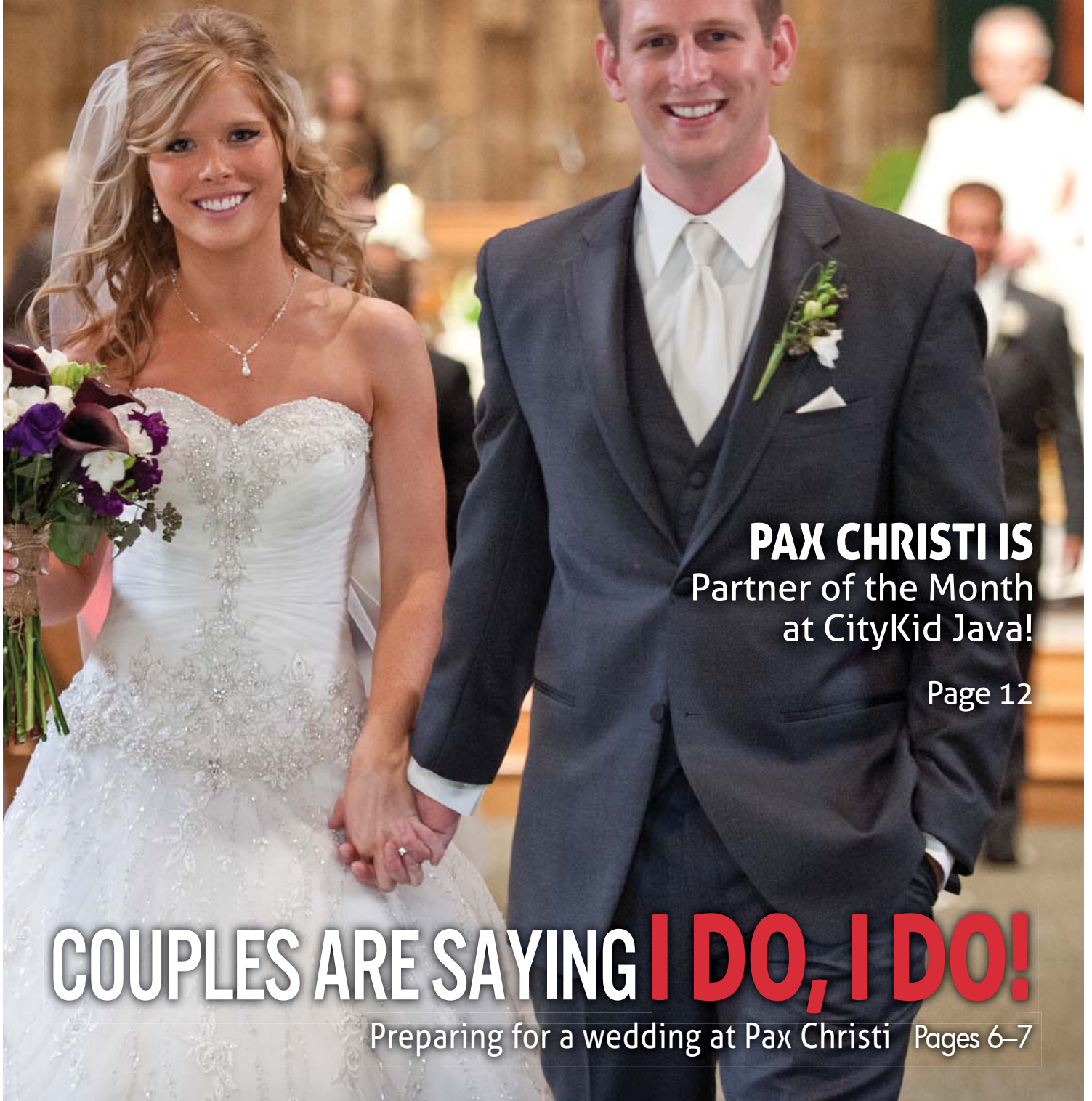


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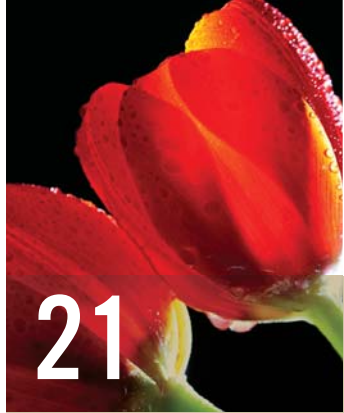
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SO IT'S IN THE BIBLE!



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Sr. Associate Pastor



AS PEOPLE have commented on my preaching, I do spend lots of time trying to figure out what the Scriptures are saying and how they might speak to us today. Having done this for over forty years and still learning something new all of the time, it's become second nature to me. However, in our highly charged religious atmosphere in American society today, I thought that it might help to take a look at the Scriptures and see if we are really following them "to the letter." I've seen signs outside of churches that say Bible-based and preachers speaking of the literal word of God. Just open your Bible and read it for yourself. It's God's clear spoken word. But a problem that is often ignored is that God's word isn't always so clearly presented. For anyone who has studied other languages, you realize that a translation is not always exact. There are shades of meaning, and words take on new meaning over time, even in our own language. Being a student of history, I remember enjoying reading about the Progressive Era at the end of the nineteenth century, the so-called Gay Nineties! But that was the 1890's. If I spoke of the 1990's and called them the Gay Nineties, I suspect that there would be a different connotation. So languages change.

Moreover, when we look at how we use Scripture, I find that we are also selective in applying it to our own situation. And this applies not only to Catholics but to Protestants, even those who claim to follow the literal words of Scripture. Now we know that Moses allowed divorce, but it was only the right of the man, not the woman. Jesus said that it was tolerated by God because of the hardness of the people's hearts. Matthew offers an exception: "unless the marriage is unlawful" (5:32). But what exactly does that mean? St. Paul offers another perspective. He says very clearly that it is from him and not from the Lord. This is called the Pauline Privilege. This made pastoral sense to someone who was living during the early days of the church and still has merit today. If a person becomes a Christian and his/her "pagan" spouse doesn't like it, he/she can separate/divorce and the Christian is able to remarry a Christian. As St. Paul writes: "God has called you to peace" (1 Cor. 7:15). It seems that the Apostles looked to their experience to help resolve some pastoral issues.

We also know that the Jews prescribed stoning to death for anyone guilty of fornication or adultery. They had to protect the family, property rights, family fortune, and the knowledge of who the legitimate father

was. And this is in the Bible. However, we have the powerful story of the woman caught in adultery (John 8). We know that the Pharisees were trying to catch Jesus in his own teaching. Yet he embarrassed the religious leaders in their own hypocrisy and sinfulness when He invited anyone without sin to cast the first stone. He then didn't tell the woman to "have a nice day" and send her on her way. Rather he showed great compassion and told her to go and sin no more. But then this is the New Testament, and Jesus gave us a way out for adultery — repentance and not stoning. But can we pick out what is convenient in looking at some sins and not others? If you want to be literal, then you should take the Old with the New. You can't cherry pick your sins or your Scriptures.

When Peter cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said: "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" (Mt. 26:52). Because of this Christians did not serve in the army for the first three centuries. There are even accounts of soldiers converting and then being martyred because they were conscientious objectors. However, after Christianity became an acceptable religion, St. Augustine gave us the Just



War argument. There was a practical use for that in light of the invasions coming from the East. They could see the truth of what Jesus said, but their experience said it could not be simply a black or white option. But we Christians could be a little less blood thirsty today when it comes to treating many of the prisoners in our society.

Have you ever heard a politician quote the Gospel of St. John when trying to cut the social programs that help the poor and weak of our society? When Judas complained that Mary had wasted a perfume in anointing Jesus at a supper gathering, he said: "You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me" (Jn 12:8). Yes, Jesus speaks of the poor and helps them. But it is so easy to use this quote to say that we can never really solve the problems that face the poor in our society. So let's get to it a little later. There's always tomorrow. It also helps us sleep easier when we can put off what should have been dealt with years ago!

We are celebrating the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War, a war to preserve the union but also to end slavery. It seems like the "good guys"

won. But at the time, all of the Scriptures backed slavery. The Jews had laws governing slaves in the Old Testament. Jesus spoke of slaves in several parables. St. Paul writes in Ephesians that slaves should be obedient to their human master with fear and trembling (6:5). Their economic system depended on slavery, and a different understanding was beyond them at that time. However, Paul did say that religiously there were differences. Because of baptism "there is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free person, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28). But those that called for the abolition of slavery were seen as "godless" heathens who ignored the Word of God. Again it was the experience of many Christians who realized that the Scriptures also reflected a culture and time in history that no longer carried the real meaning of the Good News. It was their own experience of the institution of slavery that made them realize it was immoral. Yet for those of us who lived through the civil rights movement of the 60's, we heard the same scriptural based arguments that had supported slavery a century before. And



even today with the rise of many racially based groups throughout our country, we hear their claim to follow a Christian, i.e. Bible-based, doctrine.

Yet, I believe, that the best argument for not using a strictly literal understanding of Scripture comes to us from the Bible. It's the New Testament itself. If God's word was sufficient in the Old Testament, why did we need a New? It was because of the experience of the early church. The Acts of the Apostles tells us of the struggles that the apostles had when deciding what the new gentile converts needed to practice from the Jewish tradition, a tradition seen as having been given to the Jews by God on Mt. Sinai. For the Jewish Christians, it was of supreme importance. Yet it threatened to split the early community apart. The Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15) showed the struggle that the Apostles

had. Yet, trusting their own experience in not burdening the gentiles with the Mosaic Law, they knew that God was speaking to them in new ways. It's hard for us to imagine the importance that this has had on the entire life of the church.

The Bible is the word of God, but it was not dictated by the Holy Spirit sitting on the shoulder of the evangelists! We know that the entire Bible was written over hundreds of years and that it spoke to particular communities, often about specific concerns. Some still have relevance today. But it was never meant to be a simple answer book for every possible question as some have tried to make it. That's why God gave us a mind, common sense, and experience. This is what the early Christians had to do as they created a new faith and community of believers as they responded to the invitation of Jesus to "Come. Follow me."



I DO, I DO!

When love is found. . .

Preparing for a wedding is a rehearsal for how your relationship might evolve. Although family input is to be respected, the bride and groom, working together, need to be invested in the decision making. Pax Christi has a full staff of people ready to guide you through this exciting time.

and hope comes home. . .

A good first step — at least six months out — is to choose the readings you will use at the liturgy. This will guide your selection of music, especially the sung prayer. Inviting guests to participate in the singing by giving them the tools (program) to participate is the way to bring them out of “spectator” mode. They will appreciate having a program with the order of worship that includes the necessary songs, responses, and the readings you chose.

Sing, and be glad that two are one.

Music plays a huge part in any liturgical celebration. The best model for your wedding liturgy is the Sunday Mass. The goal is always participation. . . not necessarily perfection! A good test as you make your choices: Will this song or piece of music enhance or distract from the worship experience? Save your favorite love song for the reception.

But how do you decide what is appropriate or what might be better used at the reception? Hint: You will want to pay attention to the words of the songs that you choose. Do they reflect your values as a couple? If you come from different faith traditions, you will want to be sensitive and inclusive, keeping in mind the wide repertoire that we have in common. You will be given materials to guide this process. As you move along in your planning, you will find that the details are really not so intimidating. There are many ways to be creative, for instance by including other instrumentalists if your budget allows. You might want to consider greeting your guests as they arrive. Parents could be invited to bless your rings. The gathered assembly could be invited to pray a blessing over you.





Lift up your hearts;

The presider (priest or deacon) is an important link to the faith community in which your wedding will be celebrated. After meeting with you as a couple, he will come to know the two of you and what brought you to this point in your lives as well as the significance of the scripture readings you chose. All of this will inform his thoughts and reflection as he prepares the homily for your wedding celebration. The aim of every wedding is for it to be a meaningful, alive, joyful, and prayerful event.

It is helpful to remember that the people of God gather to praise and thank God for the gift of human love and to witness this gift in the couple. The "minister of the sacrament of marriage" is the couple. Bride and groom marry each other. The priest or deacon functions as the chief witness on behalf of the church and the state.

Let love be fed!

How does it all fit together? Being aware of the structure and how it flows will lead to a wonderful celebration of faith and commitment. When it comes to the church's liturgy, not everything goes. It does not depend just on what you like. What is required is to select from the options offered, choosing what is most appropriate for this celebration in this place, with these people, at this time. You will continue to celebrate marriage day in and day out for the rest of your lives together! Let us help you as you step into this new role as a couple.

Written by Donna Kasbohm, Director of Worship and Music. Text: Excerpts from the song "When Love is Found" –Brian Wren

*Wedding photos:
Ellen Tujetsch and Michael Sinkey, June 30, 2012
Photographer: glenstubbephotography.com*

*Ashley Halvorson and Paul Trahms, December 14, 2013
Photographer: camelotphotography.com*



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Couples wishing to get married at Pax Christi should be registered members of our parish for at least one year prior to the wedding date. This encourages a couple to practice their faith, share their gifts and participate in the life of the community at Pax Christi before they are married. To start the process or to learn more about Marriage preparation and celebration at Pax Christi, contact Sally Bergum, Wedding and Liturgical Coordinator at the parish office, 952-405-7229, or sbergum@paxchristi.com. For additional information, visit us online at www.paxchristi.com/marriage.

SUMMER NIGHT PRAYER
 Every Wednesday Night
 in July and August at 8:00pm
 In the Thomas Merton Chapel

Experience a different
 prayer form every week!

Taizé, Centering Prayer,
 Meditation, Liturgy of the Hours,
 Labyrinths, Pilgrimage

For more information, Contact Peter Bierer:
pbierer@paxchristi.com / 952-405-7210

MEET PAX CHRISTI'S SUMMER INTERN, KATIE CLEARY

Hi, MY NAME IS Katie Cleary. I am entering my senior year at the College of Saint Benedict where I am studying Theology. I grew up in the Twin Cities area and attended the Academy of Holy Angels. In high school I was founder of the Girls Swim Team. I also participated in theater and choir throughout my four years. In college I am involved in the Bonner Leader Program, a national program for students interested in pursuing service and social justice. I also am involved in other on-campus programs like Praise in the Pub, a non-denominational worship group on campus, and the Sexual Assault Student Advisory Board, a group of students that helps administration combat issues of sexual assault, harassment, and discrimination on our campuses.

I have been passionate about Youth Ministry and wanted to pursue it as a career since I was in high school. My previous summers I have worked as a camp counselor and lifeguard at Camp Kici Yapi in Prior Lake. I love being outdoors, and swimming is one of my favorite past times. I am a very social and talkative person, and I would love to get to know all of you and hear your stories. Thank you for welcoming me into your community!

Katie is working in the Faith Formation department, leading the Summer Teen Bible Study, chaperoning the Young Neighbors in Action Mission Trip, and assisting in many other summer activities and programs!



SUMMER NIGHTS

DO YOU need a place to get some relief from the summer heat? Come check out Summer Nights at Pax Christi. Teens 8th grade to grads are invited to hang out in the youth room at Pax Christi on Wednesdays from 6:30–8:30pm in July and August. Come just to hang out, play games, have good conversations, and make new friends. Check out the schedule to the right for July and August.

At 8:00pm every week we will end the night in prayer by exploring a wide variety of prayer forms such as Taizé, Labyrinths, Guided Meditation, Pilgrimage, Visio Divina, and Centering Prayer. All Pax Christi parishioners and families are invited to join us for Night Prayer in the Thomas Merton Chapel. No registration required!



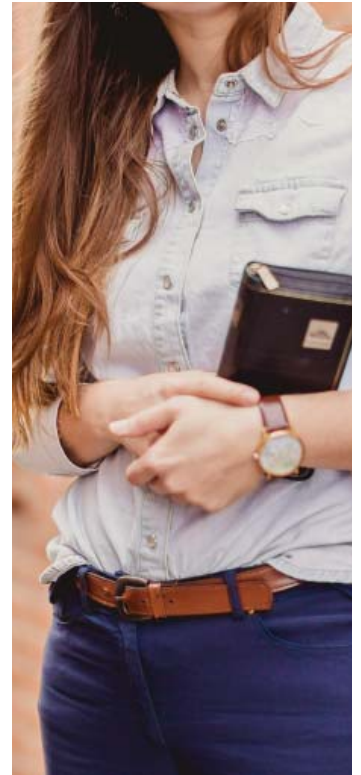
DATE	ACTIVITY
July 1	Ultimate Frisbee
July 8	Mafia
July 15	Movie Night
July 22	Capture the Flag
July 29	Minute to Win It Games
August 5	Lawn Games
August 12	Nerdy Board Games
August 19	Scavenger Hunt
August 26	Mystery Night



YOUTH IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY UPDATE

LAST MONTH four school students from Pax Christi (Sam Kinzel, Grace Curtiss, Caitlyn Shipp, and Austin Murr) attended Youth in Theology and Ministry Summer Institute (YTM) at St. John's University. While they were at YTM, the youth had the opportunity to explore theology with professors and theologians from St. John's/St. Ben's, serve people in need in the St. Cloud area, participate in dynamic prayer services and liturgies, and develop new friendships with young Catholics from the region.

An important aspect of the YTM experience is training young people for leadership in the Christian community. This is why the Lay Leadership Development committee awarded these four youth \$2800 to help cover YTM tuition for this summer and next summer. Sam, Grace, Caitlyn, and Austin will be developing a leadership project to serve the Pax Christi community in the coming year. Their task will be to assess the need in the community and develop a plan to address the need in a way that includes others in the implementation of the project. We are excited to see what these young leaders come up with! Stay tuned for developments.



MISSION TRIP UPDATE

JULY 11–18 twelve senior high students and four adults from Pax Christi will be traveling to Washington, D.C., for our annual Service and Justice Immersion Trip (AKA, Mission Trip) with Young Neighbors in Action. While we are in the nation's Capital, our group will be working with organizations that serve individuals and families who are faced with poverty, abandonment, illness, racism, and other situations caused by social injustice. We will be joined by youth from three other parishes in Ohio, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. Together we will also be exploring Catholic Social Teaching and developing strategies to apply what we learn to our home community in the Southwest Metro. On Friday, July 17, we will head to Capitol Hill to meet with lawmakers to discuss laws and policies through the lens of social justice.

We are grateful to all of those who donated to our fund raising efforts in May and June. With your help we were able to meet our goal of \$8000. This money will primarily cover transportation and supplies while we are away. Thank you for all of your support!

Please pray for our Young Neighbors in Action team: Youth: Sam Kinzel, Jonathan Laurent, Isaiah Nault, Stephen Godzak, Jen Macho, Kendall Johnson, Elena Hayday, Morgan Tetley, Hannah Boyles, Claire Bannigan, Lauren Unzen, Emily McLaughlin. Adults: Peter Bierer, Linda Bannigan, Michelle Laurent, Katie Cleary

Follow our progress on our Mission Trip Blog and on Pax Christi's Facebook Page!

www.paxchristiyouth.weebly.com/mission-trip-blog





“GETTING TO KNOW ... JEAN THORESEN!”

IN THE KING AND I, Anna sings to the children a song entitled “Getting to Know You.” We’d like to borrow the line as we get to know Jean Thoresen, the new Pastoral Director at Pax Christi, who began her time with us June 15.

Jean and her husband, Pete, come to us from Rogers, MN. After 21 years, they just moved to the Twin Cities. They have two daughters, one in graduate school, one in undergraduate school, both following in their mother’s footsteps in social service work. An avid reader, traveler, and worshipper of the Minnesota lakes, Jean likes to take long walks with her family dog.

Involved in parish ministry for 12 years, Jean has worked in faith formation with women and youth, provide ministry in justice and charity work, and is a certified spiritual director. In addition she has presented retreats around the archdiocese and at local retreat centers.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.

“I’m a graduate of the University of St. Catherine with a master’s degree in Theology and certificate in spiritual direction. My undergraduate degree is in Psychology.”

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY?

“So much of the ministry I’ve been called to is about helping others find hope in the midst of chaos, stemming from illness, death of a loved one, financial struggles, doubting one’s faith and so much more. We all have to deal with chaos in our lives one time or another. I know I have, so I’m aware of how important it is to have someone pray with you, cry with you, laugh with you. There’s a sacredness

to each of our stories, and it’s been a privilege for me to be with people during their most difficult times. Having someone be a listening presence in the midst of a difficult situation is healing, but I’ve learned it can also be very humbling because it exposes our own vulnerability and in a lot of cases our helplessness to ‘solve’ the problem or remove the pain. That’s where faith and hope steps in.”

“One of the really important lessons I’ve learned over the years is that while serving others, they become our teachers. It’s not what I can do for you, it’s what we can do together. It’s about being in solidarity with others rather than removing the chaos entirely. Bringing compassion to others and in return finding it ourselves is a beautiful gift to the giver and the receiver. They become interchangeable.”

WHAT IS YOUR ANTICIPATION FOR YOUR WORK AT PAX CHRISTI?

“My hope and prayer for my ministry at Pax Christi is that I can bring a listening presence and a sense of compassion to others no matter what it is they are struggling with on their faith journey or whatever it is they are celebrating too! I look forward to a lot of celebration as well!”

We are getting to like you and hope you like us, as we are getting to know you, Jean. Welcome to Pax Christi! *Written by Mary B. Payne, Pax Christi parishioner*



THE POWER OF PARISHIONERS

I'M SORRY, have we met? Help remind me; what was your name again? In a parish the size of Pax Christi, I find myself asking those questions often. The more I get involved, the more faces seem (vaguely) familiar as I look across the altar at Mass. On more than one occasion I've leaned over to my wife Jennifer asking for a tip on the name of that nice person we met just the week before.

What if that embarrassing feeling came when trying to remember your own address? How about our current president? Imagine facing confusion as you look at someone you know is your child, now in his/her 30s, and you can't think of his/her name. These are the tragic battles of a person suffering from memory loss. Over time, many families choose to bring their loved one to memory care facilities to support loved ones facing dementia or Alzheimer's disease as managing daily routines can become hazardous. This type of care takes many hands and round-the-clock support. For many, they simply miss out on the healing power of a church community.

In Pastoral Care, we are one set of hands who minister to those unable to join us at Pax Christi. Many volunteers are needed in

each of our ministries, whether it is spiritual education, support groups, providing Eucharist to the homebound, or funeral service support. It takes many hands and hearts to bring God's love and hope to those who need it most — we are always in need of more support (hint, Mary Kennedy can help get you connected!).

Occasionally, one parishioner stands out as a bright light sharing his/her gifts with this community.

Enter Margie Olson, a lifelong Catholic, was born in Excelsior, Minnesota, and raised in Minneapolis, by parents of German heritage (each parent with over 10 siblings, mind you). Margie is no stranger to community. As a Pax Christi parishioner of almost 20 years, she can't remember a time when singing wasn't a part of her life. From church singing to summer festivals and a college band in Winona, music has always filled her soul. Though successful in her corporate career with Honeywell, several years ago Margie's four children urged her to pursue her passion by making a career out of her hobby.

Thus, Margie created *Musical Memories with Margie*, a business of sharing the joy of

music for parties and private events. Margie shares her gift every month as she performs many of the over 500 songs in her repertoire at Friendship Village, Castle Ridge, Summit Place, and the Memory Care Unit in Chanhassen. Even the most reserved residents live up to sing along to tunes from the 20s, 30s and 40s. Add in a little flair with a few feather boas and a microphone and that is what makes Margie feel right at home.

Music unlocks the soul and ties to memories of younger years. Sometimes happy, sometimes sad, and while memory care residents may not remember their part of their journey, they somehow know the lyrics and sing along to tunes that they haven't heard in years. Recently in the documentary *Alive Inside: A Story of Music and Memory*, PBS's *Newshour* even covered the meaning that music brings to the lives of those battling dementia. As little as a tambourine or drum allows a whole new form of communication for those who lose their words daily.

Pax Christi's parish nurse, Ann Dunagan, is a trainer of the "Dementia Friends" program and shared this gift with the Pastoral Care Council this year. She illustrated that memories



are like a stack of books starting with youngest memories at the floor and recent memories stacked up to the head and shoulders. Dementia rocks that bookcase of memories, and the highest volumes topple, which may mean what is left is a person who believes he/she is living in the previous decades. In her analogy, Ann illustrated that factual memories fall quickly, but those tied to emotion last longer. For that reason, the gift of music allows those to tap into happier times that is both a comfort and blessing during a confusing time.

Margie has been described by Father Bill as enthusiastic, caring, and humble. In addition to her ministry of music, Margie has enjoyed creating prayer shawls and sewing when able. Truly, she is a selfless minister to those in need. A great big THANK YOU to Margie and all those who share their time and talent with our community at Pax Christi. *Written by Joe Morcomb, Pax Christi parishioner*



GRACING LIFE WHILE CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM

THE FOURTH OF JULY has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of celebrating Independence Day goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution (1775–83). In pursuit of freedom, our nation’s founders crafted and established a country built on the basics of human dignity for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The Creator has blessed us with many gifts. Edward Hays, in *Prayers for a Domestic Church*, offers us a prayer of gratitude to God for the gift of freedom. Perhaps as citizens of this nation and world, we may contemplate this prayer:

With joyful hearts uplifted in gratitude, we rejoice in that freedom which each of us has been given. We are a free people since we have come forth from the God of Freedom. We are a free people because we have worked to remain free of all that threatens to make us slaves. We are filled with thanksgiving that You, our Redeemer, have shown us how we might be free in spirit and in heart as well as in body...

As free sons and daughters of God, may the Lamp of Truth burn brightly in our home and in each of our hearts. As brothers and sisters of Jesus, may we be faithful, as was He, to the wondrous freedom of the children of Light and be ever grateful for the pleasures of liberty. May our profound reverence for Truth, as piercing as a sword and ever-liberating, be our burning torch of Freedom and our shield against enslavement.

Blessed are You, Lord our God, who has made us free persons.
Written by Jane Schmitz, Pax Christi Parish Director



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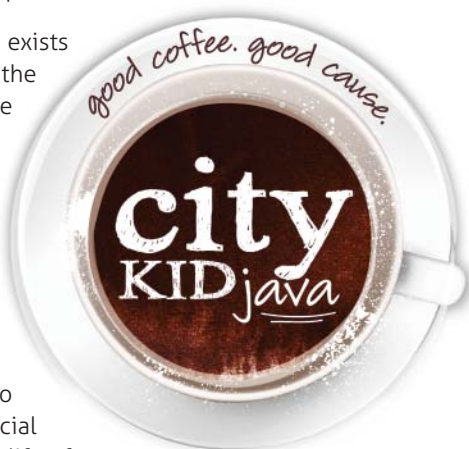
BELOW IS AN EXCERPT FROM CITYKID JAVA’S MAY NEWSLETTER.

PARTNER OF THE MONTH: PAX CHRISTI

Pax Christi in Eden Prairie is our May Partner of the Month and has served CityKid Java for the past 4 years!

They happily serve CityKid Java to their congregation and have been a supporter of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School through tutoring students in South Minneapolis.

Their Justice Council exists to serve and speak for the marginalized, to serve the parish as its primary resource and catalyst for the work of social justice, to educate the community on social issues and Catholic social teaching, to provide opportunities for social action, and to foster awareness that social ministry is integral in the life of the parish.



WE THANK PAX CHRISTI FOR THEIR AWESOME SUPPORT AND CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP!

WATER:



A GOD-GIVEN RESOURCE FOR LIFE

GOD HAS gifted Minnesota and entrusted us with significant water resources. Relative to much of the earth, we live in a water-rich area. As Catholics it is important for us to use but not be wasteful of the resources God has given us to survive. We can show our love for others (future generations, people around the world, plants, animals, creation) by saving as much as we can to allow others to live. Without water, there is no life.

Since we live in a place with so much water, it's very difficult to see the impact on others if we are wasteful. One local current example is the dropping water levels in White Bear Lake. A lawsuit has been brought against MnDNR for authorizing too much ground water pumping by communities in the northeast metro that may be contributing to lowering water levels in White Bear Lake.

The global impact of our water use is evident in energy requirements. Lift a gallon of water over your head. It's not light (8.34 lbs to be exact). On average in the summer, the City of Eden Prairie lifts 22 million gallons of water from about 400 feet from the aquifer below our feet to about 200 feet over our head in order to maintain pressure in the water system for our use. Think about the amount of power it takes to do that.

Combined, drinking water production and wastewater collection/treatment are two of the top five highest energy uses in the United States. It takes significant electrical energy to withdraw water from the source, clean it for our use, transport it to where we want it to go, collect the used water, then clean the water before returning it to the environment.

The greatest water conservation method you can use is to think, be aware, and be creative. Following are just a few ideas.

OUTSIDE:

Are there ways to collect rain water then use it to water plants or flowers?

Can you adjust your lawn watering so that the shaded areas aren't overwatered relative to the sunny areas?

Can you use a blower or broom instead of hose to clean up the garage or driveway?

In some areas, Pax Christi is experimenting with No-Mow grass, which doesn't require watering.

INSIDE:

Are there any leaking fixtures or fixtures that could be changed to low flow?

When washing dishes, brushing teeth, or shaving, try to turn off the water flow as much as possible to limit what goes down the drain.

Can you fit more in the dishwasher or washer before running it? Note: too many dishes can be inefficient.

ENJOY THE SUMMER AND CONSERVE WATER!

Written by Joe Ward, Pax Christi parishioner and Environmental Ministry member



THE LORD IS MY
SHEPHERD;
I SHALL NOT WANT.
IN VERDANT PASTURES
HE GIVES ME REPOSE;
BESIDE RESTFUL
WATERS HE LEADS ME;
HE REFRESHES MY
SOUL. —PSALM 23: 1-3



SUMMER STEWARDS



WE CELEBRATE the birth of our nation this month, and all across the fruited plains and over many a mountain majesty there will be a bevy of Americans seeking some restful repose. Historically, July and August are the months most Americans select for the family vacation — the opportunity to press the pause button on the busyness of daily life and relax while hopefully re-energizing body and soul to meet all that life throws at us when summer ends.

Too often we find ourselves racing from one spot to another just to get everything checked off our seemingly endless to-

do lists. We need to take the time to stop and smell the roses, to enjoy the beauty of the world in which we live, to strengthen our relationships with family and friends, and to fill up the tank, so to speak. What refreshes your soul, and how can you carve some time to enjoy that relaxation this month or next? There are so many beautiful places in our world. Perhaps it is time to renew your acquaintance with one that holds fond memories for you, or perhaps it is time to discover a new spot in which to hunker down for some good old R & R.

As we travel from home to visit friends, enjoy the outdoors, or take in one of this country's many fabulous attractions, there will be plenty of opportunities to be the steward God calls you to be. The beauty is that although you may not know when the opportunity will present itself, you already have the gifts within you to provide the needed response.



SUMMER STEWARDS

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PERHAPS ONE OR MORE OF THESE SUGGESTIONS WILL RESONATE WITH YOU:

YOU KEEP your faith a priority, taking the time to worship, even when you are far away from home.

YOU PROVIDE the smile that the encountered weary travelers need to put the spring back in their step.

YOU REMEMBER the name of the server or representative caring for you at the counter, and you use it as you genuinely show gratitude for the service you received.

YOU TURN to and warmly welcome the visitor who is sitting in your pew.

YOU TAKE a walk, ride the bike, or drive down the country road and get a little “lost” as you enjoy the scenery.

YOU BRING in the mail and keep an eye on the home of your neighbor who forgot to inform you and the post office before heading off on vacation.

YOU STOP and enjoy a glass of lemonade at the neighborhood stand and overpay for the privilege.

YOU SURPRISE someone with an ice cream cone or a cool beverage treat.

YOU SWITCH your giving to Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) so Pax Christi continues to receive your gifts even when you are away from home.

YOU CALL that friend or send that letter that you have all too long neglected to do.

YOU SPONSOR a Pax Christi garden or join one of the teams in our Crops for Prop Community Garden and weed, water, and work off all the stress as you enjoy the beauty of creation.

YOU TAKE the time to read that book you have been meaning to read while relaxing in a hammock as the summer breezes blow your cares away.

Explore a summer of living Stewardship as a way of life and discover a refreshed and rejuvenated soul.

Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of

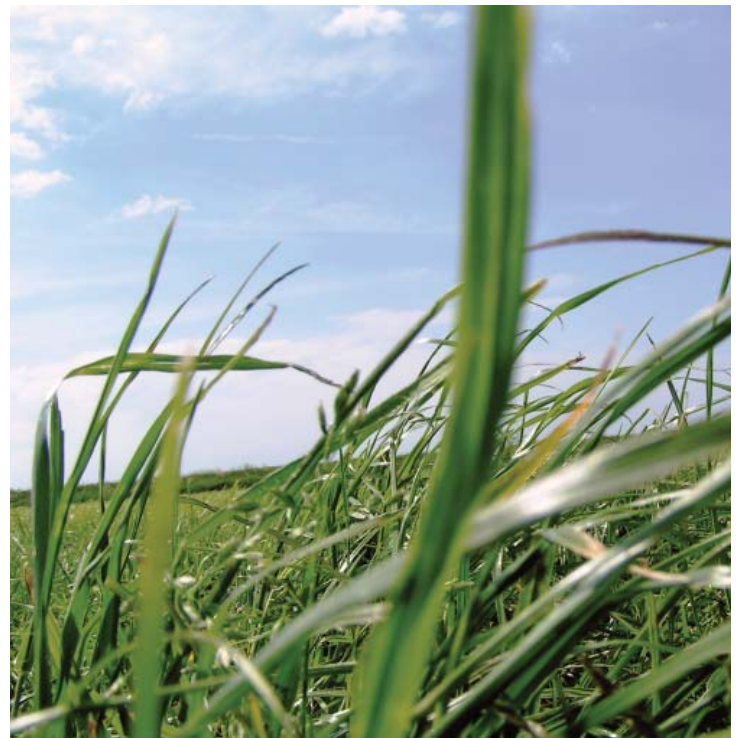
THE WIND/THE SPIRIT

THE PALM TREE dipped in the wind, swaying to and fro. Its palm branches twirled like a dancer spinning round and round, Some tips touched other branches; others stayed stiff and out-stretched. Other fans stayed still, barely moving. It seems like the spirit moved some but not all of them at the same time. But they were all impacted even to the core by the persistent wind.

That windy Spirit moves us like the palm tree. Sometimes we are swayed by that God Spirit who moves us to action. Like the palm branches we reach out and touch others unaware we are moving them to action. Sometimes we stay stiff, unwilling to touch others who need our help.

Do you see the wind, feel its touch? You are impacted by that Spirit, sometimes more than others in your life. Is it time to feel the wind, move to action, offer support to others? Be like the palm tree — sway, twirl, touch others. The Spirit God is calling you. Listen, listen, feel, move! In the wind the Spirit touches you. Persistent is the Spirit!

Written by Mary B. Payne, Pax Christi parishioner





PARISHIONER NEWS

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MAY WEDDING

Erin Rice and Adam Pehringer	5/9/2015
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JULY

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. The Youth Room will be open for games, bonfires, and fellowship, followed by a prayer. Prayer forms will vary throughout the summer. Take the opportunity out of your busy summer schedules to join other Pax Christi Youth for fun and prayer throughout the summer!

SUMMER TEEN BIBLE STUDY

THURSDAYS, JULY 9, 23, 30, AUGUST 13, 7:00–8:00pm

This summer we will be diving into the Gospel of Luke and discover what God is revealing to us through the Scriptures today. We are offering a six-session Bible Study for youth age 15–18. Sessions will be on Thursdays from 7:30pm–8:30pm in the Garden Room. **RSVP**

PAX CHRISTI BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, July 27, 1:00–7:00pm

Thank you, Pax Christi's Blood Donors and Volunteers! Thank you for your generosity! The 36 whole blood units collected during our blood drive on May 11th will be used to save and sustain up to 100 lives in our community. Blood is perishable and must be replenished continually to ensure that it is available year-round. Please consider sharing the gift of life at our next blood drive on Monday, July 27. Watch for sign-up weekends. Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150, with questions.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JULY 27–31, 9:00am–Noon, Age 3–Grade 6

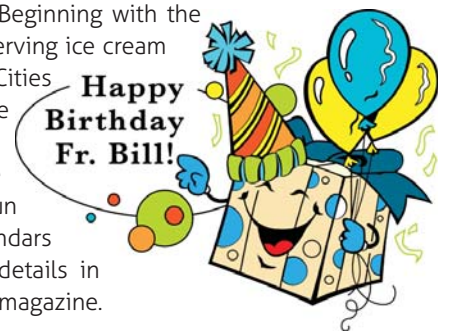
There is no better place for children age 3–grade 6 to have fun singing, praying, doing crafts, and playing games with friends old and new in a very supportive, caring environment. The theme this year is "God is our Rock" and will feature great presentations making bible stories come alive to learn and live the message of God's love. **RSVP**

MAKE PLANS NOW

SAVE THE DATE 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! Beginning with the 5:00pm Mass we will be serving ice cream and cookies. 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. Mark your calendars and watch for complete details in the August *PaxChristiNews* magazine.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC)

November 19–21, 2015, Indianapolis, IN, Fee of \$700 (est.)

Pax Christi's Sr. High Ministry will be joining over 20,000 Catholic teenagers for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) at the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN, and we want you to join us! This incredible weekend is filled with stellar music, inspirational speakers, amazing experiences of prayer and worship, and much more! NCYC is an incredible way to see the Catholic faith in a new way, to grow closer to God, make new friends from around the country, and be inspired to live a life of faith! Sign-up today and get ready for the experience of a lifetime! **RSVP**



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.paxchrissi.com/event-registration. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.



VOLUNTEER

A STAR IS BORN!

WE NEED YOU! We are looking for youth grades 6 and older to be on our Vacation Bible Camp drama team. Come help us put life into such stories as Daniel and the Lion's Den, Jonah and the Whale, and David and Goliath. No acting experience is necessary. It's fun and full of faith!! Registration forms can be found on-line along with the rehearsal schedule. Spread the word to your friends! You do not need to be a member to join our team! Questions? Please contact Renee Dignan, rdignan@paxchristi.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BIBLE CAMP CLEANUP

The time frame is Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31, 12:30–2:30pm; and Saturday, August 1, 9:00am–Noon. Volunteer commitments are flexible. Volunteer for one shift or as many as you like. Duties include cleaning up classrooms and gym after Bible Camp sessions. It includes vacuuming, emptying trash, and general cleaning. Contact Al Haider, 952-405-7232, or ahaider@paxchristi.com, for more information or to volunteer.

ALTAR SERVER HELP IS NEEDED

This ministry is open to adults, teens, and youth (4th grade and older). Prayerfulness while serving, knowledge of the parts of the liturgy, and reliability are needed. Training is provided. Altar server help is needed for all Masses, especially the two 5:00pm Masses. Please contact Sally Bergum, Liturgy Coordinator, sbergum@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7229, if you are interested.

GREETERS NEEDED

Are you a friendly person? Do you like greeting people? Please consider joining the Pax Christi Greeter Ministry. Greeters are needed for all Masses, especially at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass. Please contact Sally Bergum, Liturgy Coordinator, sbergum@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7229, if you are interested.

CROSS BEARERS NEEDED

Cross Bearers are needed to lead the procession at weekend liturgies. This is an opportunity for an adult or older youth to serve in a reverent and prayerful liturgical role. Cross Bearers are needed for all Masses, especially at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass. Please contact Sally Bergum, Liturgy Coordinator, sbergum@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7229, if you are interested.



READINGS FOR JULY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5, 2015

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
 Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12, 2015

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
 Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2015

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
 Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26, 2015

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

JULY

at Pax Christi

See pages 18-19 for details.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1 SUMMER NIGHTS OPEN YOUTH ROOM	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 VIRTUS TRAINING SUMMER NIGHTS OPEN YOUTH ROOM	9 TEEN BIBLE STUDY	10	11
12	13	14	15 SUMMER NIGHTS OPEN YOUTH ROOM	16	17	18
19	20	21 VIRTUS TRAINING	22 SUMMER NIGHTS OPEN YOUTH ROOM	23 TEEN BIBLE STUDY	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 BIBLE CAMP CELEBRATION
Vacation Bible Camp Week						
	BLOOD DRIVE		SUMMER NIGHTS OPEN YOUTH ROOM	TEEN BIBLE STUDY		





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