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My heart is breaking this morning over the events that took place in Minnesota yesterday. Not only was an American citizen gunned down and murdered by ICE agents, and not only was a child left without a mother, and not only was a woman now left without her partner, and not only is an entire city – perhaps state, even -- in turmoil, but what really breaks my heart is that so much of the country is silent this day, and so many congregations would prefer that their pastors just don't talk about such things. These things crush our very souls, suck away our hope, and make us wonder why we should even get out of bed in the morning. I wonder, what Jesus would say and do? First, like he did with Lazarus, I think he would see the city of Minneapolis grieving and he would pull up a piece of curb, sit down, put his head in his hands, and weep (not just a little tear coming out of his eye, but uncontrollable, shoulders heaving, barely able to catch your breath wailing). The second thing I think Jesus would do is call the people around him into action – *Actions based in love, countering the actions of violence that were done out of a place of deep darkness.*

We have just completed the season of Christmas, celebrating the coming of The Light into the world. The season of Epiphany is now upon us, the season in which we celebrate how that light is revealed to the world. Now is the time – Church – to reveal that light. Now is the time – beloved community – to be the change we need to see in the world. Now is the time – incarnate body of the Living God – to put our bodies into action. It is not enough to say a prayer – that's a start, but it is not enough. Pick up the phone and call your congressman, call your senators, call the national switchboard, call the White House. Make your values known. I don't believe any of you support this brutality or what has been left in its wake. Rise up.

There is wonderful carol that had its genesis in the slave communities of the South in the United States. Every line of the carol is followed by the refrain, “Rise up, shepherd, and follow!” As disciples in the modern of the One who came as light to the world it is time to Rise up, and Follow!

Here are some things to mark on your calendars...

Soup for Guest House The second Friday of each month we take soup to Guest House. That Friday is tomorrow (I know, it has just kind of snuck up on us). So, we will take it down next week, January 16. Please place 2 Cup portions of homemade soup in Ziploc freezer bags, freeze laying on its side, and then bring to church. We will make sure it gets down to Guest House.

Pancake Breakfast The participants of the 2026 Intergenerational Mission Trip to Staten Island, New York will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 18, immediately following the service of worship. Available will be Pancakes (with butter and syrup), sausage, and fruit salad. Funds raised will help to defray the cost of vehicle rental for the trip which will take place July 31-August 8. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Memorial Service for Raymond Goral 1/10, 11:00am: Former member, Ray Goral, passed away at his home in Ohio in November.

De-Decorating of the Church Sunday, 1/11 Please mark this date on your calendar. We will take down all of the Christmas Décor, and put up decorative elements appropriate to Epiphany and Ordinary Time.

Peace, Pastor Dave

Prayer Service for Unity and Peace



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 • 3:00 PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH
3722 S. 58TH STREET • MILWAUKEE

*Come join this community wide prayer service
where we will pray for our neighbors, our
country, our families, and our world*

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES INCLUDE GREENDALE COMMUNITY CHURCH, ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH, ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH, ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EMANUEL UCC- HALES CORNERS, ADORATION LUTHERAN, AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES.

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Making Space for

Rest + & Holy Leisure

We live in a culture that stresses that life is lived in the “doing” BUT we call ourselves Human Beings, not Human Doings. In this class we will step outside of the “doing”, how to come away from and step out from the world and rest for a while.

Jan 13 at 1:00 PM

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**\$5 suggested
donation**

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2026

New Years

VIBE & VISION BOARD NIGHT

WED. 1/14 • 6:30PM

Come start the new year with prayer, a celebration of accomplishments, and time to create your own vision board for the year 2026!

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Herbal Allies to Support the **IMMUNE SYSTEM**



*Now that we are in cold and
flu system, come learn from
Community Herbalist Wendy
Lehman about how you can
support yourself and your
family to reduce the risk of
getting sick, and to support
yourself and your loved ones if
you do become ill.*

JAN 20 • 10:00AM



HYGGE

Pathway to Joy

The Danish people are some of the most happy people on the planet and they live in one of the darkest and dreariest of places on earth. Come and learn about the Danish art of Hygge and how despite the cold you can give in to this quiet, contemplative time of the year and find the gifts within.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21 • 6:30PM • \$5
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VALUES & VISIONS

NAVIGATING GRIEF IN THE WORLD TODAY

Political grief can occur when we experience a loss of safety, trust, or hope for the future because of government practices and/or backlash to enacted policies. Come join Grief Coach, Abigail Goelzer, in this supportive and inclusive setting to explore our emotions and find camaraderie.



MONDAY, JAN 26 • 6:30PM-8:00PM

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6015 Clover Lane, Greendale



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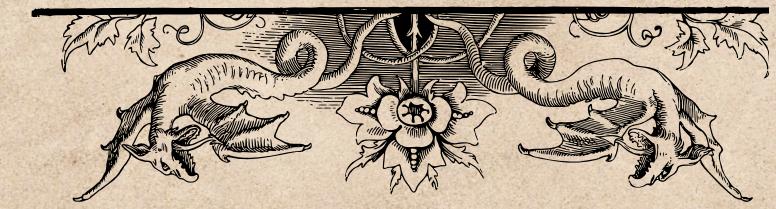
Holy Wisdom

Who is Holy Wisdom? Philosophers have been pursuing wisdom for centuries. What is it? Who has it? And where does it come from? Throughout human history there are those who have dedicated their lives searching for Wisdom. Join us to discover who Holy Wisdom is.

JAN. 27 AT 1:00 PM

\$5 suggested donation

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ADULT EDUCATION

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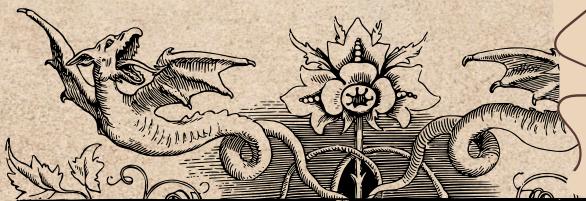
ANCIENT SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT SERIES

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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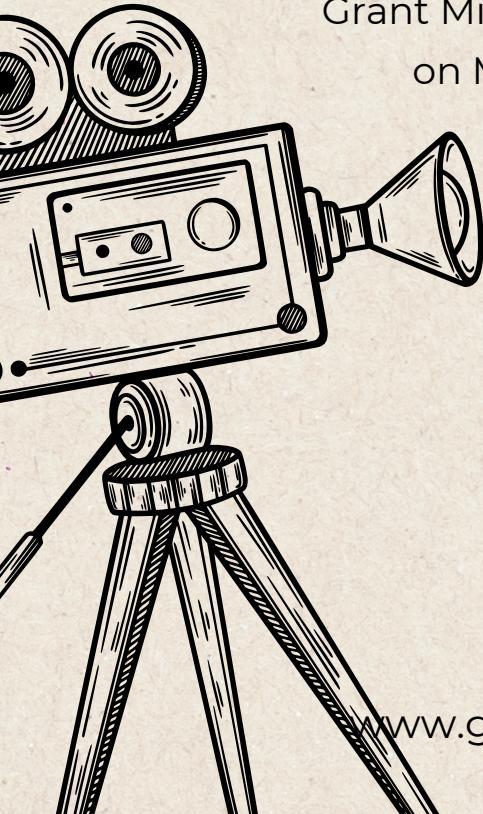
Values and Visions



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**

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