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**Faith Formation News** 





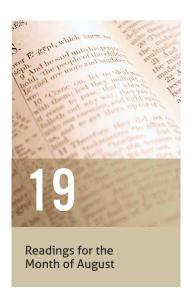
















# BEFORE I FORGET...



**Fr. Bill Murtaugh** Pastor

THE CHURCH MUST

BE A PLACE OF MERCY

FREELY GIVEN, WHERE

EVERYONE CAN FEEL

WELCOMED, LOVED,

FORGIVEN, AND

ENCOURAGED TO LIVE

THE GOOD LIFE OF THE

GOSPEL.

—POPE FRANCIS
THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

THE FRENCH SAY "Merci," the Germans say "Danke," the Italians say "Grazie," and if we were Greeks, we would say "Efcharisto." And, my Irish ancestors would say "Go raibh maith agat." And we say "Thank You!"

I need to say thank you for continued generous support of Pax Christi and for your continuing membership especially during the past two years that have been very difficult for all of us in the archdiocese due to the horrific crime of sexual abuse of minors, or any person, and the failure of our church leaders in dealing with it. How could our church, which deals in morality, fail to see how utterly immoral and indefensible that is in the eyes of God and in the eyes of decent people?

How can the church own up, make reparation, confess. and repent in a way which will be meaningful to people, especially to the victims? We want the people, whose lives have been destroyed by clerical sexual abuse, to have, by some miracle, a normal life again. Justice must be done for children who had their trust in God betrayed; whose relationship with God is flawed for the rest of their lives by the evil deeds of these predators; who were not protected by people who should have known

better; who couldn't see that innocent children must have the primary right to justice.

Like you, I feel betrayed by church leaders (bishops). But, first and foremost, my heart goes out to all the innocent children who were abused by people who pretended to be men of God. We need to pray for healing and justice for the victims.

It all demands a new way of being church. Clerical sexual abuse, and the failure of the bishops as pastoral leaders, is the most obvious symptom of a dying clericalism. God is inviting us to a new way of being church and a new way of being ordained priests and bishops.

In his book *God of the Oppressed*, James Cone addresses the question, "Who is Jesus for us today?" by talking about "was-ness," "is-ness," and "shall-be-ness" of Jesus Christ. The church can also be described in the past, present, and future tenses. Being church and been church are just two descriptive tenses. We are the church, and the church is what it always was: a gift from God in Christ. We are always struggling to be the church, for what the church is includes collective and personal actions that fall short of our calling. Nevertheless, we must be people living in hope

that one day we shall be the church that God intends. And, then, perhaps as Revelation 21:22 indicates, there will be no need for the church because everyone will walk in the light of God's glory.

It matters enormously to me that you belong to this faith community of Pax Christi because I think what this local church is about is crucial keeping the spirit and message of Jesus alive, being open to the Holy Spirit in our times, praying and working for the dignity of every human being on planet Earth, living lives that are concerned about peace and justice, welcoming everyone because we believe in God's hospitality, remembering that this community is bought with a price, the struggle of Jesus to overcome the structures of sin and death. And now our mandate is to continue the same struggle for life on behalf of others, including God's creation.

How can Pax Christi be a place of mercy and creativity and unarrogance as we live as followers of Jesus and his gospel? The very essence of our common belief is the fact that Jesus insisted that life defeats death, hope defeats despair, light defeats darkness. Ridiculous? Silly? But He insisted on it, to the point of death. His insistence, His story,



His wild message has persisted and grown beyond human comprehension.

We gather together every week in the name of Jesus; we tell His story; we celebrate the Supper in memory of Him. Why? I believe His message and His genius are about hope and about the deepest feelings we have as human beings.

How can we best share with our children, teenagers, and young adults the exciting, countercultural message of Jesus and the excitement that comes from living His vision? How can our young be awakened to their incredible God-given gifts and then set loose to dream up new ways of people living together and of being church?

I think faith communities either matter or they don't, and I promise you that I will continue to do my best, along with you and our very dedicated staff, to make sure that Pax Christi matters to parishioners and to those who come to our doors either in sorrow or in joy.

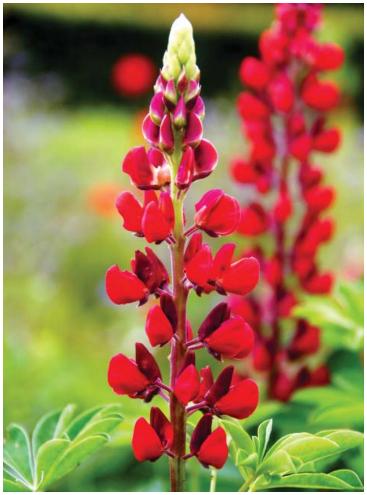
If we are to heal our wounded church, prayer will be at the heart of it. In our country there is an elderly Benedictine monk by the name of David Steindl-Rast who says that the beginning of all prayer is gratefulness. He writes: "The starting point for grateful living is understanding

that everything is given to us for free, as a gift, starting with life itself. So if we approach our lives that way, feeling like we are open for the surprise of what comes next, then we remain hopeful that we can improve our lives."

Gratefulness begins with being open to surprises. You may not even feel that you can be grateful, or you may feel you are inadequately grateful. Just stop and be surprised. Everybody can do that.

If we are to find a better way to live, to make the world a safer place, to have principles which help us with the changing issues of the day, we cannot do it alone. We need a believing community which helps to sustain and guide us. Unless our search for the common good is supported by a community, it will perish sooner rather than later.

Being part of a Christian community which is truly alive is infinitely more hopeful than making the spiritual journey on our own. We need a community to be part of and sometimes to fight with. We need support, and we need a safe, though challenging, place to grow, to search, to ask our questions. We need structures; we might not need the ones we have, but we do need some common bond, some sense of tradition, to see us through.



Even though we can be critical of organized religion, and at times our own Catholic Church, I still believe in the gift and beauty of faith, in prayer, rituals for the significant moments of our lives, a sense of the sacred, a place of compassion, love, and forgiveness. I would find it impossible to live without hope that a truly Christian community gives. I would be lost without the support of other Christians to journey with and pray with.

Despite the faults and failings of the human institution, despite the sinfulness of us priests, despite the anger that seeps through the lives of so many, there is something beautiful and grace-filled about a Christian community which not only promises forgiveness but welcomes home the Prodigal with a hug and a party.

The clerical, power-hungry church is dead. The green shoots of Christian living are sprouting.

I've spent my 43 years of priesthood smuggling people into heaven behind the backs of bishops. Of course I didn't smuggle anybody into heaven. Jesus saves, and I do whatever I can to help.

Thank you for being an important member of the Pax Christi Catholic Community.

### **OPEN WIDE THE DOORS!**

**PLANT SEEDS** 

AND HELP

**EMPOWER** 

THE NEXT

**GENERATION** 



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# FAITH: THE NEXT GENERATION - PASS IT ON!

**BOLDLY GO** where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, over 750 children and young people, preschool through grade 12, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and the Catholic faith. You can make a difference by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!"

At Pax Christi we are blessed with formation and support for all our catechists at every level. We provide you with training, materials, and support, support, and more support! Classes begin the week of September 20, Sunday and Wednesday evening options available. Jesus called forth his disciples. If you are considering the call to serve as a catechist, please stand up and say, "HERE I AM, LORD!" If you have children in our faith formation programs and volunteer as a catechist, assistant, or nursery leader, you will receive a 100% discount. Check the appropriate volunteer box and put in promo code "catechist" when you submit your registration. If you have questions, we hope you call one of us and talk to us about the possibilities. If someone you know is considering the call to serve as a catechist, pass our names and emails or phone numbers to them. Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation.

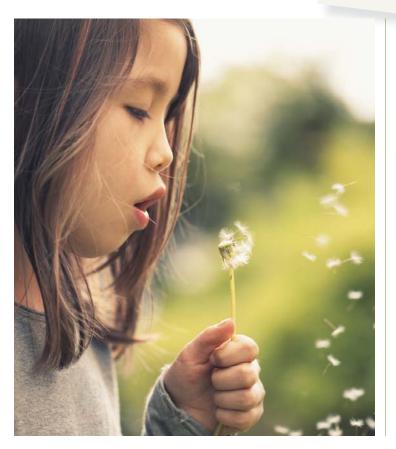
### ON BEING A CATECHIST AT PAX CHRISTI

**BEING A CATECHIST** at Pax Christi has helped us to grow in our faith, our church, and in our marriage. Like the old adage says, "You'll never learn more about a subject until you teach it yourself." The Faith Formation staff here at Pax gave us all the resources and support that we needed to be successful. Given the latitude to put our own spin on many of the classes, we were able to bring the Bible-based curriculum to life and connect with the children through activities, skits, games, music, and stories.

Team-teaching Faith Formation at Pax has also helped to enhance our marriage. Including God in our weekly preplanning, lessons with the kids, and post discussions over dinner brought about a spiritual bond that we hadn't experienced before.

Pax Christi has devoted itself to exemplary Faith Formation services. Programs such as High School FIC, Good Shepherd, Classroom, and other Bible-based studies are eagerly waiting for YOU and your loved ones to volunteer. It is only with your help that Pax Christi will successfully complete this mission that will inevitably form our young ones' minds to Christ! Written by John & Christine Shanks, parishioners.

Calling all baptized!! Yes, that is 40U! You are needed to lead a small group of children or youth in their faith journey. Training and support provided, Childcare available benefits are priceless! You'll meet neur people, and grow in your own I'll be only a prayer away. Sundays at 6:30pm and Wednesdays at 4:30pm and 6:30pm need catechists at ALL grade levels. Find a partner by talking to a friend, neighbor, or relative, Remember we must follow all the session (one time only,) a background check (one time only,) and a yearly signature on the Code of Conduct form. Call or email Renee TODAY to reserve your spot as a catechist in the classroom program. She will be happy to provide you with more information about this heavenly opportunity. The catechist training date is September 13, 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars and await further information. We need your information to assure placement of so many kids who are waiting for you. Volunteer registration for all our youth programs is available on-line and by hard copy. Love, God



### A KINDNESS CHALLENGE

**EACH FALL** I look forward to the upcoming year of Faith Formation and my calling to share in faith with children. It has just always been something I do. I have been working with youth in some aspect since I was sixteen. Children are curious, funny, honest, loving, and open to kindness and faith. They are always teaching me more than I could possibly teach them. Being involved with such a flexible curriculum and staff here at Pax Christi allows me to go with the flow of my group. When the flash mob was hot, my sixth grade group wanted to do one at the Sunday evening meal. This past winter, my groups wanted to share kindness, so we passed out a smiley little guy and invited others to a kindness challenge. Pairing with an older classroom for a craft has always been a favorite. This year eighth graders that I'd taught in previous years came in to help our third grade make Advent wreaths.

Each week is different, but together we pray, talk about our week, play music, watch YouTube videos of kindness, and try to use our actions to share God's love.

If you have even the slightest interest in being around the children of our parish, reach out today. There is a classroom that would gobble up your love and make you feel welcome in an instant. Written by Julie Osborne, parishioner.

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### TOP TEN REASONS TO BECOME A CATECHIST

Our Sunday Visitor writer Woodeene Koenig-Bricker prepared a list of 10 reasons to consider becoming a catechist. Here they are:

- **10. The best way to learn is to teach.** If your own faith education ended years ago, the resources and materials you are exposed to as a catechist will surely refresh and expand your own knowledge.
- **9. Catechists tell the truth.** The world needs the message of the Gospel and the way to true happiness; as a catechist, you offer a hungry world that sustenance.
- **8. Sharing the faith is an honor.** It's estimated that fewer than 1 percent of Catholics are catechists.
- **7. Your own faith will come alive.** As a catechist, you will discover that prayer, liturgy, and your own relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful.
- **6. You will make friends.** When you join the catechists in your parish, you enter into a community that will support you on your faith journey, pray for and with you, and encourage you in your Catholic way of life.
- **5.** A catechist is a role model. As a catechist, you get to model behaviors young people might not learn anywhere else.
- **4. You will be practicing stewardship.** Being a catechist is a way of being a good steward by giving a bit of your most precious resource your time.
- **3. You show your own family that you value religious education.** Taking time out of your life to teach the faith shows your own children, grandchildren, siblings, and family members that you put a high priority on religious education.
- **2. It's fun.** Kids remind adults to live and laugh in the moment and get enthused about things like holy days and stories of saints.
- **1. It's what we are called to do.** At the end of his earthly ministry, Jesus said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19

My hope is that you will think about these, pray about them, then decide to join this wonderful ministry! —Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation

# **FALL 2015**

WE'RE HEADING INTO AUTUMN when we are often in a back-to-school frame of mind, even if we, or a loved one, isn't in school. One of Pax Christi's Mission and Values statements is "Lifelong Learning: We are in a lifelong process of learning how to live out our faith." Autumn is the time of year when we begin a new year of opportunities to fulfill this mission of learning how to live out our faith. Here we offer a short summary of these opportunities for you to consider, from preschool through adult.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

AGES 3 YEARS-GRADE 3
During the Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am Masses

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ministry enables children to participate in the Sunday worship experience, to nourish and guide their spiritual growth, and to immerse them in the Word of God in ways that are understandable to them. All children ages 4 years old through 4th grade are welcome to participate. The children are invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and are led to a nearby room (one for younger and one for older children). They enjoy the Word of God on their level, shared prayer, singing, and activities. The children will return to their parents at the Offertory and join the community in celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Starting this September, we will offer this opportunity year-round during the Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. Parents are always welcome to join their children if they want to check out our ministry. There is no prior registration or fee for participation.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

AGES 3½ YEARS-GRADE 3 Sundays at 6:30pm

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based religious formation program for children from ages 3 through grade 3. The program seeks to create and facilitate a sacred "hands-on" space, in which both the children and the catechists hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scripture and the Liturgy. The catechist fosters a relationship between the child and God with quiet meditation and carefully prepared materials based on the wonderful stories from our Scriptures. In addition to the Good Shepherd sessions, parents and children will come together with those from other Pax Christi faith formation programs for parish-wide events.

### FINDING GOD PROGRAM

### GRADES 1–6 YOUTH AND VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS Sundays at 6:30pm, or Wednesdays at 4:30pm or 6:30pm

The Finding God program option is open to children in grades 1–6. Children come together by grade level in small groups and are led by a trained catechist. The program takes the name from our curriculum Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts by Loyola Press. This series supports children as they grow in their knowledge and understanding of the four pillars of our faith (Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Christian Prayer). These timeless truths from the Catechism of the Catholic Church are taught every year on every grade level. The program also includes hands-on experiences of prayer, community, and opportunities for service. We strive to learn through media, art, music, drama, and small group discussions. We serve our community and the broader world through Random Acts of Kindness. A Cheerio bird feeder in the winter, letters to the military, cards for friends in nursing homes, sandwich making for those in need, and Advent caroling are a few of our shared moments of faith in action. In addition we highlight liturgical moments at Pax Christi and pray for those in our sacrament preparation programs. In addition to the weekly sessions, parents and children will come together with those from other faith formation programs for parishwide events.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

**GRADES 7-8 YOUTH** 

Sundays at 6:30pm, or Wednesdays at 4:30pm

Middle School Faith Formation is a fun and engaging environment for youth in grades 7–8 to explore faith, develop friendships, become empowered in service, and grow in relationship with God and the church community. Every week will include exciting activities, lessons that relate to real life, and opportunities to experience a variety of prayer forms. This year our Middle School Faith Formation will be focusing on the topics of Scripture, Relationships, Jesus, and Catholic Social Teaching using a combination of curriculum from Youth Ministry Access (a service of the Center for Ministry Development) and Peace Jam, a peace and justice program that explores the life and work of Nobel Peace Laureates!

We are looking for both adult and high school aged leaders to assist in the middle school program. Please contact Peter Bierer if you are interested in working with this ministry!

### **SENIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION**

GRADES 9–12 YOUTH
Sundays at 6:30pm, or Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Interest-based faith formation for Senior High youth provides young people with the opportunity to learn about their faith in new and engaging ways. Cutting edge education models encourage experiential, project-based, and collaborative learning. By allowing students to pursue subjects in which they are interested, the learning experience has the ability to go deeper, and it reinforces a culture of lifelong learning. A faith formation program that follows this model might include learning about the Gospels while gaining cooking skills. A 'hiking in nature' group might study Thomas Aquinas, Environmental Justice, and so on. Traditional learning groups such as a bible study are also included in this model.

### PAX CAFÉ: CATHOLIC ADULT FORMATION & ENRICHMENT

Adult Faith Formation at Pax Christi supports people to live their faith authentically. A variety of opportunities will be offered this year including various Bible studies, simple artistic expressions of faith, speakers, workshops, and more. Watch the Pax Christi magazine and web for programs. Come, continue to be formed in your faith and help shape the faith of future generations by participating in Adult Faith Formation offerings at Pax Christi!

### FOR THOSE WHO ARE WONDERING: RCIA

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Do you have a friend or relative who is searching for a faith home? Are you a Catholic who needs to complete initiation through Confirmation and/or First Eucharist? Do you have a child or children who were never baptized? Do you have a child who was baptized in another faith tradition but wants to live as a Catholic Christian? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (and adapted for children) is the way that the Catholic Church welcomes people into the Church. RCIA is much more than a program; it is a process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ through learning, discussion, prayer, and community. Inquiry will start in September. Participants are invited to grow more deeply in their faith and discern if joining the Catholic Church or completing their initiation into the Church is what they desire. If you feel you are being called to know more about Catholicism, contact Lynn Schelitzche at the parish to learn more about the process.

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### SACRAMENTS MEET LYNN SCHELITZCHE

The parish provides faith formation for parents whenever a child is preparing to celebrate a sacrament. Active participation on the part of parents is a strong expectation of parish sacramental preparation programs.

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

**GRADE 2 AND OLDER** 

Preparation for Reconciliation involves the child, the parents and the community. Sessions coincide with the classroom program day/time options on Wednesdays and Sundays (except for the retreat).

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**GRADE 2 AND OLDER** 

The Sunday celebration of the Eucharist is the "source and summit" for our lives as Christians. Preparing children to come to the table of the Lord for the first time is a significant moment in their lives and the life of the community. Adequate preparation will also support their spiritual growth and make it clear that as they are nourished by the Eucharist, they are called to feed and serve others around them.

### CONFIRMATION

**GRADE 10 AND OLDER** 

Candidates for the sacrament of confirmation attend faith formation classes based on the interests of the participant, engage in oneon-one conversations with a sponsor of their choosing, attend a confirmation retreat, complete the online learning component, and participate in a ministry at Pax Christi or in an outside organization. For a thorough view of what is offered, visit the Confirmation webpage under the Sacraments tab at www.paxchristi.com.

### **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

For the programs that necessitate registrations, you may do so online with a credit card or by downloading a form at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration. No one is turned away for financial need — simply state it on your registration form or contact Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation, 952-405-7230.



PAX CHRISTI is very excited to introduce Lynn Schelitzche as the new Director of Faith Formation. Lynn has worked in faith formation for 15 years. She graduated from the University of St. Catherine with a bachelor's degree in Theology and a certificate in Pastoral Ministry and received her master's degree in Pastoral Educational Leadership from the University of St. Thomas. Lynn also has certification in Spiritual Direction, SoulCollage Facilitation, Catechesis of the

Good Shepherd, Interfaith Ministry, and more. Lynn loves learning and is always continuing her educational growth, especially all things related to theology and spirituality.

Lynn joins Pax Christi from her previous position as Director of Faith Formation at St. Thomas Becket in Eagan. Lynn feels that St. Thomas Becket is a parish similar in theology to that of Pax Christi, which is realizing the goals of the Second Vatican Council. "Historically it takes about 100 years for the changes from a Council to be fulfilled, navigating the chaos of change. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the closing of the Vatican II Council, so we are only at the halfway mark of bringing the historical visioning of Vatican II to fruition. We live in exciting times," Lynn stated.

Lynn and her husband, Dave, live in Burnsville. Dave is a graphic artist and handyman. Together they have two sons and one daughter-inlaw. Their son Brett works at Best Buy corporate offices and last fall married Rebecca. Their younger son Reed is a student at the University of Minnesota's School of Science and Engineering studying Computer Engineering and Math. Her family also includes rescued dogs and cats. Outside of work Lynn enjoys time with her family, traveling, bicycling, photography, nature, art, and her spiritual practices.

Lynn sees faith development as a lifelong process with distinct stages. Her hope for the faith formation program at Pax Christi is that she and the faith formation team are companions on the journey of spiritual growth at Pax Christi. "I hope this journey instills a sense of intentional living that weaves spiritual values into all areas of life," Lynn stated.

We are very much looking forward to the insight and passion Lynn will bring to Pax Christi's Faith Formation and community as a whole. She is eager to get to know the parish and invites all of you to stop by her office and get to know her. Welcome, Lynn! Written by Katie Cleary, Pax Christi Faith Formation Intern.



### THE SONG CAME THROUGH ME

I ASKED Donna Kasbohm, Pax Christi Director of Music and Worship, about the inspiration for her latest composition, We Are The Church, the song she created this past year with the same theme as our year of Stewardship.

Donna answered, "One morning I woke up thinking about the Pax Christi community, and I found myself singing (in my head) a refrain. The text and tune came to me as one piece. Subsequently, I crafted verses for our Lenten Retreat and the Feast of Pentecost using quotes from different sources — scripture, theologians, Pope John XXIII, and Fr. Bill. When I took it to choir rehearsal, one of the singers remarked that it was the best I had ever written. I responded that the credit was not mine. It just came through me."

And we at Pax Christi aren't the only ones who think We Are The Church is a great composition. Donna submitted it to the directors of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM), and it was selected as one of the unpublished pieces be presented at the Composers' Forum at their national convention held the second week of July 2015. Composers whose works are to be presented at that forum are requested to be present which Donna planned to do until the date coincided with the memorial service for Alison Boivert, a friend, and a former colleague at Pax Christi. Donna felt it was more important to be here to be part of the service and lend her music to that occasion. So, We Are The Church is all ours at Pax Christi for a while longer.

Donna came to the position of Director of Music and Worship at Pax Christi in 2005 after a number of years in similar positions in various places including St. Norbert's in Northbrook, Illinois, Ascension and Epiphany in Minneapolis, Our Lady of Grace in Edina, St. William in Fridley, and most recently, University of St. Catherine Campus Ministry in St. Paul. She actually started her professional music career at a young age, beginning to play for weddings and funerals as well as accompanying the adult choir at St. Joseph in Hopkins in Grade 6 and throughout high school.

Donna earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Catherine and Masters degree from the University of St. Thomas. She served as Chair of the St. Paul-Minneapolis Archdiocesan Worship Board for three years and as a member for seven years. She also served as chair of the Association of Liturgical Ministers for two years. She and

singer/husband Bob have been making music together for a life-time along with keeping up with their busy family of nine adult children, their spouses, and 16 grandchildren.

of number Donna's compositions, hymns, songs, and choral and instrumental arrangements have been published. One favorite at Pax Christi is The Simple Path, which uses a well-known text by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, set to a simple melody with enchanting harmonic accompaniment. We are very blessed to have Donna as one more in a line of outstanding musicians at Pax Christi over the years. As the refrain of her song says:

> We are the church, The people of God, Baptized and sent,

Gifted and called To spread the Good News, To love one another.

Holy Spirit come! Open our minds, Touch our hearts. We await your word.

I believe Donna and her muse, or the Holy Spirit, or whatever is the source of her song, describes us very well.

Written by Shari Steffen, Pax Christi Trustee and parishioner.

### THANK YOU, PAX CHRISTI VOLUNTEERS AND CROSSROADS FUND!

ON BEHALF of the entire Pax Christi Music Ministry, we'd like to thank the Crossroads Fund and some dedicated Pax Christi volunteers for recently expanding the existing music space and giving us a place to sit! The project was originally suggested by Jane and Joe Zweber (Jane is a regular soprano). From there, Ken Reineccius organized the Hard Hat group and a few volunteers from the choir who put the work in over a 3-week period and expanded our area from a little over 250 square feet to 500 square feet! An electrician did need to be hired to make some electrical upgrades, and a flooring company was brought in to install the oak floor. Two pews were removed, but now, since there are places for the choir to sit, there will no longer be a need to reserve any worship space! The cost of the entire project was paid with monies from the Crossroads Fund. This was a win-win!

A very warm thank you to those who helped make this project a success: Jane and Joe Zweber, Ken Reineccius (project manager), Steve Nau (project lead), Jerry Liberko, Don Messer, Mike Rowekamp, Mike Karas, Jeff Greer, Tim Elmer, John Ryan, Mark Huschke, Bob Danielson, Pat Prom, and Greg Halvorson who were joined in the work by our very own choir members – Dave Schacht, Jeff Schuh, Mark Lanners, and Mike Kennedy!

Written by Jacquie Zetting, Pax Christi music ministry and parishioner.



# HOW TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR YOURSELF AND THOSE YOU CARE FOR

YOUR MOTHER needs help with her bills or going to doctor appointments. Your spouse has a chronic disease such as cancer or dementia. Your children depend on you. You help your neighbor with his chores. You need to take time away from work and during your off hours to assist your loved ones. YOU ARE A CAREGIVER. Caregiving can begin gradually or suddenly. You can become a caregiver at any age and at any stage in your life. According to a Metropolitan Caregiver Service Collaborative brief, an estimated 1 in 6 Minnesotans, age 18 and older, "provide regular care or assistance to a friend or family member who has a health problem, long-term illness, or disability." Caregiver health can be affected by this extra responsibility/burden; he/she may experience difficult emotions, stress, depression, and illness. Tragically, some family caregivers die before their loved one, so it is critical that they learn to take care of themselves by recognizing their status (not just a part of "in sickness and in health"), accepting assistance when offered, and utilizing support and resources for current and future self-care.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers (www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org) is an evidence-based self-care education program that provides tools and strategies for family caregivers to handle the unique challenges that they face. Over 80,000 caregivers have benefited by learning how to reduce stress, improve self-confidence, balance life, better communicate feelings, increase abilities to make tough decisions, and locate helpful resources.

Normandale Center for Healing and Wholeness is offering this sixweek small-group education program at Pax Christi on Mondays from September 28 to November 2, 2:30–4:30pm in Room 239. Register by contacting Jean Thoresen, Director of Pastoral Care, jthoresen@ paxchristi.com, 952-405-7211, or online at <a href="https://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration">www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration</a>. For information and resources to support caregivers, please contact Ann Dunagan, Parish Nurse, adunagan@ paxchristi.com, 952-405-7200.

## WHY JOIN PAX CHRISTI'S BOOMERS AND BEYOND?

**BOOMERS AND BEYOND** is a dynamic ministry for adult (55+ years old) members of Pax Christi, offering a true community of friendship, love, and lots of laughter. This dynamic ministry assists in the discipleship and growth of individuals who are in the prime time of their lives. We are an active group that enjoys social gatherings, communal prayer, and serving others through many various activities throughout the year. Our goal is to challenge those that are in the "Second Half" of life to make it their best half. No conversations about rocking on the front porch will be found here! We host events that build meaningful relationships with others, serve together to help further the mission of the church, and encourage attendees to reach out to others with care, support, friendship, fun, fellowship, and spiritual encouragement. This could be just the place for you. We hope that you will become a part of this exciting ministry. We are always happy to have new friends join in and are looking forward to a great upcoming year. If you're 55 or over, come join us!

### BOOMERS AND BEYOND ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015-2016

Register now to be a Boomer! Dues for the program year are \$25.00 per person, which entitles members admission to most events, including the opening session listed below. To become a member, fill out the online membership form at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration, or pick up a form at the reception desk. Forms not completed online should be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond, 12100 Pioneer Trail, Eden Prairie, MN 55347, by September 7.

Additional materials will be mailed to all parishioners 55 and older in mid-August as well as an opportunity to sign-up after Masses weekend of August 29/30. You may also visit us online at www.paxchristi.com/boomers. Questions? Contact Chairperson Dennis Shonka, 952-884-6717.

### BOOMERS AND BEYOND OPENING SESSION Monday, September 14, 8:30–11:00am

Join us for our first event of the season beginning with Mass at 8:30am. Brunch and a presentation by parishioner Patricia Baumer will follow in the Hall of the Martyrs. Pope Francis has announced an "Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy" year beginning December 8, 2015 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) thru November 20, 2016 (Feast of Christ the King). Patricia will be presenting *Open Wide the Door: The Qualities of Mercy*.

Reserve your spot for this event by calling the RSVP line at 952-405-7251. Please call by Monday, September 7. The event fee is included in the Boomers and Beyond annual membership dues. A fee for non-members will be \$15.00 and collected at the door on the day of the event. Cash or check only please.



### ANSWERING THE CALL OF THE SHEPHERD

**AMID THE GRACIOUS WELCOME** I've received from so many of you during my first weeks on the job, I've found myself stepping back at times to just admire the breadth and depth of the ministries that fall under the umbrella of pastoral care here at Pax Christi. From funeral hospitality to care center visits to mental health support, my list could go on and on. As I settle in and experience all the wonderful work being done, I've begun to ponder the meaning of pastoral care and what it means for our ministry work here.

Pastor comes from a Latin word meaning shepherd and is often associated to the idea of feeding. That means clergy and lay ministers in pastoral care are called to watch over the feeding, well being, and growth of the flock. It's a lofty but gratifying call.

...tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away (1 Peter 5:2-4).

Jesus uses this shepherd analogy several times throughout the gospels. Sometimes we're called to be the shepherd and other times, you guessed it, we're the sheep. We're the ones who get lost out in the meadow, the ones who need protection from the wolves that circle us when we're weak, especially the ones in sheep's clothing. We're the ones who sometimes need to be carried by our Shepherd in our times of grief and heavy burdens. My favorite image is Jesus walking among the sheep with the little one slung over his shoulders. That is what a loving, caring shepherd should do — carry the weak one until he/she has the strength to walk again on his/her own. What I've seen so vividly here in my short time is a body of believers who answered that call to be shepherds and to carry their brothers and sisters. They find their flock coming in the door looking for respite and also in our neighborhoods, care centers, and hospitals.

Pastoral care is generally divided into four areas: guiding someone through life's problems or questions; sustaining a person in times of crisis; reconciling relationships with God, self, or others; and finally healing in both an emotional and/or spiritual sense. We are actively involved in each of these areas, and I plan to write more about each in the coming issues.

One of the many ways we answer our call to heal is by having a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Many of us think of this sacrament as a small group of family surrounding a loved one at his/her bedside. While this is true, it's also a sacrament which can be celebrated in community. Our website says, "members of the faith community who seek to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick are gathered with others in the community, known and unknown to them, who hold them with their prayerful support and presence. It is in this community presence that we hold each other up in common concern, prayer and love." I invite you to come to our anointing Mass on August 19 to share in this sacrament. You can find registration details for the Anointing Mass on page 18. All are welcome into this ministry of pastoral care.

Written by Jean Thoresen, Director of Pastoral Care.





# STEWARDING THROUGHOUT THE LAZY, HAZY, DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



THE HEAT WAVES that typically fall in late July and early August are called the Dog Days of summer, harkening to the prominent position of the Dog Star, Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major. So while that's the scientific explanation garnered off the internet, I like to think of the Dog Days of Summer as that time when everyone and everything slows down and gets a bit lazy in response to hot and sticky weather.

Spend any time with Fr. Bill and you know he is a true lover of dogs. He may have two Golden Retrievers of his own, but he cannot pass by any of the dogs he encounters without giving a little pat on the head or listening to the story of dog/owner love. Recently Fr. Bill even asked us to "spend some time living like a dog." I know of the princely treatment his dogs receive, but he asked us to be doglike, not to emulate the master. So what would living like a dog entail?

Even if you are not a dog owner/lover, most of us can quickly come up with a few behaviors that are in line with the canine.

WELCOME ALL. For starters, as Fr. Bill explained, there is the doglike behavior of greeting everyone we encounter with unlimited enthusiasm by displaying our unmitigated happiness to be in the company with another, by jumping up, coming forward and being the first to offer the hearty hello and welcome. And, in dog-like fashion, we need to do that every single time we encounter that someone — be it family, friend, or stranger — even if we just saw him/her a few hours before. Our days are numbered. If this greeting may be one of the last times we see this particular person, we should make it memorable. We Minnesotans, with our stoic upbringing, may find it difficult to do over-the-top

greetings, but perhaps we can take it a step at a time and be the first to share a smile, look someone in the eyes, give a greeting, and simply savor being present to that person's needs.

LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY. Dogs love you for you and no other reason. We humans can attach strings to every nuance of affection; I'll show my love in response to your doing something for me first.

KEEP THE MASTER SAFE. Dogs know when the master is in danger and will do anything to protect the master. In today's society, we have many challenges present to us. It isn't always easy to stand up to the opposing behaviors that threaten all that we love. As stewards, we are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. What will we do to protect our faith and the people that are important to us?

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### **STEWARDING**

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**SOMETIMES YOU JUST HAVE TO NAP.** Dogs can run and play all day at maximum levels, and then they come upon a cozy spot, and before you know it, they hunker down for a blissful nap. Our lives are busy. We fill them with all sorts of "to-do" lists in a crazy competition to get it ALL done in our work lives, relationships, as well as social lives. But more isn't always better: it's just more. Honor the Dog Days of Summer by making sure you take time to stop, drop, and relax.

To honor our dog-loving pastor: We will celebrate Fr. Bill's 70th birthday at an all parish wing-ding Saturday, August 15, starting with the 5:00pm Mass. Many have asked about gifts to honor Fr. Bill. We have a couple of options. First, parishioners are welcome to donate towards a certificate for Fr. Bill's next Golden Retriever when his beloved Ozzie wags his last. In addition, Fr. Bill would be honored with gifts given in his name to one of two organizations: Hope Community, www.hope-community.org, an organization which creates permanent spaces where people can feel safe and welcome in the Franklin neighborhood of Minneapolis. The other is The Visitation Monastery in Minneapolis, www.visitationmonatsteryminneapolis.org. The "Nuns in the Hood" as they are called are committed to being one with economically challenged and marginalized persons on the North Side of Minneapolis. Feel free to send any birthday donation to the parish office and mark those donations with one of these three options to honor Fr. Bill's 70th Birthday. Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.



### ARTISTS NEEDED FOR PAX CHRISTI ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

**BOUTIQUE DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 9:00AM-3:00PM** 

This juried show features a variety of handcrafted items – over 50 artists' booths, a bake sale fundraiser to benefit our youth, and a luncheon. Interested artists are encouraged to submit an application by deadline of August 14. Information and registration forms are available online, www.paxchristi.com/holidayboutique.

### FR BILL IS TURNING 70!

FR. BILL IS TURNING 70! As we celebrate his life and the wonderful aspects he has brought to the Pax Christi community, we are taking the opportunity to allow everyone to get to know our pastor a little better!

FAVORITE MOMENT AT PAX CHRISTI: Fr. Bill's favorite moment at Pax Christi has been when he became Pastor at Pax Christi. Taking on the responsibility as Pastor is something he has deeply cherished, and he does not regret the decision.

### **BEST PART OF BEING A PRIEST:**

For Fr. Bill, the best part of being a priest is his ability to connect with so many people. He considers himself a keeper of stories and loves that role.

FAVORITE THING ABOUT PAX CHRISTI: The people of Pax Christi are the best part of serving at Pax Christi for Fr. Bill. He says he works with an amazing staff, and the parishioners are so alive making it a very warm and welcoming community.

#### **FAVORITE FREE TIME ACTIVITY:**

Fr. Bill loves spending time outdoors and walking his dogs in his free time.

In celebration of Fr. Bill's 70th Birthday, Pax Christi will be hosting a birthday party after the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, August 15. Here we will be serving ice cream and cookies. There will also be a few food trucks serving food for purchase, inflatables for the kids, yard games for all, and live music by the jazzy trio of Lyn Deichart, Stomp N' Dixie.

### FOOD FOR PURCHASE INCLUDES:

Ruhlands Studel Haus will be serving savory and sweet strudels.

The Sizzling Wagon will be offering burgers, pulled pork, fish tacos, fries, and onion rings.

Pax Christi Parishioners James and Aleata Madison will be serving Louisiana Cajun Fare of Jambalaya, Louisiana Hot Link Po' Boy Sandwiches, French Fries, and Chicken Fingers for the children.

Keg beer, root beer, cookies, ice cream, popcorn, and snacks will also be available.

We hope you all will be available to celebrate the life and service of Fr. Bill on August 15. Happy Birthday, Father, and thanks for all you do for our community!

Written by Katie Cleary, Pax Christi Faith Formation Intern.



### WHAT DO POPE FRANCIS AND THE MAYOR OF MINNEAPOLIS **HAVE IN COMMON?** \*

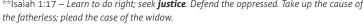
Pax Christi's Justice Council will present a series of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) Themed videos at Mass as post communion meditations starting this fall. They will emphasize both global and local issues of justice, and what our community is doing to address some of them.

Pope Francis has put an emphasis on Social Justice in these first years of his papacy. He recently released an important encyclical on climate change. He has now invited specific mayors, from all over the world, to join him in a symposium to discuss links between poverty, climate change and migration. These are all conditions that breed human trafficking. Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, the only mayor from the Midwest to be invited, has worked on these same issues locally. She will meet with Pope Francis later this month.

Social Justice comes directly to us from the Bible (Isaiah 1:17\*\*). It has also been an integral part of CST since the 19th Century\*\*\*. Pope Francis is calling us to see and answer the biblical call for justice He is asking us, Mayor Hodges, and the other mayors, to look at the world we live in

More information on this series will be forthcoming in Pax Christi September Magazine, the eNEWS, and the bulletin.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Isaiah 1:17 – Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of





### PAX CHRISTI GIVING GARDEN

PAX CHRISTI has many gardens onsite. Most give beauty, peace, and enjoyment to people who see or spend time in them. One is about giving more. For three years, Pax Christi has planted a vegetable garden on church grounds to grow fresh produce to donate to the PROP community food shelf. Formerly known as Crops for PROP, it is being renamed the Pax Christi Giving Garden to more accurately reflect its mission and purpose.

Last year the Giving Garden donated 1,200+ pounds of tomatoes, green beans, cucumbers, potatoes, cabbage, peppers, peas, carrots, and more to help PROP provide fresh foods to Eden Prairie and Chanhassen-area families. That's more than double the first year's yield of 550 pounds, and we expect an increase again this year. We're trying sweet potatoes for the first time, and thanks to the donation of several raised beds, we've grown lettuce, making four early summer deliveries of fresh lettuce this year.

From helping to plan and prepare for the garden, planting seeds and seedlings, weeding, watering, picking and delivering vegetables to PROP, volunteers help in many ways to make the giving garden a community effort. Many volunteers are a part of the effort, some giving their time every week and some more occasionally.

Three years ago, I asked if we could give this garden idea a try. My thoughts were that Pax Christi had extra land, a spirit of giving, and many generous members. That proved to be exactly right, and many experienced gardeners, former farm kids, and people who had never seen vegetables other than in grocery stores stepped up to help. Because as God gives His blessings, the land gives us a rich harvest, and Pax Christi members give their helping hands, our giving garden has given healthy nourishment to people in need.

This is prime picking time at the giving garden. If you would like to help in the garden, please contact volunteer garden coordinator Mary Beth Schleif at schleif@aol.com. Regular work times are Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30–7:30 with vegetable deliveries made the following mornings. The harvest will continue through most of September.

Written by Mary Beth Schleif, parishioner.

<sup>\*</sup> A strong interest in climate change, poverty, migration, and human trafficking is shared by both leaders.

# MOMS ROCK

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**2015-2016 PROGRAM YEAR** 

MOMS ROCK welcomes all parents, parents-to-be, and anyone else interested in joining us. The first gathering will be our Welcome Brunch on Wednesday, September 23. Gatherings, which are held every other Wednesday from 9:30–11:30am in the Mahatma Gandhi Room, #212, normally include brunch and relaxing social time followed by uninterrupted time to focus on the day's guest speaker.

We have assembled an excellent group of speakers to share their wisdom and passion at our gatherings this year, which include our beloved pastor, as well as experts in the fields of education and parenting, marriage and family, gardening, organization, community, health and fitness. At each gathering we find time to share, laugh, and learn together as we foster relationships and grow our own community in Pax Christi. Whether you can come to one or all of the gatherings, you are certain to leave with a feeling that you are part of something wonderful!

The cost is \$10 per meeting, which includes childcare for those that have pre-registered. Those who choose to register and prepay for the whole year of 15 sessions will pay a non-refundable \$140. Scholarships are available. Registration is available online at www. paxchristi.com/momsrock.

Questions? Contact Mary Kennedy, Dir. of Stewardship and Development, 952-405-7220, or mkennedy@paxchristi.com





#### **PLANT CARE VOLUNTEER**

We have a need at Pax Christi for volunteers to water our plants throughout the building. Plant care volunteering is an ideal learning opportunity for your family as well. Include your children to experience in the joys of giving. The care of the plants takes about 1–1 ½ hours per week. Times are flexible to your schedule and can be anytime between Monday through Saturday during the hours of 7:00am–8:00pm. Contact Al Haider, 952-405-7232, or ahaider@paxchristi.com, for more information or to volunteer.

### **PARISHIONER NEWS**

### JUNE BAPTISMS

Ashlyn Marie Martodam	6/7/2015
Ruby Grace Patton	6/7/2015
Emily Ann Dahnert	6/7/2015
Bennett Jacob Murphy	6/7/2015
Taylor Marie Madison	6/14/2015
Colin James Rislund	6/14/2015
Toni Victoria Harasyn	6/14/2015
Eleanor Patricia Luebbers	6/14/2015
Hazel Marie McQuillan	6/21/2015
Olivia Jane Moos	6/28/2015

### **JUNE WEDDINGS**

Bridget Blatzhein & Jon Hauff	6/13/2015
Bridgette Hoy & Daniel Edquist	6/20/2015

### **JUNE FUNERALS**

Larry D. (Andy) Anderson	6/18/2015
Rose Prieve	6/19/2015
Robert P (Bob) Kanduth	6/29/2015

### **JUNE NEW MEMBERS**

James Brown and Michelle Lemke Cressida Dsouza Diane Farmer Thomas and Margaret Johnson Erika Mendoza-Salas and Daniel Carrillo-Torres

### **AUGUST**

### **SUMMER NIGHTS**

### Wednesdays, through August 26, 6:30-8:30pm

Every Wednesday throughout the summer, Faith Formation will be hosting an open youth room night for students grades 8–graduates. Complete details at <a href="https://www.paxchristi.com">www.paxchristi.com</a>.

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

### FRIDAY, August 7, Beginning with Mass at 8:30am

On the first Friday of each month, join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel, followed by coffee and rolls in the Chief Joseph room. Mass is at 8:30am followed by a social gathering. The event is sponsored by Boomers and Beyond. All are welcome. If you wish, stay for card or board games following the social.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE**

### **DROP OFF Weekend of August 8/9**

This annual parish event, sponsored by the Twelve Baskets ministry, helps to make sure children in need are well equipped to start the new school year and focused on learning. Shop early and drop off items when you come to Mass. Flyers with detailed lists of needed items are available at the entrances. Items will benefit students at Risen Christ, Blessed Trinity, Community of Saints Catholic Schools, and Archdiocesan Indian Ministries, as well as PROP, serving students in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen.

### JOIN US FOR FR BILL'S 70TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!

### Saturday, August 15, Beginning with 5:00pm Mass

Join us for Fr. Bill's 70th birthday party as we celebrate with some food, fun, and festivities! Local Twin Cities food trucks will be onsite with a variety of items to purchase. There will be strolling musicians and fun for the kids. Additional details on page 15.

### A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

Due to the large volume of events we offer at Pax Christi, we have to keep our announcements brief. Please visit us online at www.paxchristi. com for additional information and details. If an event indicates RSVP, you may register/signup online at www.paxchrisi.com/event registration. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

### Wednesday, August 19, 6:00-8:30pm RSVP

At the 6:00pm Wednesday Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at Pax Christi. If you or someone you know could benefit from this sacrament, please contact Mary Ann Callahan in Pastoral Care, 952-405-7227, by August 12. Following Mass, a light dinner will be served. Additional details on page 13.

### **HEAVENLY EXCURSION**

### Thursday, August 20, Free after 4:30pm, MN Landscape Arboretum

The Arboretum is undoubtedly the loveliest place in Minnesota. August is especially spectacular with fantastic colors when annual flowers are at their peak. Around 6:00pm bring your own sandwich to the picnic shelter across from the Wild Flower Garden parking and join other Pax Christi parishioners for munching and viewing. Drinking water is available there. It's a great outing for the whole family! Don't miss out! Bring your camera, too. The summer policy of the Arboretum is after 4:30pm on the third Thursday of the month there is free admission for everyone. Other times the admission is \$12 for adults and kids 13 and older. Children 12 and under are always free. Sponsored by the Environmental Challenge Ministry. Questions? Contact Donna Murphy, 952-944-2861, or Peg Musegades, 952-221-3732.

### 100 MILE DINNER IN PAX CHRISTI'S BUTTERFLY GARDEN

### Wednesday, August 26, 6:00pm RSVP

Fresh air, fresh food, fresh people! Join us as we gather in the Butterfly Garden to enjoy our 100 Mile potluck dinner. The evening will even feature a little "sweet" talk on bees. It will be a great FRESH evening!

The 100 Mile Dinner is a pot luck where all our food comes from within a hundred mile radius of Pax Christi. That means the food dishes will be FRESH. So what is so great about FRESH? For one thing FRESH food is more nutritious. Immediately after foods are picked, nutrition begins to diminish, especially for such vitamins as C, E, A, and B. Ideally, use FRESH, local, organic foods for they are free from pesticides, fertilizer, irradiation, and genetic modification. Consider what happens to a little tomato that gets its start on a Central American farm. The farmer picks the tomato while it's still green and puts it in a basket where it is scrunched together with lots of other tomatoes. The tomato joins even more tomatoes for a truck ride to a warehouse where it's washed, repacked into boxes, and transferred to another truck. That truck transports the tomato to a warehouse by a pier. From there, our poor little tomato will be put on a boat and taken to another country to be unloaded and stored in a warehouse awaiting transport to a city in another part of the country where it will likely be dumped into another warehouse to be picked up by a grocery store truck. A store worker will remove the little tomato from the box and put it with other tomatoes to be sold as a FRESH TOMATO. On its trip along the way, it will have encountered insects, animal refuse, gasses, human contamination, etc. But is it FRESH?!

### **MAKE PLANS NOW**

### **BOOMERS AND BEYOND OPENING SESSION**

### Monday, September 14, 8:30-11:00am RSVP

Join us for our first event of the season beginning with Mass at 8:30am. Brunch and a presentation by parishioner, Patricia Baumer, will follow in the Hall of the Martyrs. Additional details on page 12.

### **WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY**

### Beginning Tuesday, September 22, 9:30am RSVP

Women with Spirit Bible Study invites women of all ages and all faiths to join us on Tuesday mornings for wonderful discoveries in Old Testament scriptures. This year's series, *From Moses to Monarchy* begins on September 22 and runs until Easter. Additional details on back cover.

### THEOLOGY DAY AT PAX CHRISTI

God's Gifts Within Us — What are We Doing with Them?

### Tuesday, September 22, 6:00-9:00pm

The Scriptures tell us that God has placed particular talents and abilities in every one of us and that we are expected to do something with them. So how well do we recognize, develop, and use these gifts at every stage of our lives? Stewardship is not simply about caring for the land or contributing to our parish collections. It is especially about living this biblical call to use God's gifts within us and helping to build a world that more closely reflects the love and mercy, the justice and peace of God. Join other travelers on the faith journey as this topic is explored with Bernie Evans, Ph.D., Associate Professor in Theology at St. John's School of Theology and Seminary. A light dinner will be served from 6:00–6:30pm, and the presentation will begin at 6:30pm.

### INTERRELIGIOUS PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

### January 5-18, 2016; Sponsored by United TheoLogical Seminary

Join in a groundbreaking interfaith pilgrimage and dialogue intensive in Israel and Palestine, the birthplace of three religions and two national groups. Be part of a multi-faith group practicing the art of dialogue as we travel through the land, experience one another's sacred sites and practices, and learn from one another's reflections. Practice using the same skills of dialogue in considering the multiple national and political perspectives that animate the societies of Palestine and Israel.

This pilgrimage is led by Rabbi Amy Eilberg, who has taught bible study at Pax Christi. This will be a remarkable experience of living dialogue as we meet with a range of religious and interfaith leaders, peace and justice activists in the region. Register by September 6. Questions? Contact Rabbi Eilberg, rebamy@eilberg.com.





#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2015**

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14 Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28 Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2015**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2015**

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2015**

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday:Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51Tuesday:1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26Wednesday:1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32Thursday:1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51Friday:1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13Saturday:1 Thes 4:9-11/Mk 6:17-29

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 2015**

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

 Wednesday:
 Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

 Thursday:
 Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

 Friday:
 Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

 Saturday:
 Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5

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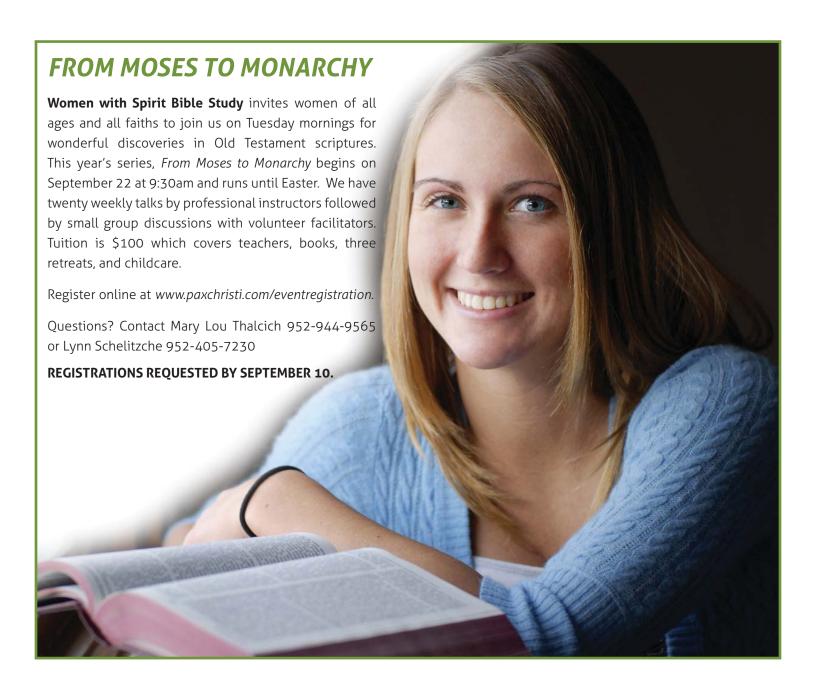
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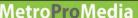
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