

# Greetings,

Thursday, April 23, 2026

We have returned, after having checked several things off of our bucket lists. Now it is time to move into the final stretch of the program year. There is much that lies ahead of us as we go from now until Father's Day (June 21). As I look ahead, I am beginning to become a little overwhelmed with all of the items that I have to "close out" in the next five and one half months – the list just keeps getting longer and longer. But we shall move through it all together. This past Saturday, Jan and I went to The Belvedere Art Museum in Vienna. The Belvedere has the largest collection of works by Gustav Klimt. His most famous painting, "The Kiss" is displayed there. I stood in front of it, mesmerized. I couldn't take my eyes off of it. I found myself being so appreciative of the gifts of imagination, and inspiration. It got me to thinking. How often do we really use our imaginations? How often do we act upon the Holy Spirits moving us (that is what In-Spir-ation is, being filled with the spirit)? What would this world look like if we all used our energies toward random acts of kindness and senseless expressions of beauty. How often do we stop ourselves from just "busting out" because we are self-conscious of what others might think, or afraid to receive criticism, or think we might be perceived as foolish?

Yesterday, I was at the oncologists office. All good news. After my appointment was done, I had to make my next six month appointment. I sat down in the chair at the scheduling desk, and was asked if I was making the appointment for myself. I answered, "c'est moi!" ("It's me" in French). And then I just busted out with the song "C'est Moi" from Camelot, sung by Sir Lancelot in Act I. I just couldn't help myself. I had gotten a good report from my oncologist. I felt like singing. No. More than that. I needed to sing. And, luckily, I was on key – not that that would have mattered in the slightest! I just had to bust out! And the scheduler and I had the most marvelous exchange.

So, all I am saying is, appreciate your life. Observe it with a keen eye. Experience it if fully. Don't be afraid to color outside of the lines. And when you are so In-Spired, bust out with random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.

*Here's what's coming up in the life of the church...*

*Community Listening Session – sponsored by The Clergy of the Green Corners* We have heard a desire from our churches to address issues in the community – to continue to go beyond our walls to improve lives, walk with others, and make a difference. To consider how we might enter this work, we will be holding a community listening session. With Common Ground's guidance, we will hear from congregants about our neighborhoods: What do you love? What might you change? What pressures are you or your loved ones experiencing? The Listening Session will be held at OUR LADY OF LOURDES Catholic Church located at 3722 S. 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI, 53220 on MAY 17 FROM 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. (Churches Participating: Greendale Community Church, St Luke's ELCA Greendale, St. Stephen the Martyr ELCA Greendale, St. Alphonsus Greendale, Emanuel UCC Hales Corners, Adoration ELCA Greenfield, St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal Greendale, Our Lady of Lourdes Milwaukee)

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*Peace, Pastor Dave*

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COME TOGETHER TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND UNITY AMONG DIFFERENT  
FAITHS. ENJOY MOUTHWATERING DISHES FROM VARIOUS CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS,  
SINGING BOWLS, CHANTING AND MORE!

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26 • 4:00PM-7:00PM**

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# NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

How to Change Hearts & Minds on Hot Button Issues



**MONDAY, APRIL 27 • 6:30PM**

Greendale Community Church • 6015 Clover Lane, Greendale  
414-421-1221 • [www.greendalecommunitychurch.org](http://www.greendalecommunitychurch.org)

This workshop is facilitated by Tia Renier of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. Come learn ways to have conversations instead of debates on hot button topics, to find common ground, and help plant seeds of change.

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# RECLAIMING OUR *Humanity* TOWN HALL

*with moderator Nat Godley*

*In a time when politics often feels divisive and overwhelming, we invite you to gather for an honest and thoughtful conversation about who we are becoming as a people.*

*What values do you believe we have lost along the way? What does integrity, compassion, and courage look like in leadership today? What do you hope to see in future candidates — not just politically, but morally and ethically?*

*This is not a debate. It is a space for listening, reflection, and respectful dialogue. Together, we will explore how we can reclaim the parts of our humanity that feel strained — kindness, truthfulness, empathy, accountability, and care for one another. Let's come together to imagine a future rooted in shared values and common good.*

**Wednesday, April 29 | 6:30pm  
Greendale Community Church •  
6015 Clover Lane**

*Register online at  
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Any questions, please call 414-421-1221*