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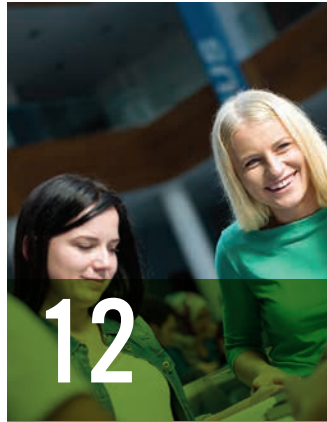
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BEFORE I FORGET...



Fr. Bill Murtaugh
Senior Associate Pastor

WHAT I want to share with you before I move on to my next assignment at Christ the King parish comes from the writings of Pope Francis: "When everything is said and done, we are infinitely loved by God." This is the most important message I've tried to convey at Sunday Eucharist, during the sacrament of Reconciliation, as I pray with the sick and the dying, and as I minister to those struggling with their faith or with any issue in their lives. You are important to God just as you are. If we can believe that we are important to God, we will experience

a deep, inner peace that no one can take from us. I believe that Jesus of Nazareth lived and died knowing that He was important to the One He called Father. Once we believe this and live it each day, we will experience that we are one with God, just as Jesus said, "The Father and I are one." Unless we do, it is difficult to get going and to have the freedom to risk everything for God, as Jesus did.

As we begin to think, to believe, and to act knowing that we are important to God, everything changes. Our faith becomes exciting and more alive. We

move from "fear of a judging God" to being in love with God who is "love and mercy." We will grow to experience what it truly means to be humble and compassionate, and then continue on the path of becoming the human beings that God created in God's image and likeness. In Gerald Manley Hopkins' happy phrase, you are God's "immortal diamond."

I use the following scripture passages when I am praying with the sick and dying. I hope you can use them in your prayer/meditation.





Before each verse, insert your name and pray, "Lord, may I believe that you are communicating with me now," saying your name, and imagining God speaking the verse to you. Don't rush, let God's word bring you comfort.

*"[Your name], you are my beloved!" *Romans 1:7*

* "[Your name], I have loved you with an everlasting love, and therefore I am constant in my affection for you." *Jeremiah 3:13*

* "[Your name], as the Father loves me, so I love you. Please remain in my love." *John 15:9*

* "[Your name], I love the world so much that I gave my only Son so that no one may be lost but all may have eternal life." *John 3:16*

* "[Your name], you are the light of the world, so let your light shine." *Matthew 5:16*

* "[Your name], I am never far from you, for it is in me that you live and move and have your being." *Acts 17:27*

* "[Your name], my right hand holds you fast, and turns everything to your good." *Psalms 63:3, Roman 8:28*

* "[Your name], I blot out your wrongdoings, and I will not remember your sins." *Isaiah 43:25*

* "[Your name], the Spirit comes to help you in your weakness, for when you cannot pray properly, the Spirit expresses your plea in a way that could never be put into words." *Romans 8:26*

* "[Your name], if you should walk through the valley of darkness, you need fear no evil. I am there with my rod and my staff to give you comfort." *Psalms 23:4*

* "[Your name], do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine." *Isaiah 43:1*

* "[Your name], do not let your heart be troubled; trust in God and trust in me." *John 14:1*

* "[Your name], as the Father loves me, so I love you. You are my friend: abide in my love." *John 15:7-15*

* "[Your name], I love you and gave myself up for you." *Galatians 2:20*

* "[Your name], in the wilderness I carried you, just as a parent carries a child, all the way that you traveled until you reached this place." *Deuteronomy 1:31*

* "[Your name], I made you little less than the angels, and crowned you with glory and honor. Your name is inscribed in the palms of my hands." *Psalms 8:3, Isaiah 49:16*

* "[Your name], I know the plans I have in mind for you, plans for peace and not for disaster, to give you a future full of hope." *Jeremiah 29:11*

* "[Your name], I am standing at your door, knocking. If you open the door, I will come in and share a meal with you." *Revelation 3:20*

* "[Your name], my steadfast love for you is from everlasting to everlasting." *Psalms 103:17*

* "[Your name], when Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory." *Colossians 3:4*

* "[Your name], I am all compassion and love." *Psalms 102:8*

* "[Your name], my Father and I will love you, and we will come to you and make our home with you." *John 14:23*

* "[Your name], I have prepared a banquet for you. You will have fullness of joy in my presence, and at my right hand happiness forever." *Psalms 23:5-6*

* "[Your name], when you were a child I loved you. It was I who taught you to walk. I led you with cords of human kindness. I was like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to you and fed you." *Hosea 11:1-4*

* "[Your name], do you love me?" *John 21:17*

* "[Your name], no eye has seen and no ear has heard, nor can you imagine all that I have prepared for you." *1 Corinthians 2:9*

* "[Your name], my power, working in you, can do infinitely more than you can ask or imagine." *Ephesians 3:20*

TO BE SEEN...



SOMETIMES there is a dream that lies deep within us. We may not see it, but someone else does. It's the "nudge" that someone who cares about us gives us. It's someone who extends the invitation to join something that matters deeply to them.

It's the old friend who says, "I want to introduce you to someone you need to meet." Sometimes it's a shared minister, pastor, or member of the staff who says, "Why don't you sign up or have you ever considered?"

This is what has been happening at Pax Christi the last few weeks. It's the invitation to every member of our community to discernment and discipleship. It's the step into the deeper water of faith and Christian life.

It's the whisper or nudge by people who see the divine spark in you. You may wonder, "Am I ready?" "Do I have the skills?" What if you considered that this invitation was coming from the Holy Spirit through someone else? It's not an audition and you don't have to "try out."

What if you said, "Yes?" What amazing things could happen to you? Imagine the people you could meet and the difference you could make. Your life may be ready for a change.

Maybe you are the one who has been "nudged" to reach out to someone. Sometimes we are simply waiting for someone to ask us. Consider this an open invitation to you. We each have gifts that are unique and different. It's the combination of all of our gifts that keep our flourishing community strong.

Stewardship is a way of life. We welcome everyone. We want you to be seen and known. If we haven't met you yet, we want to meet you! If you have been here for a while and haven't found your place yet, we will be happy to connect you with a ministry that speaks to you. If you have been engaged and are looking for a new challenge, we can help you too!

We hold New Member Welcome weekends after Masses on the second weekend of the month. Stop by and meet us! If you would like to be a part of welcoming new members, consider joining our ministry. For more details, contact Maura Schnorbach, Director of Development and Engagement, mschnorbach@paxchristi.com.

Written by Maura Schnorbach, Director of Development and Engagement



A GIFT WITH A LOT OF HEART!

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY GIFTS AN AED TO PAX CHRISTI

WITH THE theme for this issue of the magazine being about welcoming, it is appropriate that a number of our parishioners were part of a movement that brought a second automated external defibrillator (AED) machine to our building. This AED is for the lower level that will be near the gymnasium where all the children and adults that are active in that area will have access to it.

Amy Lesch, a nurse and participant in our Tuesday morning Women with Spirit Bible study group (WWS), noticed the lack of an AED machine in our lower level. Susan Cirillo, one of the co-chairs of WWS, said that Amy pointed out that it is especially important to have an AED in that location since our gym is on that level, and we also have a “somewhat vulnerable population meeting regularly” for bible study. Subsequently, Amy and Ann Maxa, also a nurse and WWS participant, met with the WWS facilitators and showed them how to use the Pax Christi AED that is kept adjacent to our worship space. According to Susan, two ideas emerged from that meeting: 1) the larger group of bible study participants would be interested in learning about this device; and 2) it would be a good idea to have a second device on the lower level.

As Amy Lesch explains, “In order for a person's best outcome in an out-of-hospital collapse, CPR and the use of an AED must be started within four minutes. The only AED at Pax Christi was located upstairs in the back of the church. This is too far away from all the people who use the gymnasium and classrooms downstairs and there weren't any pediatric-size pads available for use. People playing basketball or other sports, and seniors, are most at risk to experience a potentially fatal arrhythmia.” Amy agreed to meet with parish leadership to discuss the idea of acquiring a second AED. The WWS group began to discuss whether it was feasible to raise the funds to purchase it.

Amy did a thorough review of the options and pricing and came back with a recommendation and a cost. “After researching equipment and prices, I found an advertisement that would help churches get a discount. Parish Director Jane Schmitz took it from there and was able to get that discount,” Amy said.

Amy informed the WWS group of the financial goal. Ann is the coordinator for the three charity fund-raising events that WWS offers throughout the year. The donation committee decided to devote their final collection of the year toward the purchase of an AED. At their final meeting of the year on April 9, Ann announced the total funds that were raised for the AED. Amy reports that “the women's Bible study donations exceeded the initial need for the purchase of all the parts along with the AED.”

Amy says that the AED is very user-friendly. She states that when the patches are applied, “the AED will tell the responder what to do! It will say whether or not to deliver a shock or to resume CPR. A child could follow the commands and help save a life.” Amy adds, “It is so wonderful to know that both ends of church will be ready in case of an emergency!”

The AED will be hung downstairs by the gymnasium door on the east end where it is most readily available to the children. To Amy and Anne, Susan says, “I will say how grateful I am that you two took this and ran with it.”

It is very welcoming to know that our community cares about the health and safety of each other. Thank you Women with Spirit Bible Study!

By Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation



ALL ARE WELCOME—REALLY!

THE PAX CHRISTI mission statement says that we are committed to authentically welcome all to Pax Christi. That’s not always so easy, is it? On the one hand, we as humans tend to socialize with those who look like us, have similar values and tastes, agree with us on many issues, or even smell like us and eat ‘normal’ food. On the other hand, we as humans tend to fear or at least be suspicious of the stranger, especially if she or he dresses differently, looks different, or speaks English with an accent.

The reality is that we are more alike than different. I served as an adjunct professor at a local Catholic university where enrolled students and working adults included individuals from several countries, Muslims, as well as non-Catholic Christians. I would chat with any students who arrived early. One young man, from a western African country, told me of the murders of an uncle and two cousins in a civil war. Some of the students from other countries were harassed and fled deep poverty just to survive. Still others wanted the opportunity to lead a quiet life and realize their potential. All spoke English as a second or third language and were working hard to learn it better. Their stories echoed the stories told by my four grandparents who came to America from southeastern Europe 110 years ago. These good people live in the same communities as we members of Pax Christi.

And more than ever, this quote from Vatican II ties it all together. The document *Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*, section 24 says: “God, who has a parent’s care for

all of us, desired that all men and women should form one family and deal with each other as brothers and sisters. All, in fact, are destined to the very same end, namely, God himself, since they have been created in the likeness of God, who ‘made from one every nation of humankind who live on all the face of the earth’ (Acts 17:26). Love of God and of one’s neighbor, then, is the first and greatest commandment.”

As disciples of Jesus Christ, that is our challenge and our duty.

Written by Dave Putrich, Lay Leadership Development and Engagement Council



PAX CHRISTI COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND SECOND ANNIVERSARY



THESE PAGES of the *PaxChristiNews* magazine have traced the commitment of our parish to the values of justice and lifelong learning throughout our entire history. It was that commitment that was the impetus of creating the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund in June

of 2017. We are now celebrating the second anniversary of the endowment fund, which has grown to a value of over \$400,000.

THE BENEFITS OF HAVING AN ENDOWMENT FUND:

- 1. PERPETUITY:** The endowment fund will last forever as part of the Pax Christi legacy. Contributions designated for the endowment fund are invested to grow in value. Each year grants from the endowment fund will be used to support justice and lifelong learning initiatives in the name of Pax Christi, no matter how the parish may change or be changed in the future.
- 2. CONSTANCY:** The endowment fund will allow Pax Christi to maintain and hopefully increase our annual justice grants. As part of our stewardship at Pax Christi, a percentage of regular contributions given by each member household are designated to honor our value of justice. Grants from the endowment fund will be added to this amount to increase the impact of our giving.

HOW THE ENDOWMENT FUND WAS CREATED AND CONTINUES

In 2017, Pax Christi applied for a matching grant that became available through the Catholic Community Foundation. After careful examination of our history of supporting justice initiatives and lifelong learning, the Catholic Community Foundation awarded Pax Christi a \$25,000 grant that would match new funds donated by our parishioners. Through your generosity, we met and exceeded that goal. The first fruits of the endowment fund were received in the spring of 2018 in the amount of \$10,000. We are now celebrating our second annual grant in the amount of \$10,400 which will be used to support justice and lifelong learning grants from Pax Christi.

Join us on Pentecost weekend, June 8 and 9, for the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund celebration. You will have the opportunity to meet with several of the recipients of the Justice grants following the weekend liturgies. This is an opportunity to understand the impact that your generosity has made in the work of the grant recipients.

We look forward to receiving additional contributions to the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund. Contributions to the endowment fund should be in addition to your regular annual contributions. No gift is too small and all are appreciated. Contributions can be made online at www.paxchristi.com/donations or call Sue Fier at 952-405-7202 to discuss other contribution methods.

Written by the Pax Christi Financial Initiative Team





Top Row: Lily Penn, Mary Lillcrap, Julie Tyler, Nigel Linden, Kris Joseph, Jeanne Heikkila, Dave Putrich, Shari Steffen
Bottom Row: Sara Byerley, Marge Dubbelde, Diane Scott

BEFRIENDERS AT PAX CHRISTI

WHEN I read in the March *PaxChristiNews* magazine about the introduction of the BeFriender ministry at Pax Christi, I decided this might be a ministry in which I could become very interested. The description written by Jean Thoresen included words from the BeFriender website:

“Based on a model of mutuality, BeFrienders, a national and ecumenical ministry, heals hearts, energizes communities, and transforms a suffering world. A BeFriender is someone who listens with compassion, accepts people as they are, respects another’s spiritual journey, and embodies the caring presence of God.”

I’m finding BeFriender training one of the most complete programs I have ever encountered. After one all-day training and two of the initial evening sessions, I feel I’m well on my way to being able to put into practice the listening skills of attending, following, and responding with understanding.

The training also gives us plenty of practice being both the BeFriender and the BeFriedee. A chance to play both roles lets us take turns finding out how things we bring up might be received by a listener as well as how we can help a person get to the root of what may be causing distress. We learn to use techniques we’ve known about, but sometimes may neglect to practice: techniques such as reflecting feelings, paraphrasing, encouraging, and asking open-ended questions.

Practicing the various techniques in the training, I have found that I really have to work at being totally present to the person speaking rather than making mental notes of similar experiences or feelings I want to share into the discussion. I need to remind myself often that, as a BeFriender, I am THE LISTENER, not the person with the similar experience to share back, nor am I the fixer. I have found that when the other BeFriender students listen to me, I experience what it means to actually be listened to so carefully and with such empathy.

BeFrienders are not just one more person checking in with someone who may have suffered a loss, illness, ongoing loneliness, or any other of life’s exigencies. At the end of our 16-hour training and through ongoing in-service training, we will have examined our own assumptive worlds, levels of mutuality, and how to “empty our own cup” so that we are ready to receive another’s story. And we learn to become more professional and skilled in our approach to the Care and Support Ministry at Pax Christi. We encourage anyone who would like to be connected with a BeFriender for visits to call Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry.

Written by Shari Steffen, Parish Trustee and BeFriender



BEFRIENDER MINISTRY – A LISTENING PRESENCE

BeFriends is a lay pastoral care ministry here at Pax Christi. This listening presence ministry brings specially-trained people into a caring, confidential, one-on-one relationship with others during times of special need by visiting with them and offering emotional and spiritual support. BeFriends value God's presence in all relationships. They are present to care, not cure, and strive to be open and non-judgmental while they actively listen to your story.

If you are experiencing a challenging time, or are in a transitional situation, BeFriender ministers are here to journey with you and listen with compassion and without judgment. Contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry, 952-405-7211, to be connected with a BeFriender minister or to learn more.

Visit the BeFriends website @ befrienderministry.org for additional information.



“CHRISTUS VIVIT”

A LETTER TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF GOD

EACH YOUNG PERSON'S HEART SHOULD THUS BE CONSIDERED “HOLY GROUND,” A BEARER OF SEEDS OF DIVINE LIFE, BEFORE WHICH WE MUST “TAKE OFF OUR SHOES” IN ORDER TO DRAW NEAR AND ENTER MORE DEEPLY INTO THE MYSTERY.

—POPE FRANCIS,
PAPAL EXHORTATION
“CHRISTUS VIVIT”

LAST FALL, youth from around the world convened in Rome for the Synod for Youth with the mandate to examine the needs and desires of youth in today’s Church. Using the Synod for Youth documents, Pope Francis provided a synthesis of the synod in his Papal Exhortation *Christus Vivit*. It lays out the concerns of youth, how we can connect with the youth in our midst, and how youth can take a greater role in the life of the Church. Through this visionary letter, the pope calls out the failings of the Church and takes aim at the source of the failings—namely clericalism, and the over willingness to maintain a ‘this is the way we’ve always done it’ mentality—that run counter to the mission of the Church. Pope Francis acknowledges the damage that the sexual abuse crisis continues to do to the Church, both as the world in general sees the Church, and how the perception of inauthenticity and a lack of trust affects our youth.

Pope Francis asks us to open up the doors and the windows of the Church, to let in the fresh air of youth to clear out the staleness that prevents us from being welcoming communities willing to listen and meet the needs of the world around us. He asks us to remember our first love in Jesus Christ and to be like his mother Mary—to take the risk, “ready to stake everything she had, with no more security than the certainty of knowing that she was the bearer of a promise.”

Pope Francis calls us to recognize that youth are not just the future of the world, stating instead, “They are its present; even now they are helping to enrich it.” We are asked to consider the ways that we allow the youth to engage in our community. Do we actually allow the youth to participate, or do we invite the youth to be a part of the community only “to provide prepackaged answers and ready-made solutions, without allowing their real questions to emerge and facing the challenges they pose?”

On the other hand, Francis asks the youth to see themselves as part of the larger story, considering the wisdom of the years of the elders around them. The youth are called to make a choice, to choose Christ, and truly live! Francis calls on all members of the Church to actively accompany the youth in their journey, stirring within their hearts a deep love by making ourselves available to listen and share our stories, time, and talent.

Christus Vivit is a letter of hope and love—a message for youth and all the members of the Church and a reminder of our mission of love and light in a world struggling in the shadows.

Written by Evan Bierer, Middle School Youth Formation Minister



HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

WE ARE ALL CALLED to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in our world today—and that includes our middle school youth! But what can a sixth or eighth grader do to impact the lives of people in need? A lot, actually! You don't have to search long to find inspiring stories of the ingenious ways that youth have positively affected the world. When you hear these stories, there's often a common starting point: a simple recognition of injustice. Where does that come from—the ability to recognize injustice, the desire to meet a need, and the ability to connect those ideas to Jesus?

Here at Pax Christi we recognize and address the injustices of the world around us. Our justice ministries, liturgies, and faith formation all incorporate elements of teaching, learning, and action around justice. Many opportunities exist to share time, talent, and treasure, and we believe this makes our community great. The youth of this parish who participate in our loving witness learn how to spot injustices in the best way—by experiencing it firsthand. But before we get too comfy and start congratulating ourselves, there is something critical we are missing.

There is still a number of Pax Christi youth who are not participating in the life of our parish, and are not learning how to see the injustices in the world around them through the lens of Jesus Christ. Our values, espoused in Catholic Social Teaching, are not being shared with them. Why not? Every person has a unique excuse not to engage in their faith in this way, and yet the solution is simple. It starts with a question: Do you have the time? Is there space in your life to care for the needy and share the love of Jesus? This is the call for our ingenious, creative, hopeful,

energetic youth! We must give them the opportunity to live out their calling. Consider volunteering as a family regularly, either at church or at any of the myriad of community organizations that need your help, or both. Be a mentor to the youth and share the joy that comes with living out your calling. If you are a young person, gather your friends and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

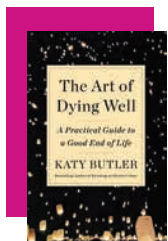
Written by Evan Bierer, Middle School Youth Formation Minister



Sixth through eighth graders, join us for Middle School Summer Service Camp and the Vacation Bible Camp Drama Team this July. For more information, go to www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

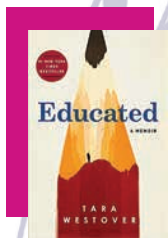
STAFF PICKS: SUMMER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Nothing quite says “summer” like sitting on the porch (or at the beach, or in a hammock) with your favorite cold beverage and a good book. The Pax Christi staff has put together a list of their book recommendations. Try one of these out and give us your own review by posting a picture of you and your book on Instagram or Twitter with the tag #paxreads!



The Art of Dying Well: A Practical Guide to a Good End of Life by Katy Butler
Mary Ann Callahan, Care Ministry Specialist

Just like a travel guidebook for your summer vacation, *The Art of Dying Well* is comprehensive instruction for your final journey. This book is filled with wisdom, current resources, and a clearly written glossary of medical terms. I know *The Art of Dying Well* will become a trusted reference book for me in the years I hope to be given.



Educated by Tara Westover
Maura Schnorbach, Dir. of Development and Engagement

If you are looking for a great book to read this summer, pick up *Educated* by Tara Westover. It's hard to put down. This first-time author shares her escape from an abusive family, poverty, and a fundamentalist faith. Tara grew up isolated in the stunning mountains of Utah. What's compelling is that she had no formal education in her childhood. Tara's grit and determination led her to Cambridge. I highly recommend!



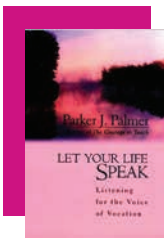
A Good Time for the Truth edited by Sun Yung Shin
Ken Reineccius, Director of Operations

A challenging and insightful look at growing up and living in Minnesota as a person of color. This book will cause the reader to pause and reflect on what it is like to be a person of color in the “Minnesota nice” environment. The 16 writers that contributed to this book have experienced racism in so many subtle ways and offer harsh reality of the ways white privilege has affected their lives and dignity as they interact with well-meaning (and sometimes not so well-meaning) Minnesotans. This book enables us to see how we can better acknowledge the rich cultural diversity among us.



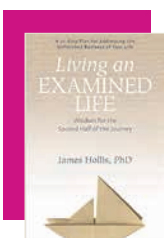
The Gospel of Mark: A Liturgical Reading
by Charles Bobertz
Deacon Charles Bobertz

Dr. Susan Garrett of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary says, “In an exhilarating journey through Mark’s Gospel, Bobertz shows how the evangelist drew continually upon the language and practices of baptism and Eucharist.” Deacon Charles’ whole goal in writing this book was “to open up the historical study of the Gospel of Mark to the life of faith. Catholics especially should recognize that the practice of the sacraments are deeply woven into the very structure of how Mark tells the story of Jesus Christ.”



Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation by Parker J. Palmer
Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry

This is a small book packed with insights about living our vocation. Palmer teaches that vocation is not a goal to be achieved but rather a gift to be received. He says so beautifully, "Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to do with you. Before you tell your life what truths and values you have decided to live up to, let your life tell you what truths you embody, what values you represent." This is the kind of book that can be read multiple times and at each reading you will discover new wisdom depending on what your soul is open to hear.



Living an Examined Life: Wisdom for the Second Half of the Journey by James Hollis, PhD
Jane Schmitz, Parish Director

As the author suggests, it is his hope that this book will be an instrument for the reader to "recover respect for that which abides deeply within." It's been a long time since I have found a book that is good for me personally and matches where I am on my spiritual journey. Hollis has provided this in a 21 short-chapter book, with the prescription to take a nugget (chapter) at a time, leading to challenging self-reflection, affirmation, and clarity.



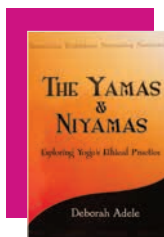
The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage by Sr. Joan Chittister
Donna Kasbohm, Director of Music and Liturgy

Sr. Joan tackles "prophetic spirituality" by calling us to live our faith on the streets of the world, rather than just talking about it. She makes the point that opting for sacramental spirituality devoid of prophetic spirituality is to ignore half of Jesus' message, half the Christian mandate, and half the Christian life. At the very least, she calls us to use honest "bidding" prayers that we say in public in our churches. "The call to discern between what is holy and what is simply popular, between what is and what should be, is of the essence of the good life...To be spiritually mature, we must each be about something greater than ourselves."



Turtles All the Way Down by John Green
Jessie Johnson, 9-12th Grade Youth Formation Minister

This young adult novel follows Aza Holmes, a teenager trying to solve the mysterious disappearance of a shady billionaire. Throughout her quest, Aza also navigates her experience of mental illness, including anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder. *Turtles* is the best depiction of anxiety disorders/mental illness that I've ever read, and it's required reading for high schoolers and the adults who want to understand the experiences of young people struggling with mental health issues.



The Yamas and Niyamas: Exploring Yoga's Ethical Practice by Deborah Adele
Lisa Cox, Community Life Coordinator

This was the first book I purchased on my yoga journey. I was fortunate to have met the author in February as we were both traveling on the same yoga excursion in India. It is a quick read unless you want to dive into the journaling exercises at the end of each chapter. I found it humorous, insightful, and full of wisdom—an inclusive spiritual book no matter what you practice.



MINISTRIES OF PRESENCE:

CARE CENTER VISITORS

Throughout each week, lives of Catholic residents in area care centers are blessed by the presence of regular visitors from Pax Christi. Some shared ministers bring communion and pray one-to-one, and others lead communion services for small groups at various care centers. Monthly celebration of Mass at three area care centers is also supported by Pax Christi care center visitors.

BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

BeFriender ministers are trained laypersons who are available to offer a listening ear to those who are experiencing a difficult or transitional situation. BeFrienders are here to listen and care; BeFrienders do not give advice or judge, and all conversations are kept confidential.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is homebound and unable to attend Sunday Mass, we have trained shared ministers who can bring communion and offer prayers of support.

PAX PETS MINISTRY

Pax Pets ministers are a group of animal lovers who know and appreciate the ability of pets to demonstrate God's unconditional love. Certified pet teams visit area care centers and make hospice visits. Pet teams meet periodically to gain knowledge and build community with one another.

Training specific to each ministry is provided; ongoing monthly enrichment/education opportunities for shared ministers are offered.

**For additional information visit
www.paxchristi.com/careandsupportministry.**



ONLINE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY, SIGN UP FOR YOUR PHOTO SESSION NOW!

Fotohaus will be returning this summer to take photos for our new online directory. Sessions will be held outside in the St. Francis of the Woods Shrine. In the event of bad weather, the photo session will move indoors to the Hall of Martyrs. A viewing and purchase opportunity will promptly follow your portrait session. If you purchase photos or digital images, they will arrive at Pax Christi 2-3 weeks after your photo session. You will receive an email or phone call when they are ready to pick-up. The digital images will be retouched and color corrected and ready to print at a studio of your choice. **We are now scheduling for sitting dates in June!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

One volunteer is needed to sit at a hostess table to check in parishioners and one volunteer is needed to escort groups to the shrine area for the photo session. This is a great way to get to know others at Pax Christi! Help is greatly needed—please sign up at www.paxchristi.com/saycheese.

Go to www.paxchristi.com/saycheese for complete details and link to register online. Questions? Contact Melissa Nault in the parish office, 952-405-7221.

www.paxchristi.com/saycheese

PARISHIONER NEWS

APRIL BAPTISMS

Boston Blake Byfield	4/28/2019
Brooke-Lynn Baylee Byfield	4/28/2019
Malcolm Jude Dobson	4/28/2019
Aria Rai Holland	4/28/2019
Darwin Richard Johanneson	4/28/2019
Sofia Lillian Paetow	4/28/2019
Sophia Dodge Rothenbacher	4/28/2019

NO APRIL WEDDINGS

APRIL FUNERALS

Mary G. Gagne	4/10/2019
Paul F. Clements, Jr.	4/11/2019
Frank 'Bud' Ahmann	4/12/2019
Douglas A. Maulwurf	4/26/2019
Robert J. Dalida	4/30/2019

APRIL NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Amie Culhane
Alison Dobson
Tom and Catherine Ellenbecker
Nubia Felipe Vargas
Jennifer Franklin
Sarah and Brandon Gibeaut
Jim and Heather Lee
Wyatt and Gretchen Meek
Mark and Christine Skalski
Jipson and Ceema Varghese
Marion Vazquez and Matthew Muniz
Gerald and Gloria Wahl
Mr. William Warren and Megan Clapp
Douglas Wayman
Angela and Mitchell Williams
Jill Woodruff-Gerold and Gregory Gerold

READINGS FOR JUNE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JUNE 2, 2019

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JUNE 9, 2019

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	2 Cor 3:15 -- 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday:	2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday:	Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JUNE 16, 2019

Monday:	2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday:	2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday:	2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday:	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday:	Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JUNE 23, 2019

Monday:	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80
Tuesday:	Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 [6b-12, 15-16]; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday:	Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JUNE 30, 2019

Monday:	Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday:	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29
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
Sunday:	Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

JUNE

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, June 7, beginning with Mass at 8:30am

Come and join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and hospitality on the first Friday of each month. The event is sponsored by the Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond. All are welcome!

PAX CHRISTI COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND CELEBRATION

Weekend of June 8/9

Join us on Pentecost Weekend for the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund Celebration. See the impact that your generosity has made with the recipients of the justice grants. You will have a chance to meet some of the grantees at the gatherings after Mass!

SOULCOLLAGE® – OPEN CARD-MAKING

Tuesday, June 11, 6:00–8:00pm, Room 212 **RSVP**

Come enjoy a relaxing and fun art collage session with others. We make five by eight-inch cards which reflect aspects of our inner selves, our soul's purpose, and the Divine. Once finished with each card, you will journal with it by using the journal sheets and three guided questions. Find out what that card is all about. You may also want to make cards for your deck that honor others, so feel free to bring photos of loved ones, loved places, loved pets, and anyone in the world or heaven who has inspired you. If you have questions, contact Lynn Schelitzche, lschelitzche@paxchristi.com.



A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

If an event indicates **RSVP**,
you may register/RSVP online at

www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

PET MINISTRY SOCIAL

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30pm, LOWER LEVEL PARKING LOT

Pax Pets Ministry would like to invite you to their annual social evening. In case of rain, we will bring the party into the gym. Please come join us for a night of fun, food, and friendly people and Pax Pet teams. You'll get to meet our incredible therapy pets, which will be a treat in itself. We would love to meet you and answer any questions you may have to get familiar with our ministry. RSVP to Renee Reardon, rreardon@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7200. We look forward to seeing you there.

SENIOR HIGH SUMMER SHINDIG **RSVP**

Saturdays, June 15, July 13, August 10; 6:15–9:00pm at THE FIRE PIT

9–12th graders, come on down to the fire pit on the trail behind Pax Christi for lawn games, music, and a bonfire—complete with a gourmet s'more bar and hot dogs over the fire! We'll meet after the 5:00pm Mass. Rain location is Room 111. RSVP online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

WALL OF GENEROSITY

Weekends: June 15/16 and June 22/23 in THE NARTHEX

Support the 13 youth and 3 adults traveling to Washington, DC, to serve those in need this summer! It's easy—pick a numbered envelope off the Wall and return the envelope with your gift! You will receive a postcard from DC and an invitation to a presentation/reception after the trip where you can hear about the young people's experiences!

JUST ENGAGEMENT: THE POWER TO CHANGE

Sundays, June 16–August 4, 12:30–2:30pm, Room #212 **RSVP**

How do I put into action the need for social change in my community? Through the lens of the Christian faith, Just Engagement is an eight-week program that invites us to look at different ways to engage in our own grassroots advocacy efforts. In small groups we will discern how our gifts, skills, and passions are best utilized to create social change. This program includes principles in Scripture, reflection on past and present social movements, wisdom from community advocates, tools for successful advocacy, and resources to support justice ministry for the long term as we actively impact social change. Questions? Contact Joan Howe-Pullis, jhowe-pullis@paxchristi.com.

WISHING FR BILL A FOND FAREWELL

Weekend of June 22/23 following all Masses

Father Bill has been called to serve as pastor at Church of Christ the King in south Minneapolis. Let us take time to celebrate his past service to Pax Christi and to wish him many blessings as he moves on to his next post. Join us for special refreshments and treats as we share fellowship and well wishes. Saturday evening will be a hosted wine/beer and light appetizer reception or Sunday morning, cake will be served along with the usual morning hospitality treats. Sunday evening join us for ice cream sundaes. In the words of Dale Evans; Happy Trails to you (Father Bill), until we meet again!

SENIOR HIGH DINNER AND A MOVIE

4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH, 5:00–10:00pm:

June 28 and August 23 RSVP

Calling all 9-12th graders! Join us once a month for dinner and a movie at Pax Christi. We'll gather in the Pax Christi kitchen at 5:00pm to cook our dinner together, head to the Anne Frank Room to eat, and then watch a movie together downstairs in the John XXIII Room until 10:00pm. The menu and movie will be decided by the group, so bring your creativity into the kitchen and join us for an evening of cooking, community, and fun! Contact Jessie Johnson in the Faith Formation office, jjohnson@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7210 for more information. Sign up at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

MAKE PLANS NOW

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS

Thursday, July 4, 9:00am

You are invited to an Independence Day Mass at 9:00am in the chapel. The parish office will be closed for business that day in observance of the holiday, and the building will close following Mass.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

July 29–August 2, ages 3 years – 5th grade, \$75.00/CHILD RSVP

Campers will sing, dance, make friends, spend time in service opportunities, and see our drama team bring to life the stories of Super Heroes from the bible. High schoolers, parents, and grandparents are invited to be crew leaders. As a volunteer, you grow in your faith and are supported with training, free nursery, and more. To join the team or receive the early bird rate for your camper, register online now.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

July 29–August 2, 8:30am – 4:00pm; 6TH THROUGH 8TH GRADE

The fee is \$175 RSVP

Middle School youth are invited to join PaxConnex for a week of service and fun at Pax Christi and in our local community. Mornings will be spent at local organizations serving those in need. Service sites may include People Reaching Out to People (PROP), Feed My Starving Children, and Senior Community Services. Youth also have the option of serving as crew leaders at Vacation Bible Camp. During the afternoons we will spend 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. Questions? Contact Evan Bierer, Youth Formation Minister, ebierer@paxchristi.com.



JUNE

See pages 18–19 for details
or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 BAPTISM CLASS	5	6	7 FIRST FRIDAY SOCIAL	8 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND
9 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND PENTECOST	10	11 FARE FOR ALL SOULCOLLAGE®	12 PET MINISTRY SOCIAL	13	14	15 WALL OF GENEROSITY SR HIGH SUMMER SHINDIG
FATHER'S DAY 16 WALL OF GENEROSITY	17	18 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	19	20	21	22 WALL OF GENEROSITY FR BILL FAREWELL PARTY
23 WALL OF GENEROSITY FR BILL FAREWELL PARTY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	24	25	26	27	28 SR. HIGH DINNER MOVIE	29
30	1	2	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6





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During the summer you may be on a far flung road trip or off to your cabin. Giving is easy during the summer months. You can give online or text and give! Your generosity ensures that at the end of the fiscal year, we are operating in the “black.” If you are in town this summer, take some time to enjoy our beautiful campus, including the walking paths, the labyrinth, the pond, and butterfly gardens. Pax Christi is the perfect “get away” in the city.

***We Welcome All to Joyfully Experience
the Peace of God’s Love and Mercy!***

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