the front of the church as soon as Mr. Reifenberg is finished playing the Postlude.

Decorating Helpers Needed Sunday, April 13, immediately following the Worship Service, if a few people could stay after worship and help decorate the Church of Easter Sunday it would be much appreciated. **Easter Helpers Needed** Following the Service on Sunday, Pastor Dave needs 6 adult helpers to work privately in a secluded room to get the Easter Eggs ready for the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. It won't take long, and will be a lot of fun. See you in Worship,

Peace, Pastor Dave

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APRIL 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY



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GCC Activities April 3 - April 9



Community Yoga 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM



Sound Bath 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM





15 TUESDAY Adult Ed: Manifestation 1:00 - 2:00 PM



Community Yoga 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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USPCN US PALESTINIAN COMMUNITY NETWORK MILWAUKEE

Real Palestinian Life Stories: Life Under Occupation/Apartheid

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BREATHING FOR BALANCE AND RELAXATION: 5/20 • 1:00 PM

EXPLORING BREATHWORK PRACTICES CAN BE A VERY MEANINGFUL WAY TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGNIFICENCE OF BREATH, WHICH IS OUR CONSTANT COMPANION ON THE JOURNEY OF LIFE, **BRINGING LIFE FORCE ENERGY, PEACE** AND VITALITY, THIS CLASS WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF BREATHING PRACTICES AND TOUCH ON THE SCIENCE OF BREATH FOR OPTIMAL BREATHING IN DAILY LIFE AND FOR **RELAXATION. THE BREATHING** PRACTICES WILL INCLUDE DEEP RELAXATION, GENTLE MOVEMENT, AND HEART COHERENCE BREATH MEDITATION.

ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME AND PARTICIPANTS CAN BE SEATED OR LAYING DOWN FOR THE BREATHWORK JOURNEY.

About the instructor - Jillian Holy-Skaja has studied and shared yoga for over 20 years and breathwork for 6 years. Her practice and teaching are strongly influenced by the Himalayan tradition of yoga and meditation as well as her training in Transformations conscious connected breathwork. WWW.GREENDALE COMMUNITYCHURCH.ORG /EVENTS

BREATHWORK JOURNEY FOR RELEASE AND VITALITY: 5/27 • 1:00 PM

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HERB CARDEN VALK

JUNE 26 • 10:00 AM

JOIN GREENDALE RESIDENT AND STUDENT OF HERBAL MEDICINE, WENDY LEHMAN ON A WALK THROUGH HER HERBAL GARDEN TO TOUCH, SMELL, AND LEARN ABOUT VARIOUS HERBS.



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Spring Into 14 Wellness fair 202

6:30 PM-8:30 PM GREENDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH 6015 CLOVER LANE • GREENDALE

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