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# CONNECTEDNESS



**Fr. Marc Paveglia**  
Parochial Vicar

GOD HAS A PLACE FOR  
EACH OF US AND GOD  
WANTS US ALL TO BE  
DEEPLY CONNECTED TO  
ONE ANOTHER.

**HERE IS A RIDDLE:** What is 68 inches tall, covered in dust, out of breath, and scares squirrels in Apple Valley? The answer: Me, mountain biking through Lebanon Hills Regional Park. Last summer, I took up off-road cycling, and I have not regretted it for a moment. Who knew that blasting through the woods on two wheels could be so much fun and so healthy a workout? I have to admit that I was hesitant about buying a bike for the first time since I was fifteen. I wondered if I would actually use this contraption, or if it would be consigned to the long list of undone things I was “going to get around to someday.”

I remember the first time I threw my bike on the back of the car and drove out to Lebanon Hills. I had no idea what I was in for. These hills were *steep*. I pedaled over rocks and roots for what seemed an eternity. I slipped often because my tires weren't knobby but mostly slick (road rule #23: if you're going off road, get an actual mountain bike)! My chest heaved to draw breath. But after completing the windy 6-mile loop with plenty of speedy downhill runs — and a few minor spills — I knew I was hooked. You get the whole package with mountain biking: nature, exercise, strategy, mechanical know-how, and adrenaline-soaked gravity free

falls. And yes, Mom, if you're reading this, I do wear a helmet!

Something else happened the first time I was biking at the park. Only a few hundred feet into the trail, I realized something was loose on my bike, so I pulled off to the side to tighten it. Behind me another biker was approaching. From his gear he looked like a seasoned veteran. He pulled up and asked, “Are you all good?” I told him that I just had to check something but that I was thankful he asked. He said he just wanted to make sure, he smiled, and he was off on his merry way.

I still remember that poignantly because I have come to discover that the mountain biking community is just as awesome as the biking itself. The bikers I have met are always eager to lend a hand — they help each other on and off the trail, they enjoy chatting in the parking lot about the ride or about life in general, they love seeing new riders grow and excel, and, of course, they love talking about their scars. Some are part of work crews that maintain the trails for all users. Others link their rides to charitable causes.

What I notice most often about the community is a simple appreciation and admiration for others who are “into this thing.” As a boy I sometimes rode on the

back of my Dad's motorcycle. I would see an unwritten rule play out over and over again on the road: When motorcyclists passed each other, they would give a tiny wave to each other. I used to be surprised by this seemingly universal gesture of connection; now I finally get it. When you're part of a specific community, the big world seems a little smaller, a little more connected, and a little more friendly.

This month's magazine is focused on making connections at Pax Christi. As a parish, we value making connections with others. We pursue a hospitality that nurtures and builds community through our attitudes, actions, and activities. Pax Christi is a big place — it's true. Thousands come here to worship God every weekend, and some of our programs and activities have enrollment in the hundreds. Yet, God has a place for each of us and God wants us all to be deeply connected to one another. How can your life at Pax Christi become a little smaller, a little more connected, and a little more friendly? I hope that in these pages you will discover some of the many ways that you can experience a deeper communion at our parish.



*My fiancé and I moved to Eden Prairie a little over a year ago and were looking for a church in the area. Pax Christi certainly fit the bill. Since joining Pax, we have met many different wonderful people. I am a member of the choir and my fiancé, who is Nigerian, has connected with several other parishioners who have African connections or roots themselves. We are looking forward to getting married at Pax in December! –Erica W.*



Jesus has made us into the Church to be one in faith, hope, and love. Yet, every church community is also a community of communities. Here at Pax Christi there are a multitude of different communities that you can be a part of. If you have ever felt disconnected or longing for something more, perhaps this summer or fall is a season when God is inviting you to get connected with something new. Or maybe you have an inspiration to foster a community here that you are passionate about. I pray that as you read this, the Holy Spirit will give you the light and grace to hear a gentle whisper in your heart and so become more connected at Pax Christi.

*For the life of me, there are times when I wonder about life's direction and say, how did I ever get here? It's not because of mindless thinking. It's more about trusting the flow of life that just keeps moving. If I remain open to the possibilities and mysteries of life and God's plan, I do trust that I will be led in the right direction. Some people call this opportunity, but see it differently. My experience has led me to beautiful, heartfelt relationships with both parishioners and staff alike. I only know that I feel so fortunate to have answered that call. My husband and I have become a part of an incredible parish, and we love it here! –Tish O.*

The connections and friendships we make through a shared interest, passion, or sport can blossom into something we never expected. That's true in parish life also. When our connections are lived in Christ, amazing things can happen. Sometimes those connections and friendships we make in the Lord endure long into the future, even when the common activity is no longer possible. They help us to experience everything in our lives as a little smaller, a little more connected, a little more friendly — and a little more grace-filled.

*We are still pretty new at Pax (2 years), so we're still getting to know others. We look forward to meeting more people through Boomers and Beyond, and I look forward to getting to know more parishioners through my membership on the Worship Council. –Phyllis O.*

Why are we so committed to being connected here? We pursue connection because God first had mercy on us when we were *disconnected* — disconnected from Him, disconnected from each other, disconnected from our world. Our relationship with God was disconnected through sin, but Jesus Christ came to reconnect us into the loving relationships that make us whole persons. In our theology, we call this kind of existence "living in communion." When we experience this communion, we experience God's divine life, and we experience the joy of the Lord. May your joy be full!





# CONNECTIONS MADE AND TREASURED

FOR WHERE TWO OR  
THREE ARE GATHERED  
TOGETHER IN MY NAME,  
THERE I AM  
AMONG THEM.

—MATTHEW 18:20

**I WAS** in the airport recently and was fascinated by the thought of all the people moving from place to place; some were sauntering, some rushing purposefully, others milling about with confused looks on their faces. There were so many people all heading in a myriad of directions and not a one that I knew by name. I experienced a weird sense of aloneness in this sea of humanity in a busy airport. Was I alone, though? Besides being in the Phoenix airport at the same time, perhaps there was an additional unknown connection between me and one or more of these travelers. I remembered a discussion I had a few years ago with one of my daughters and her friends where we discussed the concept of “Six Degrees of Separation.” In 1929, Frigyes Karinthy launched a hypothesis that any two individuals in the world could be connected via five or less acquaintances. Back then, people were not as mobile, so one could easily find connections in less than six hops to almost anyone you encountered. Our world has grown, from around 2 billion individuals in the world in 1929, when Karinthy proposed the connectivity, to today where there are 7.5+ billion individuals, with more added every second. Even though our world has more than tripled in size, technology has done its very best to shrink the world. We move about much more freely. For example, like many families, my daughters moved away and now reside in Colorado and Arizona with little or no desire to return “home,” except for visits. Mail service and telegrams have been usurped by smart phones, email, tweets, and video chats. When my daughter and her friends discussed the concept of how close we actually are, one of her friends scoffed at the idea. “So you are telling me that I could think of any person in the world, and you can find a link between yourself and that person in six or less degrees?” I told her that was what the theory stated, so she challenged me on the spot and threw



out a name that we all knew, and yet one she was positive I would not find a connection in six steps or less: Arnold Schwarzenegger. My daughter and I almost fell out of our chairs in shock. The theory worked instantly; I was three steps away. My coworker at the time had a daughter who was married to the personal fitness instructor of the one and only Arnold Schwarzenegger. I had an autographed photo of Arnold, given to me by said coworker, which I produced as proof to gales of laughter.

Whether or not each of us can find connections to celebrities and/or notables in a few hops, we are all enriched by the connections which we have made in our lives. The connections I have made and enjoy at Pax Christi are, like many of you, the most heartwarming of all. I smile when I remember the "warm fuzzies" I felt when I ran into Pax Christi members while I was visiting the Mall of America. The brief hello and conversation put a spring in my step as I continued shopping. I have heard time and again that the Burgundy Bag has identified Pax Christi members to one another as they were out in a local grocery store, providing the grateful "Atta boy/girl" for mutual sharing of gifts. You know your pew partners, those who sit in the same general area at Mass, and many hold a special place in your heart as united travelers in the faith journey. Many of you have found deep and inspired relationships with other members as you mutually shared your time and talents in a ministry. Do you have a friend at Pax Christi? How does one make that connection to another? Sharing worship and our faith with one another is a great start. Sharing your gifts in a ministry opens the doors to new relationships. Even the simple step of slapping a name tag on the second weekend of the month at Mass and doing your very best to smile and greet one another, putting a name to that face you recognize can be the step towards making connections — ones that can last a lifetime. The benefits are heavenly.

*Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship and Development.*

## MORE TREASURED CONNECTIONS:

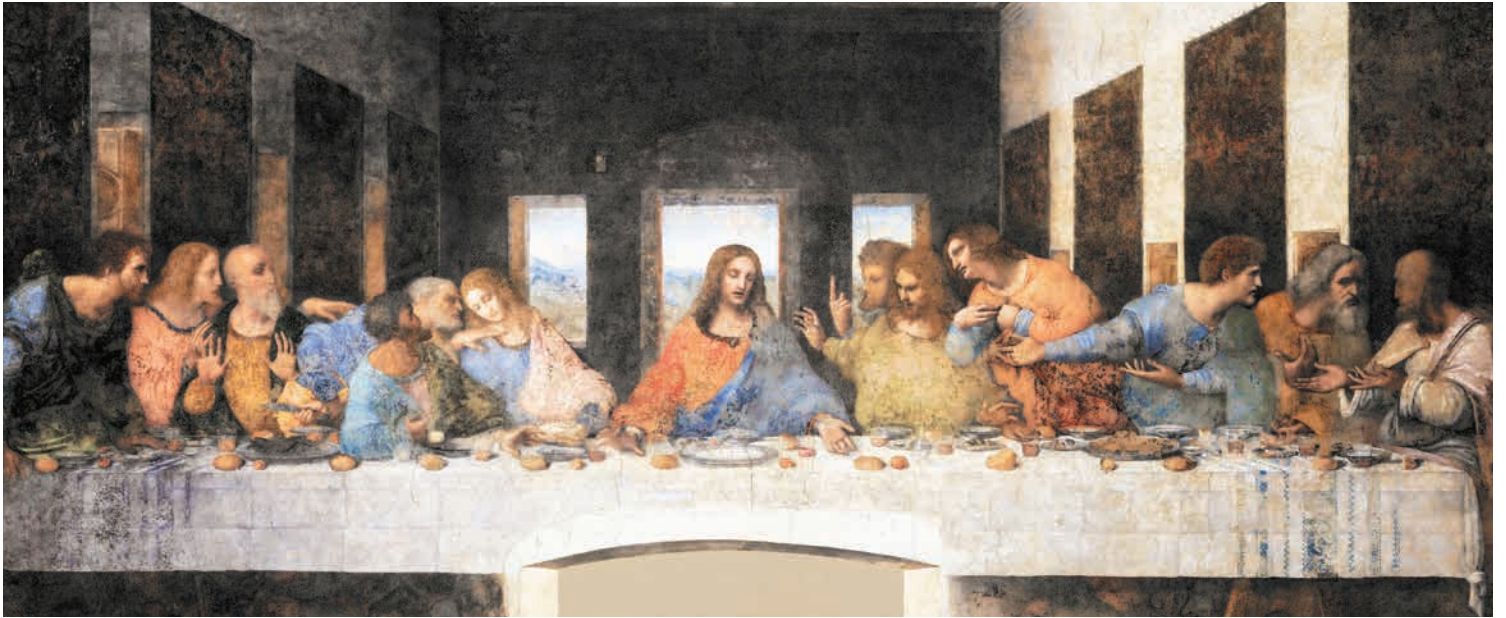
**As you read through this month's PaxChristiNews, take note of the "Connection" stories in RED from parishioners who call Pax Christi Home!**

*Jim and I began our journey at Pax Christi 25 plus years ago by committing to serve in the PREPARE Ministry. It was the best decision for we meet other couples who wanted to mentor engaged couples preparing for marriage. We made wonderful new friends who are also committed to this dynamic parish we affectionately call "Pax." We met terrific young couples who want to begin their marriage centered around their God in a community that supports them. The big parish is smaller because we belong to this ministry. There is no better way to meet other parishioners than joining a group to serve others. —Mary and Jim P.*

*When my husband and I moved to Minnesota in 2011 and started "church shopping," Pax Christi reminded us of the church we both grew up in, got confirmed in, and married each other in back in Greendale, WI. The parish community seemed so warm and hospitable, and we absolutely love the music at the Sunday evening Mass! We felt at home right away. I have especially enjoyed the connections I've made by volunteering at Pax Christi through the Lector ministry, the Moms ROCK ministry, and the married couples group study, as well as getting to know friendly faces in the pews at the Mass we regularly attend. My husband volunteers as a Crossbearer, and we've been blown away by how encouraging and welcoming some of the other volunteers are that we've met while serving at Mass! —Bethany P.*

*What is more fun to talk about is how our 'last of the litter' found his way to join me at Pax. Prior to visiting Pax, he was more interested in mass efficiency, by that I mean, that which took the least amount of time from leaving our driveway and completing the round trip each weekend. Our neighboring parish could not be beat, being only 5 minutes door to door. But then, he made the journey to Pax and as 'luck' would have it, Fr Bill would spot him at the end of Mass and ask him what he was up to, where he was going to school, why he had Jefferson (school sports program) and Kennedy (last name) on his sweatshirt, whatever it took to strike up a conversation with him (it happened more than once). In no time at all, Bryan gave up the efficient Mass program and was as hooked as I was on Pax. How cool is it to be able to go to Mass and be able to have a conversation with the pastor? —Mike K.*





# DINING IN

**WHAT IF** you invited people to an event but nobody came? That is sort of a light-hearted spin on the parable of the wedding feast Jesus used to illustrate that our priorities are not exactly spot on.

The groom in that parable went to great lengths to prepare a feast, but his usual group of friends were too busy to attend. Needless to say, he was a little put out. So, he sent out invitations to a new group of people who would appreciate his efforts.

It is a good parable. We get it.

But, while we all count ourselves in the group that accepted the invitation, are we really sitting down to the banquet? Or, are we getting ours to go?

Sadly, banquets have fallen out of fashion in our fast-paced, too-much-to-do society. And, we have forgotten something very important to us as social beings. It's not just about being fed. It's about interacting with all the other people invited to the meal. It's about making connections.

*I was never an active member in the community until my sophomore year of high school, and I joined the teen choir in order to prepare for Confirmation. After a year of Teen Choir, I moved to the Adult Choir. If there was anything that 'brought' me to Pax, it was choir. Everyone there enjoys singing and enriching the liturgy with song. Often times I have felt the most connected with God while singing. —Katie R.*

Roman culture had a great influence on the view of banquet feasts 2000 years ago. While the Romans and Jews despised each other — the Romans were, after all, in charge — the Romans' comparably luxurious lifestyle was mimicked by many in Jerusalem. Reclining at the table was one such custom emulated in those days. There were no spoons and forks and no soap. These weren't to be invented for another 1500 years. Instead, you rubbed your hands on a loaf of bread to scrub off the dirt. The crumbs fell to the floor and were snatched up by the dogs. But, you reclined like the Romans.



*From the moment I walked through the doors, I've felt welcomed and accepted by every person I met. It was God's guiding hand through where I was welcomed as one of their fellow Greeters. I've met such caring and loving people after God nudged me to join the Loaves and Fishes serving team... It's through the people of Pax Christi that God revealed His answers to my prayers. –Diane S.*

In ancient Rome, wedding feasts could last for as long as a week. If you've ever been to an Irish Wake, you'll understand just how long a week with guests can be. The amount of food and wine required to sustain these events required a host of people in the role of servants to put on the meal and keep the guests adequately satiated with food and spirits.

It's no wonder why the gospel story of running out of wine at the feast was such a concern, and maybe why Jesus decided to perform a miracle to keep the banquet going.

*We discovered that our new neighbors were musicians who also volunteered at Pax in several areas, and now they play at Mass nearly every week. The greeters at Pax made us feel welcome as did the familiar faces with whom we sat most weekends (yes, we do like the same spot). We started to attend some of the church's events to meet more people. –Kate and John H.*

Centuries later banquets were a means to foster political connections and social structure. The invitation list was carefully constructed so that not only like-minded people would be in attendance, but also contrasting personalities and viewpoints. This art of diversity in conversation and thought guaranteed a lively and entertaining evening.

*I've become a member of the choir at Pax and am one of the many lectors. I have gotten to know members in the choir, a few other lectors and hope to continue expanding my knowledge of names and faces as time goes on... I hope to continue to meet and become better acquainted with more members of the Pax community. –Wayne O.*

During the Middle Ages, as the middle classes began to prosper and emulate the aristocracy, banquets and feasts became more popular. The seating arrangements we see at modern weddings with the guests at large tables facing each other with the most honored guests seated at an elevated table in the front of the hall emulating this practice. The host, most often a noble, was seated in the middle.

DaVinci's *The Last Supper* painting reflected this medieval practice with Jesus sitting in the middle of the table surrounded by the apostles. As we look at the painting, our perspective is from the audience or guests' point of view. Of course, during the first century, guests at meals would either be sitting cross-legged on the floor, as learned from the Middle Eastern cultures, or reclining on the floor as the Romans practiced. But, this is art.

Looking closer at *The Last Supper* painting, what is the action we see captured at the table? They are eating, drinking, and talking. They're making connections.

*After I retired and I had more time for volunteer activities. I served on the Justice Grants Board for three years and enrolled in the Women with Spirit Bible Study, which I found to be a wonderful endeavor... I began to realize that I was home. –Susan C.*

*The fellowship I have developed with other women who want to learn more about our faith has really connected me to my faith and Pax Christi. –Mary L.*

We live in the modern age. We have forks, spoons, and soap. We have feasts ready to go at a minute's notice. We do still recline at the meal while being entertained.

But, we are alone.

We can't all sing in the choir or greet everybody at the door. And, maybe we don't need to. We don't necessarily have to join a committee or program. Maybe all it takes is accepting the invitation to attend.

Maybe all it really takes is spending a few minutes to notice the person across the table and to ask them a question and wait for the reply.

Maybe we just really need to make a connection.

*Written by Bob Swearingin, Pax Christi Parishioner.*





# WHAT'S YOUR THING?

## PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH THROUGH OUR PASSIONS

**EVERYONE'S** got that **THING** s/he loves to do. You know, that **THING** you're really good at — the **THING** that you're really passionate about — the **THING** that makes others giddy with delight when you're the one doing it.

For parishioner Mary Becker, that **THING** is appreciating creation. "I love hiking, biking, gardening, cross country skiing... just being observant. I open my eyes to nature, to the sunrise, to the awareness of gratitude for our natural surroundings."

Mary is a catechist for senior high faith formation here at Pax Christi. Each week during the school year, she combines her passion for nature with her faith and shares it with about ten high school youth.

### CONNECTING THE DOTS AT PAX CHRISTI

Faith Interest Connectors (FICs) are short-term small group courses that combine passion-based learning with faith formation. Over the last four years, FICs have become the primary model for Pax Christi's high school faith formation program.

FICs are based on a shared interest such as cooking, music, nature, sports, sciences, politics, etc. With these interests as a foundation, group leaders build relationships with group members and accompany them as they connect the dots between the things they love to do and their identity as a Christian disciple.

A typical FIC is presented over the course of 7-8 weekly sessions. Each FIC group explores a different theme of discipleship and something related to their interest topic. Members of the FICs work together to explore connections between faith and daily life using resources from the faith tradition, scripture, Christian practices, and culture. This kind of theological reflection allows us to live as Christian disciples through these discoveries.

For Mary's *Nature and Faith* FIC, the group takes a walk around the pond at Pax Christi every week, learning about a different element of nature and how it connects to our faith. For example: "One week, we were talking about roots. We took apart plants and examined their roots, then we talked about how

we're rooted in our faith. We discussed how having strong faith roots helps us during the hard times, how we grow our roots and reach out in faith, how it offers us stability."

"We always try to connect what we do with a parable or Scripture story," says Mary. "So when we talked about water, we used the story of Jesus walking on water and asking Peter to get in the boat. Then we connected it to how we use water in the sacraments and in our daily lives."

### GROWING ROOTS TOGETHER

So why does Pax Christi use this rather unorthodox approach to senior high faith formation?

"I find FICs captivating because they're *real*," says Lynn Schelitzche, Pax Christi's Director of Faith Formation. "That might sound trite, but what could be more real than a mentor sharing their true passion? They're sharing their God-given gift, and that brings a sense of connectedness and excitement both to them and to the youth in their group."

Fr. Murtaugh agrees. "Jesus was a connector. He connected

with disciples. He taught through stories, and we teach through relationships. We are a community, so all these programs are about community and relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ."

For FIC leaders, being an expert in the faith is not a pre-requisite. "It's that old saying: if you want to learn about something, teach it. Becoming comfortable with Scripture and realizing that I didn't need to know everything was good. Starting with simple prayers—like opening our class with the Hail Mary—was very easy, very helpful."

The best part is that Mary isn't in it alone. Her co-leader, parishioner Cathy Buse, offers additional support and insights to the group. Mary says, "It was great to have Cathy as a partner, another adult influence in the room." In fact, many FIC leaders choose to work with another person to lead an FIC. The Faith Formation staff also serves as a resource for activity ideas, helping to make the interest-faith connections, and offering support at every step along the way.





## BEARING FRUIT

For many Pax Christi youth, FICs are an integral part of their development as a person of faith. “My favorite part of the experience is really the idea of the FICs—the way they give us an opportunity to stray from the traditional idea of a religious education classroom,” says Catherine McComas-Bussa, a sophomore student at Shakopee High School. “As participants, we grow in our faith and simultaneously expand on our passions. The wide variety of classes offered ensures that there is a good fit for everyone in all of their unique interests and talents.”

Last season, Catherine participated in an FIC called *Table Talk*, in which youth discussed controversial political and social topics. They learned active listening skills for difficult conversations and explored how listening to others and to God is an important practice for a Christian disciple.

Catherine’s extracurricular activities include speech, Youth in Government, 4-H, and the Metro Area Leaders Club, so *Table Talk* was a great fit. “It was something I looked forward to attending every week. I gained a deeper faith in addition to strengthening my communication skills and truly growing as a person.”

## PLANTING SEEDS

Mary has some encouraging words for anyone who may be nervous about leading an FIC. “If you’re thinking about it, go for it. You have great support, and you’re not there alone. Take that idea that you have and share it with the youth. Just give it a try!

“When we discuss seeds,” she says, “we ask the question: Who plants the seeds of faith in our lives? Do we plant seeds of faith in other people’s lives?” Then she says quite matter-of-factly, “Each little acorn is a huge oak tree.”



*FIC youth participate in a hands-on activity with maps looking for towns named after saints.*

# SO...WHAT'S YOUR THING?

New leaders are always welcome to join the FIC team for our high school groups. This fall, we also hope to add FICs into our adult faith formation offerings. Come share your gift or passion to help us expand our FIC program!

**CONSIDER THIS OUR FORMAL INVITATION TO YOU:** Whether you are a professional, an amateur, a hobbyist, or an appreciator, you are invited to share your **THING** as a part of Pax Christi’s faith formation program.

[www.paxchristi.com/fic](http://www.paxchristi.com/fic)

*Written by Jessie Johnson, Youth Formation Minister, and Brad Schleif, Faith Formation Council member.*

LET THE WISE HEAR  
AND INCREASE IN  
LEARNING, AND  
THE ONE WHO  
UNDERSTANDS  
OBTAIN GUIDANCE.  
—PROVERBS 1:5



# “SO WHAT?”

**So . . . what difference does this teaching of the Church or this message of the Gospel make to the way I live my life?**

**FAITH FORMATION** is a life-long process in which people encounter God and their call to participate in God’s purpose for them. This process involves knowledge (teaching of the faith and sacred scripture), formation (who we are becoming), and transformation (outcome because of who we are and how we live). In other words, in response to God’s call to holiness, our faith and life as adult disciples are grounded in developing a relationship with Jesus, learning and living our faith as active members of the Church, and sharing or living the message of Christ to renew and transform.

Are you interested in helping to develop opportunities for adult faith — opportunities where adults can grow as followers of Jesus through experience, reflection, prayer, and study? Our adult faith formation opportunities are growing, but we need a team of people to grow it to its full potential. We want to develop a life of continued faith for parishioners by creating adult opportunities not covered by other ministries in the church. We are developing an adult faith formation committee responsible for identifying, planning, implementing, promoting, and evaluating faith formation events for adult parishioners.

Areas to consider are theological studies in a social setting, men’s group, Bible studies, book studies, Church teachings, encountering the Divine through personal practices such as writing or art, married couples study groups, groups focused on life stages from young adult through retirement, field trips (i.e., worship spaces of non-Christian religions, docent tour of religious art at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the theology of architecture at a variety of worship spaces), and so much more. The possibilities are endless.

Please consider getting in on the ground floor of the newly-forming Adult Faith Formation Committee! Some of you have already approached me with ideas for adult faith formation that you would like to see at Pax Christi. It is that kind of interest that would be beneficial on an adult faith formation committee. This committee would be engaging, creative, and fun. Let’s get connected with each other. Please contact me at [lschelitzche@paxchristi.com](mailto:lschelitzche@paxchristi.com) or 952-941-3150, and let me know of your interest and discuss the possibilities. We hope to have a wonderful group to grow our adult faith formation at Pax Christi.

*Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation.*



# REGISTRATION TIME IS HERE!

The Faith Formation department is excited to welcome you to an exciting new program year for our Children and Youth programming! Along with some of the great programs parishioners have taken part in over years past, we are also happy to share some changes to this year's offerings! Following is a list of the Youth Programs we will be offering for the 2017-18 program year:

## FORMATION OFFERINGS:

### GODLY PLAY

**Ages 4 – 6**

#### Day/Time Options:

Sundays 6:30 – 7:45pm  
Wednesdays 4:45 – 6:00pm  
Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:45pm

### CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, LEVELS I & II

**Ages 4 – Grade 3**

#### Day/Time:

Sundays 6:30 – 7:45pm

### FINDING GOD PROGRAM

**Grades 1 – 5**

#### Day/Time Options:

Sundays 6:30 – 7:45pm  
Wednesdays 4:45 – 6:00pm  
Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:45pm

### PAXCONNEX

**Grades 6 – 8**

#### Day/Time Options:

Sundays 6:30 – 7:45pm  
Wednesdays 4:45 – 6:00pm

### FAITH INTEREST CONNECTORS

**Grades 9 – 12**

#### Day/Time Options:

Sundays 6:30 – 7:45pm  
Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:45pm

*As a part of these programs (left column), or if your child is registered in a Catholic school, there is the option to take part in sacrament preparation with us. If this is something that you would be interested in, please make sure to indicate it on your registration form.*

## SACRAMENTAL PREP:

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

**Grade 2 and older**

### FIRST EUCHARIST

**Grade 2 and older**

### CONFIRMATION

**Grade 10 and older**

To register for any of these programs, please go to the registration page on our website, [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration). There you will find links to register for each of the different program times. Each link will lead you to a registration page where you can select to register youth or volunteer for the indicated time slot. Remember, registration fees are waived for the family members of catechists!

If you are registering for multiple time slots and planning to pay electronically, you only need to fill out the payment page once. Simply select the total number of the registrants when indicated.

We are offering a special Early Bird registration fee of \$100 per child with a maximum payment of \$300 through August 1. After that date, the fee will increase to \$125 per child with a maximum payment of \$375. Partial and full scholarships are available for families by contacting Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation, at [lschelitzche@paxchristi.com](mailto:lschelitzche@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7230. Please note that registrations will not be processed until payment is submitted.

We will also have additional activities for youth that don't require a registration form! These will be faith building and social activities that will be posted on our website, so keep watching.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Ages 4 – Grade 4**

During all Sunday Masses

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grades 6 – 12**

Special events held for Middle School and High School youth throughout the year. These events will be announced throughout the year.



If you have any questions or concerns about the programs or the registration process, please contact Andrea Ward at [award@paxchristi.com](mailto:award@paxchristi.com) or 952-405-7207.



## UNWRAPPING OUR 35TH ANNIVERSARY GIFT

**IN CELEBRATION** of Pax Christi's 35th Anniversary Celebration, the Community Council designated a \$35,000 donation to honor Pax Christi values: "In company with God ...we discern the most pressing needs of society and... Utilize our spiritual and material resources to meet them."\* Here is what we offered to the community at large to celebrate our 35 years of Pax Christi's community!

Recent years have found members of the Pax Christi community working hard to alleviate homelessness, the effects of poverty, as well as addressing our earth's health. Those issues were the focus of our gift.

In the fall of 2016, over 100 members of Pax Christi gathered as volunteers. Under the organized supervision of **Habitat for Humanity**, our community helped fund and build a house in Prior Lake. This house was meant for a family seeking the stability and peace of a home. The largest portion of our gift went to this project. A family of four is now living in their own home.

On the heels of that good beginning, Pax Christi arranged to fund and **build dressers**, to be given to those moving into a home. Dozens of Pax Christi volunteers, all ages and skill levels, gathered for this communal event. They built 140 clothing dressers. Each member of a family moving out of homelessness is given a dresser of his/her own. Our own Pax member, Fran Heitzman, started this now celebrated icon, Bridging, where authorized families can go 'shopping' to furnish their homes with good formerly owned furnishings and often new dressers!

Smaller portions of the gift have gone to: **A Brush With Kindness** where on a weekend in May, the outside of a house in the Phillips neighborhood was renovated with paint and painters from our community. Money was also donated to **Launch Ministry** for homeless youth based in our Southwest region. In 2016 Launch Ministry provided a drop-in center plus meals, 12-step groups, support, and crucial resources for 170 homeless and precariously-housed youth and young adults.

Money funding the **Beehive Support Project** nurtured our earthly environment and helped fund the **fence around the Giving Gardens**. In this community plot, fresh produce is grown and donated to local food shelves. Finally, to nurture our communities continued growth, a program of speakers on Principles of Justice will be offered once a month from October 2017 to June 2018. To quote Pope Francis: "May all people here find inspiration and strength to build a future of justice and peace..."

In summary our gift went to relieve poverty and homelessness, support a sound environment, and honor our communities' values in keeping with Pax Christi's mission. A good way to 'wrap up' our 35 years!

*\*Excerpt; Mission of Pax Christi- Commentary; page 5 of Leadership Guide.*

*Written by Sharon Moeller, Parishioner and Justice Council member.*





# BOOMERS AND BEYOND

## PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

A FUN WAY TO SOCIALIZE IN MANY WAYS WITH THOSE WHO ARE AGE 55 AND OVER!

**WHEN** my husband and I retired nine years ago, we took some time off, and after six months decided that we wanted to do some volunteering and get involved together in something new at Pax Christi. Deacon Al Schroeder encouraged us to join a committee that was working at getting a ministry started for those in the parish who were over age 55, maybe retiring, looking for something enjoyable and fun, were empty-nesters, or just wanted to meet new people in the parish.

Having been involved for six years in the PREPARE Ministry for Engaged Couples, we thought it was time for a change and that this may be just what we were looking for at this time in our lives. We joined the committee of five others and got to work to encourage more participation with scheduled events and new ways to advertise! The committee planned an event for each month from September through May. With mailings to parishioners over age 55, articles in the bulletin, and word of mouth, we were able to bring our membership to 80 the following year! Our most popular dates have been the Opening Session in the fall with a speaker and brunch, the Christmas Party with a holiday meal and lively entertainment, and the retreat in May which we share hosting every other year with St. Edward's in Bloomington. The other months we plan different occurrences, such as attending local plays, wine tasting, local bus trips, speakers on subjects such as the importance of a will, how to live a full and active life in our "prime time" years, health events, pot lucks, volunteering at Feed My Starving Children, and monthly First Friday Mass with social time and light treats after. These opportunities help to further the mission of our church and to encourage participants to reach out to others with love, support, care, friendship, laughter, and spiritual fellowship. For the last four years, our membership has grown to a consistent 120 members with friends, both personal, and from the parish, joining us for certain events following the philosophy of ALL ARE WELCOME!

We continued to be part of the committee for seven years because we met many friends we enjoy sharing time with. It is so nice to go to Mass and other Pax Christi events and see people we know and

love to be with. We've continued to attend as many Boomers and Beyond events as possible this past year (we "snowbird" south for a while in the winter) and want to see this ministry remain active and vibrant. The current committee is looking for new members to join the planning team and some fresh ideas as they plan next year's schedule. Watch for information via mailings, bulletin, and magazine announcements in the coming months. **We'd love to have you share in this special ministry. Come join us on the road to adventure!**

*Written by Dave and Mary Loew,*

*Parishioners and Boomer and Beyond Charter Members.*

### NEW THIS YEAR - NO FEE TO JOIN!

Boomers and Beyond is a dynamic ministry for adult (55+ years old) members of Pax Christi, offering a variety of social gatherings, communal prayer, and opportunities to serve others through many various activities throughout the year. We are always happy to have new friends join in, so we hope you will become a member today. We are looking forward to a great upcoming year. If you're 55 or over, come join us! Register today to be a Boomer! **NEW THIS YEAR – NO FEE TO JOIN.** Members pay individually for events they are able to attend. As always, several events will be scheduled during the year with no cost. Sign up at [www.paxchristi.com/boomers](http://www.paxchristi.com/boomers). No email? No problem. Membership cards are available at the front desk or stop in the parish office. Your completed form can be returned to the parish office. Members will receive periodic emails or mailings with details on upcoming events and registration information. All are welcome to participate and help plan events.

## READINGS FOR JULY

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 2, 2017

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/  
Mt 10:37-42  
Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29  
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9, 2017

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/  
Mt 11:25-30  
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26  
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15/Mt 9:32-38  
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/  
Mt 10:1-7  
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/  
Mt 10:16-23  
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10-14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23  
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34--11:1  
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23, 2017

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/  
Mt 13:24-43  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/  
Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52  
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-23/Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-13/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5-7, 9/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab/  
Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

## LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Are you someone with Celiac Disease or a gluten intolerance? Under the direction of Archbishop Hebda, we will no longer make GLUTEN-FREE hosts available for Holy Communion. We do have a LOW-GLUTEN option available. Information about this product is available at the sacristy. Please stop and speak to a Mass Coordinator at the sacristy before Mass and s/he will make this LOW-GLUTEN option available at the font during Communion time. If you need to abstain from taking Eucharist in this form, on request before Mass, we will have an uncontaminated cup of the Precious Blood also available at the font.

## PARISHIONER NEWS

### MAY BAPTISMS

Charlotte Catherine Jacobson	5/7/2017
Max Joseph Wolfe	5/7/2017
Edie Jane Rosemary Glaser	5/14/2017
Oliver Louis Lund	5/14/2017
Brody Andrew Narloch	5/14/2017
Paxton Lee Stalwick Rojas	5/14/2017
Lola Rose Dendauw	5/21/2017
Nathan Michael Groehler	5/21/2017
Ethan Korang Yamoah	5/21/2017
Lanah Sofia Eichmann	5/28/2017
Makenzie Ann Tibbetts	5/28/2017

### MAY WEDDINGS

Briana Haus and Eric Tighe	5/6/2017
Amanda Mohs and Stephen Rausch	5/20/2017
Stephanie Vilendrer and Ryan Deppe	5/27/2017

### MAY FUNERAL

William Teubert	5/5/2017
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### MAY NEW MEMBERS

Michael and Suzanne Becker  
Scott and Amy Dean  
Thomas Goblisch  
Caylee Haus  
Daniel and Jodi Hogan  
David and Meghan Johnson  
Mary and Rich Osborn  
Dennis and Sheree Plantenberg  
Robert and Barbara Reiter  
Katherine White





# ON THE ROAD TO JERICHO

## GROWING A CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER AND A COMMUNITY OF CARE

Pax Christi Catholic Community's initiative to know more about the lives of our immigrant neighbors and the issue of immigration.

### “IMMIGRANTS FOR SALE” FILM VIEWING

#### Two Showings:

**Sunday, July 2 and Sunday, July 30, 12:30pm in Room 212**

In this film, we learn about the deep ties between corporate for-profit prisons and the criminalization of immigrants. Come view this compelling film and join the discussion afterwards.

### “PURSUING THE DREAM” FILM VIEWING

#### Two Showings:

**Sunday, July 30 and Sunday, August 13, 12:30pm in Room 212**

In this film, we learn about how the immigration system has been warped to increase profits for the wealthy few. Come view this compelling film and join the discussion afterwards.

### ON THE ROAD TO JERICHO SPEAKER SERIES

**Sunday, July 9, 23, and August 6, 20, 12:30pm in Room 212**

Hear the stories from our immigrant neighbors!



### CROSSING BORDERS:

#### MIGRATION, THEOLOGY, AND THE HUMAN JOURNEY

**8 Week series meeting September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and November 6, 13, 6:30–8:30pm, in Chief Joseph Room 247**

Immigration is a complex issue that is reshaping the cultural, economic and political landscape of the planet. *Crossing Borders: Migration, Theology, and the Human Journey* offers the opportunity for prayer, reading and reflection as well as discussion and discovery related to this critical and controversial issue of our day. We will find common ground and discover more about ourselves, our values, our God, and the millions of people who are on the move in every part of the world. Fee of \$35 per person. Visit [www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration](http://www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration) to register. Questions? Please contact Joan Howe-Pullis, [jhowe-pullis@comcast.net](mailto:jhowe-pullis@comcast.net), or 952-405-7247.



## INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND AND MASS

**MASS: Tuesday, July 4, 9:00am**

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no hospitality following morning Masses and the nursery will be closed over the Fourth of July Weekend. The parish office will be CLOSED for business in observance of the holiday beginning at 12:00noon on July 3 and the building will close following Mass on July 4. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

## OPEN SOULCOLLAGE®

**Wednesday, July 19, 6:30–8:30pm, Room 212; \$5 FOR MATERIALS RSVP**

There will be a brief refresher about the SoulCollage® process, reflection, and meditation. Then we will make cards, and use the cards for counsel and inspiration with this fun and insightful style of journaling. No artistic or SoulCollage® experience necessary. Facilitated by Lynn Schelitzche, MA, Faith Formation Director, and SoulCollage® facilitator. Material fee will be collected at the door.

## VACATION BIBLE CAMP WEEK — REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

**Week of July 24–28, 9:00am–12:00pm, Ages 3 years – 6TH GRADE RSVP**

What Would Jesus DO? Our theme for this year's Bible Camp allows our campers and volunteers to explore fun and outreach as we spread the love of Jesus throughout our world. This year we will be sharing our craft creations with local care centers, YouthLink, PROP, and the CAP agency. Our campers and hundreds of volunteers will experience the joy of Christmas in July, the first miracle performed by Jesus, the calming of the stressful "seas" in our lives, and the first "happy meal." We welcome ages three to 100 to participate. Register your children and grandchildren, and then volunteer and grow in your own faith as your children grow in theirs.

## PAXCONNEX MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

**JULY 24–28, 8:30–4:00pm (7:00pm July 28), \$100/\$125 RSVP**

Will you be in grade 6–8 this fall? You are invited to be part of Pax Christi's Middle School Service Camp! Join PaxConnex for a week of service and fun, both here at Pax Christi and in our community! Mornings will be spent at local organizations helping those in need (such as PROP, Senior Community Services, and Feed My Starving Children) or as crew leaders at Vacation Bible Camp. During the afternoon, we'll spend some time having fun with games, movies, and trips to Grand Slam, Cascade Bay, and Valleyfair! Fee includes lunch each day, transportation to all off-campus locations, admission to all afternoon activity sites, and a t-shirt. Register online today, or contact Jessie Johnson, [jjohnson@paxchristi.com](mailto:jjohnson@paxchristi.com), for more information.

## MAKE PLANS NOW

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**Wednesday, August 9, 6:00pm Mass with Dinner Following**

Anointing will be available for any member of our community who is in need of an emotional or physical healing. While the physical effects of a healing are not always noticed, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. Anointing often begins for us with the oil of chrism at Baptism, is used to reaffirm our journey of faith during Confirmation, and when we are sick, anointing with oil can bring us healing of the mind, body, and spirit. As we move from anointings in our life, we are reminded that Jesus is with us through all our passages of life. All parishioners are welcome to join us for this Mass as we gather together in prayerful support for those who are sick and in need of healing. Following Mass, a light dinner will be served in the Dorothy Day Social Hall for those who have been anointed, along with their family members and guests. If you or someone you know could benefit from this sacrament and would like to attend this Mass, we ask that you please contact Mary Ann Callahan in Pastoral Care, 952-405-7227, by August 2.

### SUMMER SPLASH FAMILY CAMP

**August 9–13, Mount Carmel Retreat Center, Lake Carlos RSVP**

Join together with other families who are looking for a different kind of vacation. This year, bring fun and faith together. Awesome activities for all ages. Families share in wet, wild and high-flying fun including boating, tubing, water-skiing, giant inflatables, crafts, volleyball, tennis, soccer, giant water-slide, outrageous games, hilarious skits, and so much more! Kids learn about Jesus through sports, games, talks and other fun activities. Adults hear from great speakers, experience awesome worship, and get to know wonderful faith-filled people. Complete details can be found at [www.familyfestministries.org](http://www.familyfestministries.org).



## TWELVE BASKETS BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

**DROP OFF WEEKEND OF AUGUST 12/13**

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 starting July 29/30. Red bins at doors 1 and 3 will be ready to receive your contributions. Items will benefit students at Risen Christ Catholic School in South Minneapolis, Blessed Trinity Catholic School in Richfield, Community of Saints Catholic School in St. Paul, and Gichitwaa Kateri Catholic Church in Minneapolis, as well as PROP, serving students in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen.

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**Monday, September 18, 7:00am–6:00pm, \$65.00 RSVP**

Pilgrimage is one of the most ancient spiritual practices, going back to the Old Testament. When we go on pilgrimage, we leave the familiar surroundings of our everyday life to journey to a holy place – a spiritual time to be renewed in faith, hope, and charity. The shrine's grounds are located on over 100 wooded acres, above the city of La Crosse. The shrine consists of 12 devotional areas, bronze sculptures, votive chapel, and the shrine church. There will be time to enjoy the gentle Meditation Trail with various stops, leading to the church. Golf carts will shuttle pilgrims as needed. Also available will be an optional tour of the church and confessions. Complete details of the day are available at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: ARTISTS NEEDED

**Saturday, December 2, 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. Information and registration forms are available online, [www.paxchristi.com/holidayboutique](http://www.paxchristi.com/holidayboutique). The application deadline is August 14.

## HOLY LAND AND JORDAN WITH FR BILL MURTAUGH

**APRIL 16–27, 2018 RSVP**

Travel to the Holy Land and Jordan with Fr. Bill Murtaugh and walk in the footsteps of Jesus throughout this special pilgrimage. Explore the Red Rose City of Petra. Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Renew your wedding vows in Cana. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane for Holy Hour. Walk the Via Dolorosa and pray the Stations of the Cross. Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. And so much more! To learn about this special pilgrimage, please visit [www.magitravelinc.com](http://www.magitravelinc.com). Register online soon as a limited number of seats are available.



## CARE CENTER VISITORS NEEDED! INFORMATIONAL SESSION AND TRAINING

**Wednesday, July 12, 10:00–11:30am, Room 239 RSVP**

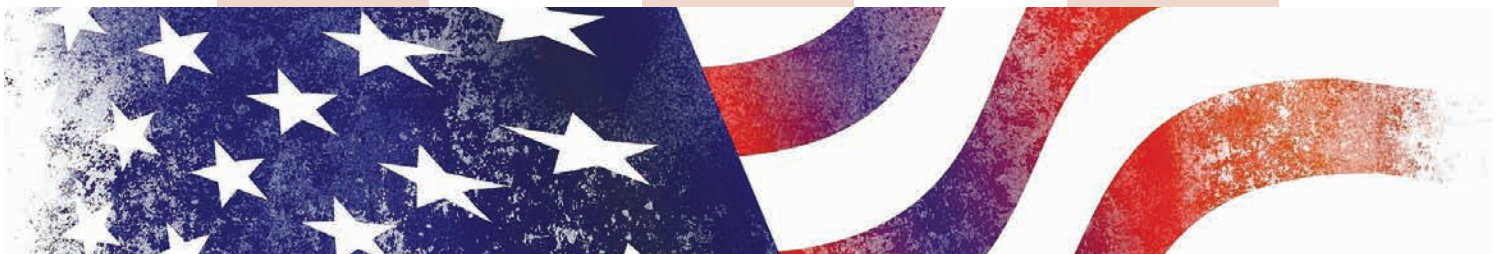
Currently, a dedicated group of shared ministers go out into our community to serve at seven area care centers and bring the presence of Christ to our neighbors who are unable to participate in our Sunday liturgies. Several more people are needed in this important ministry to visit and bring communion. Training and an opportunity for shadowing, is available for a variety of care center roles on various days and times during the week. All shared ministers must be able to maintain confidentiality and complete a background check, Code of Conduct, and vulnerable adult training, as well as provide their own transportation to the care centers. The time commitment is 1–2 hours per month. Please join us for this informational session and training. Questions or to RSVP contact Jean Thoresen, [jthoresen@paxchristi.com](mailto:jthoresen@paxchristi.com).

*When I think of what I am doing in the weeks moving toward my 79th birthday, one of the best parts is taking communion to folks at care centers. I feel like I'm walking on holy ground as I enter the rooms of people who can no longer get to Mass but so much appreciate receiving Jesus in communion. Their faces light up and you can tell that this is a very sacred time for them. We pray the Our Father together and sometimes sing a favorite hymn. Once in a while, a resident will tell me a great story from their earlier years. At other times, a family member is there visiting and I learn more about the family. This year I have been participating in the monthly Shared Ministry Evenings at Pax Christi with others parishioners who also visit care centers. We share the experiences we've had and also receive inspiration from speakers brought in to help us in our ministry. This "engagement ministry" has certainly helped deepen my faith in many ways. —Diane H.*

# JULY

See pages 17–19 for details  
or visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 "IMMIGRANTS FOR SALE" FILM VIEWING	3 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN PM	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	5	6	7	8
9 ON THE ROAD TO JERICO SPEAKER SERIES 1/4	10	11 BAPTISM PREP CLASS	12 CARE CENTER VISITOR INFO/TRAINING	13	14	15
16 "PURSUING THE DREAM" FILM VIEWING	17 VIRTUS TRAINING	18	19 VIRTUS TRAINING SOUL COLLAGE®	20	21	22
23 ON THE ROAD TO JERICO SPEAKER SERIES 2/4 VIRTUS TRAINING	24	25	26	27	28	29
VACATION BIBLE CAMP WEEK						
30 "IMMIGRANTS FOR SALE" FILM VIEWING REPEAT	31	1	2	3	4	5







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## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PAX CHRISTI'S PET MINISTRY AND BECOMING ONE OF OUR TEAMS?



Pax Pet Visit ministers are a group of animal lovers who know and appreciate the ability pets have to demonstrate God's love through unconditional love and unbounded acceptance of the individual. We believe in the healing benefits that come with this unconditional love. To become a Pet Visit Ministry Team, it is required that a pet owner is willing to participate in the training and testing necessary to certify their pet. Owner and pet then become a volunteer team in this ministry, and represent Pax Christi. We constantly aspire to add more teams so we can broaden the ministry to people in need. For more information contact, Renee Reardon, Pastoral Care Coordinator, [rreardon@paxchristi.com](mailto:rreardon@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7200.