



February 5, 2026

Greetings,

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Over the past few weeks, I've been having lots of conversations (heart-wrenching) conversations with other clergy colleagues. And, we are all, pretty much, in the same boat. We see the world around us breaking into pieces before our eyes, and we have the call of the Gospel in our hearts, and our ministerial vows ever present in our lives to preach faithfully. To do so, we must lift up the condition of our world and point out where it meets the journeys of the gospels and the prophets. It would be lovely, if every week we could just be pie in the sky preachers (we would certainly get fewer e-mails and notes, and the weekly contributions would be higher). One time, in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus preached a sermon about how the prophets of old helped the widows and orphans, and how God's favor seemed to rest upon the foreigner. So many people became angry that they took Jesus to a cliff overlooking the city with the intention of throwing him over and killing him. Faithful preachers have not always been popular. That is the price we pay for pointing out where God's justice is not happening and where we, God's disciples, need to do better.

I read a poem this morning. It appeared in my Facebook feed on at least ten different walls. Serendipity? I think so. So, here it is:

Communion

There's no bread.

The bakers have gone into hiding.

The seats at the table are empty.

The Twelve are out marching with the thousands.

The streets are filled with a new song.

Only Judas sits at Target Plaza, counting his silver,

While Pontius Pilate issues a carefully worded statement.

Meanwhile the centurions have quotas to fill.

But on the streets there's a Communion.

Jesus takes the city in his hands and says,

"This is my body, broken for you."

Rob Hardy

Northfield Poet Laureate

Professor, St. Olaf University

The question, "Where do you see God?" is ever present before me, as I pose it to you every Sunday. This week I saw a video of Alex Petti's flag draped body being rolled through the halls of the ICU at the VA Hospital in Minneapolis while Taps was played. His co-workers placed their left hands on their hearts, tears streaming down their faces. I saw God there. And every day, I see God in the monks as they make their way peacefully to Washington D.C., and in the people who give them shelter, and provide meals, and who stop in the middle of their days to join them on the road and pray for peace.

Here are some things coming up...

Soup for Guest House is coming up on Friday, February 13. Each month we take soup, in 2 cup servings frozen in Ziploc bags, to the gentlemen at The Guest House of Milwaukee. Please have your soup to the church by 9 a.m. on Friday, February 13. Your gift is very much appreciated by the gentlemen.

Confirmation Projects This past Sunday, the members of our Confirmation Class revealed their service projects. There is a great deal of diversity, and the congregational support has already been wonderful. Here are the projects:

- Kaylin Heinrich is collecting diapers, baby wipes and cash donations for "The Milwaukee Diaper Mission". Donations will be accepted February 8 – March 15
- Adam Zodrow and Cassidy Kendall will host a bake sale on February 22 to support the Wisconsin Humane Society.
- Brody Christenson will host a Belgian Waffle Breakfast on Sunday, March 1. He is still in need to a few Belgian waffle irons, preferably the kind that rotate. Sign-up to the left of Pastor Dave's Office Door.
- Ian and Addison Oelke are creating Notes of Hope for cancer patients at Froedtert Hospital. They will have tables set up in the Community Room on March 15 and 22 for members of the congregation to write notes and decorate the note cards.
- Madalyn Sterna is raising funds and awareness for the Sarcoma Foundation of America and will be hosting a Tailgate Party (outside on the Southway Parking Lot – weather permitting) on Sunday, April 19, immediately following the service of worship.
- Griffin Kendall is hosting a trash and litter pick up throughout the Village of Greendale on Saturday April 25. Event begins at 9 a.m., with lunch at the church at Noon.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Celebration of Life Service of Ed Eisendrath: to Leslie Kunde for coordinating the kitchen crew; to Traci Beaudot, Pam Ariens, Judy Huck, Maurine Prawdzik, JoAnn Richards, Cassidy Kendall, and Randy and Linda Govier for setting up the Fellowship Room. To Chuck Gilbert, Linda Doran, Carl Williams, Pat Kohlmann, Joann Richards, Cathy Wood and Bette Berger for Cleaning up after the event, and for everyone who baked homemade desserts: Chellie Beaudot, Judy Huck, Maurine Prawdzik, Pat Kohlmann, JoAnn Richards, Karen Jordan, Cassidy Kendall, Amy Meyer, Pat Gilbert, Bette Berger, Kathy Christensen, Lynn Manecke, Linda Govier, Cathy Wood, Frank Raciti, and Pam Ariens. The combined efforts of all of your hands and hearts leant themselves to a very meaningful day. Thank You.

Annual Mission Trip Pizza Sale begins this Sunday, February 8. Samples of the pizzas will be available during Coffee hour. Orders will be taken through March 1. Pizzas will be made fresh on March 14.

Muskego Feeds an annual event hosted by Lakepoint Church packs 270,000 meals in 6 hours. These meals are sent around the world. Greendale Community Church has committed itself to a team of 30 (Thirty) people to work the 10 a.m. shift. Sign-Up Sheet is located on the Mission Bulletin Board.

I think that's enough for now, don't you. We are buzzing with activity!!!

I will see you in church on Sunday.

Peace, Pastor Dave

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Opening to Stability

Having a base that is stable, something to hold onto when our world has turned into chaos, is important.

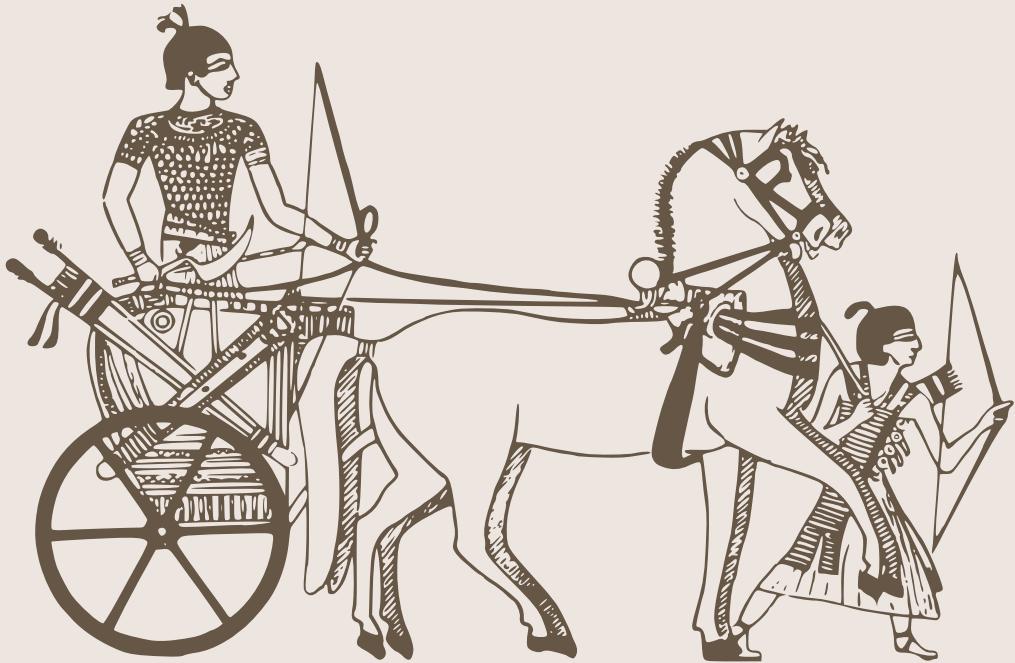
We will examine how to create a stable base in our lives through the lens of Benedictine Spirituality.

Tuesday, February 10 • 1:00pm

\$5 suggested donation



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ANCIENT APPROACHES TO WELLNESS

THERE ARE A PLETHORA OF CURRENT WELLNESS MODALITIES THAT OWE THEIR POPULARITY TO THE ANCIENT WORLD. IN THIS CLASS WE WILL DISCUSS THESE PRACTICES AND WILL FILTER THROUGH WHAT REALLY IS BENEFICIAL AND WHAT IS NOT.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 • 6:30PM
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Values and Visions

Solidarity Cinema Night

THE ENCAMPTMENTS WITH OUR FRIENDS AT USPCN

"The Encampments" explores the 2024 Palestine solidarity campus encampments at Columbia University and other pro-Palestinian protests on university campuses, such as the Palestine solidarity encampment at the University of California, Los Angeles. The film features some leaders of the protests at Columbia, including Mahmoud Khalil, Grant Miner, and Sueda Polat. It originally premiered on March 25, 2025. Run time 1 hour : 21 min.



**MONDAY FEB 23
6:30PM-8:00PM**

**Greendale Community Church
6015 Clover Lane, Greendale**

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BEFRIENDING ANXIETY



Tuesday, February 24 • 1:00pm

Anxiety is a normal part of life. We will learn the difference between “normal” anxiety and when it becomes a problem as well as easy techniques to turn off the ‘flight-freeze’ anxiety part of the stress response.

\$5 suggested donation

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ADULT EDUCATION

— MARCH 18 —

ANCIENT SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT SERIES

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

IN ANCIENT GREECE, PEOPLE DEVELOPED DIFFERENT SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT TO UNDERSTAND LIFE, KNOWLEDGE, AND HOW TO LIVE WELL. THESE EARLY WAYS OF THINKING STILL INFLUENCE HOW PEOPLE STUDY PHILOSOPHY AND LIVE TODAY. WE WILL EXAMINE STOICISM, EPICUREANISM, AND OTHERS IN THIS 2 PART SERIES.

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