

# Greetings,

Thursday, May 7, 2026

Those of you who know me, know that I love theater, especially Broadway. This past January, at the insistence of some folks in the church, I arranged a trip – 72 hours in New York. I crammed in four shows (also managed to see two new museums, showed someone around Rockefeller Center and St. Patrick's Cathedral, have dinner with a friend, and do a lot of planning for this summer's Intergenerational Mission Trip). This week The Tony Award Nominations came out, and I am soaring, as my predictions were spot on! If you enjoy musical theater, but just don't get to it because it's too expensive, or your schedule is just too jam-packed, go to YouTube and pull up Joshua Henry singing, "Make Them Hear You" or "Wheels of a Dream". You will come to a new understanding of what Transcendence is. Time changes as the music is carried someplace else by his magnificent voice. How amazing when something, such as music, is able to do that.

I find, lately, that, more and more, music and the arts carry me to those places where I can put the troubles of this world aside for a few moments and be in a reverie, if but for a few moments. Sometimes those few moments feel like an hour, and sometimes an hour of it feel like just a few moments. Transcendence. A different way to look at time. What takes you away? Or gives you that break that you need?

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

*Gordy Kraemer Celebration of Life Service* will take place on May 9, at 11:00 a.m. Thank you to all the people who responded to the e-mail to bake desserts. We still need ONE volunteer for NURSERY, ONE volunteer for SERVING lunch from approximately Noon to 1:30, and TWO volunteers to help with CLEAN-UP. If you are available, please signup on Sunday, or e-mail Pastor Dave at [dgaeth@greendalecommunitychurch.org](mailto:dgaeth@greendalecommunitychurch.org).

*Sandwiches for Guest House* During the warmer months of the year, we provide The Guest House of Milwaukee with Sandwiches, which they distribute to folks who drop in during the day. We gather on the second Friday of the month, which will be May 8, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. (or so) and make 200 sandwiches. The more hands we have, the less time it takes. The more people we have, the more conversation, fellowship, compassion, and laughter there is around the tables. Come join us.

*Teacher Appreciation Sunday* On May 10, during the service of worship, we will give thanks for our teaching staff. They have worked marvelously with our children and youth this year.

*Confirmation Sunday May 17!* This year, we have eight wonderful young people who have been on a Confirmation journey together. During worship on May 17, they will share their Faith Statement with the congregation, and they will be receive The Rite of Christian Confirmation. I hope that you will all join us for this wonderful day, as we welcome these eight young people into full membership in 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)

***Please see newsletter below for all other volunteer opportunities, activities, events, and classes.***

*Peace, Pastor Dave*

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Assembly District 61



Tues. 5/26/2026 • 6:30PM

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Tues. 6/9/2026 • 10:00AM

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