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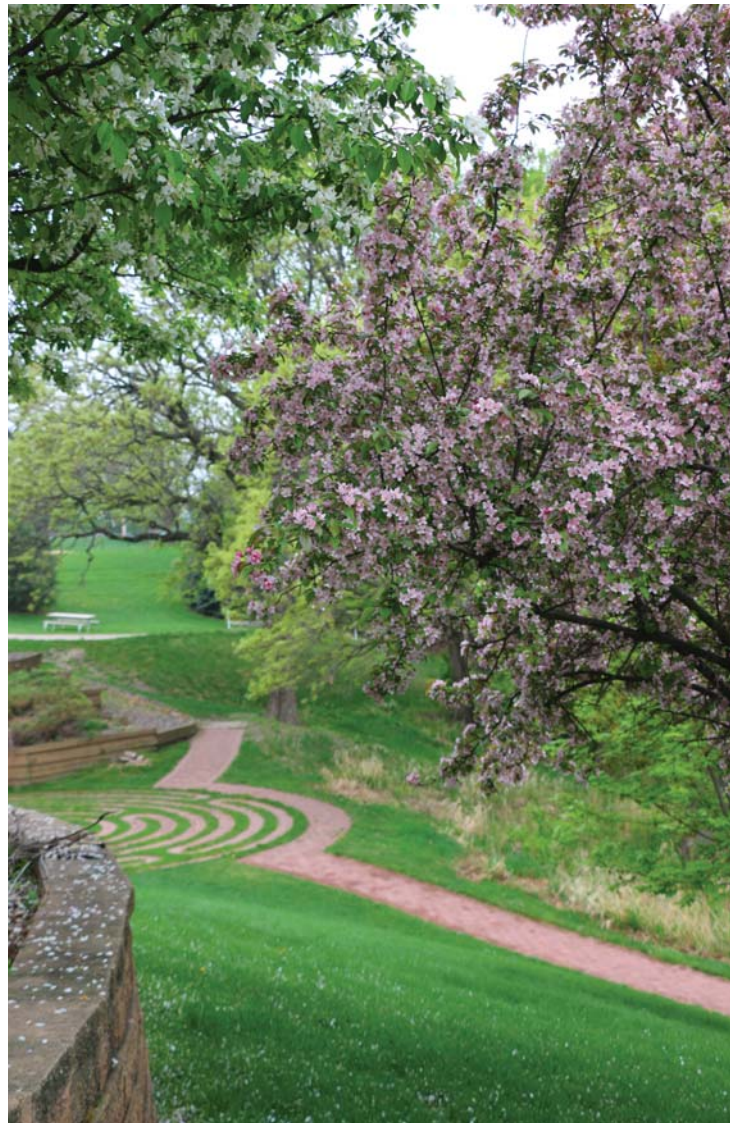
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BEFORE I FORGET...



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Pastor

2015 is the centenary of the birth of Thomas Merton, Trappist monk and spiritual writer (January 31, 1915 – December 10, 1968).

Merton first became well known when his autobiography, *Seven Storey Mountain*, was published in 1948, seven years after he joined the Trappists. The book made the *New York Times* best seller list and also appeared on some of the lists of the best books of the twentieth century.

What accounts for the amazing, ongoing popularity of a man who spent his adult years, from 1941 until his death in 1968, in the Trappist Monastery of Gethsemane near Bardstown, Kentucky? His lasting influence is connected more with his later writings that wrestled with some of the crucial tensions that are still a concern to people today: freedom and authority, nature and technology, contemplation and action, mysticism and politics, Christianity and world religions. Engaging these tensions in his life and thought, he refused to settle for easy answers and approaches. Many serious spiritual seekers today see Merton as an honest, self-critical, wise spiritual guide in dealing with the complex tensions of contemporary life. His own spiritual journey is reflected in his popular prayer which begins: "My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going...I

do not see the road ahead of me," and ends with the faith conviction: "You will never leave me to face my perils alone."

In the mid-1950s, Merton began developing a more worldly spirituality which recognized that seeking happiness just for oneself is a fundamental error that denies the social character of human existence. He insisted that Christians cannot turn their backs on the world but must accept responsibility for humanizing the world. The task of the Christian today is "to build the kingdom of God in this world."

During the 1960s, Merton wrote important articles on the problem of racism that are still valuable today. He would have us celebrate the progress of the last half-century: black mayors in major cities, forty some members of the Congressional Black Caucus, and a two-term black president. It is important for young people, black and white, and the new immigrants, to know the history and accomplishments of the civil rights movement.

After the Birmingham bus boycott and Selma marches generated support for the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act in 1965, Merton argued that the country had a great opportunity to make genuine progress on racial justice, a

"providential hour for whites and blacks to come together." He used the New Testament word "**kairos**" to describe the moment of opportunity, which could be "God's hour," the hour of vocation when we work together for "reform and creative change" so that "the demands of truth and justice may not go unfulfilled" (*Seeds of Destruction*, p. 65).

It seems that today we have another "**kairos**" moment created by the tragic deaths of four black males at the hands of white police officers: 18-year-old Michael Brown on a street in Ferguson, Missouri; 43-year-old Eric Garner on a sidewalk in Staten Island; 12-year-old Tamir Rice in a Cleveland playground; and 50-year-old Walter Scott on a grassy lot in North Charleston. These deaths have opened a widespread public discussion of lingering racism in our country, focused on particular problems: the disproportionate number of blacks in the U.S. prison population, police forces that do not represent the diversity of the citizens they serve, very different perceptions by whites and blacks of the fairness of the legal system, a history of oppression that limits the economic advancement of blacks, overt racism that still exists among some whites and blacks and subtle forms of prejudice that prevent white citizens from full acceptance of our black brothers and sisters.

WE ARE NOT AT PEACE
WITH OTHERS BECAUSE
WE ARE NOT AT PEACE
WITH OURSELVES, AND
WE ARE NOT AT PEACE
WITH OURSELVES
BECAUSE WE ARE NOT
AT PEACE WITH GOD.
—THOMAS MERTON

As political and religious leaders have pointed out, these highly publicized deaths are symptomatic of deep, lasting tensions in our society. Commentators on the situation have presented a great deal of statistical evidence highlighting the problems: the United States is 5% of the world's population but 22% of the world's prison population; young black males are 21 times more likely to be killed by police officers than their white counterparts; 62% of African Americans believe the police officer was at fault in shooting Michael Brown, while only 22% of whites hold that view; at the end of 2013, almost 3% of black males were imprisoned compared to .5% of white males; African Americans comprise 14% of regular drug users but are 37% of those arrested for drug offenses; in the Federal system, black offenders receive 10% longer sentences than whites for the same crimes; 45% of blacks rate the ethics of police officers as high or better compared to 59% of whites; about 25% of young black men claim they were treated unfairly by police in the last 30 days; 40% of blacks say they have little or no confidence in the criminal justice system compared to 30% of whites. Hopefully these generally accepted statistical studies suggest the need to look for practical solutions to the problem.

The current public discussion of these problems can be enriched by considering Merton's writings on race:

1. Merton cautions us as Christians to temper our expectations of what the institutional Church can do

to combat racism. He would encourage each one of us to do what we can to overcome prejudice. We must find practical ways to bring about a just society, to work with others of good will in moving toward a more equitable society. As individuals and in small groups, Merton encourages us to find creative ways to assist our black sisters and brothers in their quest for an equitable place in society.

2. Merton teaches us to see the problem of racism in the United States in a global perspective while working to overcome it at the local level. Massive systematic injustice around the world fostered the illusion of white superiority and brought about feelings of inferiority among the oppressed. Merton shared Gandhi's conviction to reveal the fundamental truth that all people have inherent dignity and deserve respect and justice. For Merton, the fundamental truth is that whites are just one part of the whole human family and can become fully human only through dialogue and collaboration with the other members of the human family; otherwise, we remain less whole and less wise than we are called to be. Merton encourages whites to put more energy into listening to blacks, understanding their culture, and learning from them. In collaborating with blacks, whites are advised to let them take charge of their own liberation, ready to help when asked, while concentrating on overcoming prejudice in the white community.

3. Merton urges us to defend and promote non-violent strategies as the best way of

achieving racial justice while staying open to the deeper meaning of violent protests. Merton believed that "non-violence" was in accord with the practice and teaching of Jesus. Violence creates enemies and breaks down trust. Non-violence recognizes that racism is at heart a spiritual problem that calls for discipline and requires conversion.

Merton helps us understand the violence (gunfire attacks on police, burning buildings, and looting) that took place in Ferguson following the grand jury decision not to indict Officer Darren Wilson for shooting Michael Brown, a decision supported by the Justice Department report that Michael did not have his hands up but was moving toward the officer when he was shot. Most protesters in Ferguson remained peaceful. Some commentators claim the extensive media coverage and the large presence of police and National Guard units set the stage for violence. As Merton suggests to us, the violence was just not a reaction to the grand jury decision but was the eruption of long simmering rage and frustration over a perceived pattern of racial prejudice and discrimination by a mostly white police force serving a predominantly black population. The Ferguson violence can serve as another call to overcome the racism that poisons our society by working together to build a more just and equitable society.

Joining in such collaborative efforts would be a wonderful way to celebrate the centenary of Thomas Merton's birth.



P.S. As I finish this reflection at the end of April, Baltimore is experiencing rioting after the mysterious death of Freddie Gray whose fatal encounter with police officers occurred amid the national debate over police use of force, especially when black suspects are involved.

ON THE LAST DAY OF
JANUARY 1915, UNDER
THE SIGN OF THE WATER
BEARER, IN A YEAR
OF GREAT WAR, AND
DOWN IN THE SHADOW
OF SOME FRENCH
MOUNTAINS ON THE
BORDERS OF SPAIN, I
CAME INTO THE WORLD.
—THOMAS MERTON,
SEVEN STOREY MOUNTAIN



THE BEST WEEK OF YOUR SUMMER!

BIBLE CAMP PAX CHRISTI STYLE

Do you want to experience the **BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER?** Thousands of families have done just that! Infants to grandparents . . . all are welcome!

Pax Christi does Bible Camp like no other church around! The camp was born 25 years ago (when I was 12) out of a great passion to create a summer experience for our families. A faith-filled week of powerful Christian music, crafts, games, snacks, and, of course, outstanding Bible stories brought to life by our drama team. It is a fun-filled week where friends come together to meet new friends, a week of learning how to share good deeds at home and at church and in our community, and a week of powerful prayer followed by an incredible worship experience at the 5:00pm Saturday evening liturgy.

An incredible team, including Janell McBeain, begins the planning stages for the **BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER** in January. In the earlier years, we bought a packaged 'can' approach which we discovered lacked some of our basic Catholic principles. So, when passionate, faith-filled, creative minds get together, the end result is a uniquely designed camp experience. Each year, we select new scripture stories and then develop crafts, snacks, and games to reinforce the main Bible points. For example, this year our theme is, "God is the Rock" (Deuteronomy 32:4), and we are learning about incredible men and women who stood up for their beliefs, stayed constant in prayer, and found strength and courage in their faith. How can we be like David and stand up to the giants or bullies in our lives? How can we find the courage like Daniel to tame the 'lions' in our lives? How can we forgive friends and family members like Joseph? How deep is our trust and faithfulness in our loving and forgiving God? Ask any of the campers who can share with you motions to my favorite Bible verse: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

The volunteer leadership has been the heartbeat of our camp experience! From our incredible musicians, to our creative craft leaders, to our teens who lead the campers, to our drama team, snack and game leaders, to the nursery staff who lovingly watch over our youngest campers. . . YOU help make the **BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER** the highlight in so many lives. I cannot thank you all enough for the memories! Smile when you think about the petting zoo, the horse rides, the snakes, the lion, the cement garden stones, the inflatable giant slide, and baking bread together. No one does Bible Camp quite like Pax Christi!

More than 25 years later, the energy, enthusiasm, and love for our faith community and for God explode during the week of camp. Come feel the Spirit this year during the week of July 27-31. Registration is on-line at www.paxchristi.com. Blessings! *Written by Renee Dignan, Camp Director - 25 Year's!*



YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD FOR CAMP!

Pax Christi Summer Bible Camp is advertised as the “Best Week of Summer,” and I would wholeheartedly agree! I don’t have children Bible Camp age, but I do have a grandson, Warren, I signed up for Bible Camp. I also became a volunteer and had the wonderful opportunity to see all the good things that happen during Bible Camp! It was a week filled with the love of God through songs, Bible stories retold through our drama team, arts and crafts, and games. It was so cool to see my grandson participate in the activities and to grow in the love of God! Parents and grandparents, sign your children and grandchildren up, and then volunteer and grow in your own faith as your children grow in theirs. *Written by Mary Andert, Pax Christi parishioner.*



Photo of Mary’s grandson, Warren Krekelberg.



2014 Drama Team: Sydney Zetting, Natalie Olive, Joan Howe-Pullis, Grace Rau, Maddie Hilligoss, Caely Tietz, Elizabeth Reardon, Nicole Schluck, Emily Corpuz, Erin Eggert, Anthony Hilligoss

BIBLE EXPLORATION BY THE DRAMA TEAM

My name is Maddie Hilligoss, and I have been a part of Pax Christi since I was born. I was baptized, received my first communion, and am an active participant in church activities here at Pax Christi. One of my favorite parts of Pax Christi’s youth programs is the summer bible camp. I have been a part of VBC for as long as I can remember and have loved every second of it.

I started as a little camper in nursery activities. Then I got to be a “white shirt camper.” I always looked forward to singing in the morning with Mrs. Fogarty, snack time, games outside, but most of all drama. I loved going to see the plays, getting to sing, dance, interact with the actors, and learn about the stories of the week. I thought they were the coolest part of the week, and I’m sure my camp counselors had a hard time driving me away from the Garden Level where the drama team performed.

When I was in second grade, I was invited to be a part of the drama team. I had been in the children’s choir, but this was still pretty big for me. It was so much fun; I got to memorize lines, dance steps, and songs. I met many new people that I have become close friends with and am still in touch with today. We would learn the choreography and blocking, fine tune the play, and study the stories and meanings. Then we would get to perform! Seeing the smiles on the campers’ faces as I would sing and dance was always a highlight. Every year, when the readings that we talked about on the drama team came up in the regular Church schedule, I felt like I had a

much deeper understanding and experience behind the words they were proclaiming. I took on many different roles while I was with the drama team over the 4-5 years that I was a performer and loved each one.

In the summer of seventh grade, the current director, Joan Pullis, asked if my friend and fellow performer, Caely Tietz, and I wanted to help out with the drama team and take on a more leader-like role. I gladly accepted and got to work right away. I took on the role of prop creator, costume-getter, choreographer, set-builder, co-director, craft-closet-knower extraordinaire, and occasional performer. I had a great time getting to know the kids that were on the drama team and loved seeing my work performed. The joy on the performers’ and campers’ faces is irreplaceable. Analyzing the scripts, thinking of choreography, and directing the shows made me gain a depth of knowledge that I didn’t have before about the scriptures being performed. It was a blast, and I am happy to say that I am taking on a similar role in drama team this year.

Drama team and VBC are one of the highlights of my summer every year. The work, thought, and love that the kids put into their work continues to amaze me. The campers love coming to see the drama team perform, and VBC would not be the same without it. I am blessed to have been given the chance to be a camper, performer, and director at Pax Christi’s summer bible camp. I can’t wait for another great week of bible camp this summer! *Written by Maddie Hilligoss, Pax Christi youth parishioner.*



SING AND PRAY!

I have been singing at Bible Camp for six years now. When I volunteered in the classroom and would see those singers on the stage in the gym, I was, like, they are really cool. So I decided to join them one year, and it was so much fun. We meet two to three times before Bible camp and figure out the motions to teach the kids. We have so much fun that sometimes we lose track of time because we have that much fun. Joining the music team was the most wonderful decision I made. I have so much fun that week. We usually get there a little earlier and decide what we will sing in the morning session, and if it is the beginning of the week we decide what we will teach the children. It is also so fun with the old songs we sing and when we have throwback Wednesday or Thursday, and you see all these teens who went to Bible Camp when they were little, and they ask to do the oldies. Most of the kids who have gone for a few years now know those songs as well, and it is so much fun. Not just at Bible camp but outside of church when I am at my job, I see children going up to their parents and saying, "Look, (Mom or Dad,) she sings at Vacation Bible Camp." If you like to sing and have fun, then the Vacation Bible Camp Music Team is for you. Just like it says outside on the church, "all are welcome," and that is definitely true for the Vacation Bible Camp Music Team. I hope we see you at Vacation Bible Camp. What they say at church, that *it is the best week of the summer*, it is very true. *Written by Sheila Bannigan, Pax Christi parishioner.*

FUN, FAITH, AND GAMES!

For the past few years, I have had the pleasure to help organize and run the games' department of Vacation Bible Camp. Each day of bible camp, I plan enough activities to ensure each camper stays busy and maybe even loses a bit of energy in the process. I strive to have each game build teamwork and relationships while relating it to the bible story of the day. The joy and excitement on each child's face is what drives me to continue to help. No matter how tired I might be or how sore I get during the week, the smiles on each child's face make it all worth it. I encourage everyone to help out with some part of vacation bible school. The smiles or excitement you see definitely makes bible school week the best week of the year! *Written by Andrew Hobbs, Pax Christi parishioner.*





WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A CREW LEADER?

Bible camp week is one of my kids' most anticipated weeks of the summer. They love the drama team's bible stories, the music, the games, the snacks, the celebration Mass, and of course, the freezies. For the past eight years, I have brought my kids to bible camp. This year, I will bring my 2 kids, my 2 nephews, and my niece.

Just as my kids look forward to bible camp, I also look forward to the week. Every year, I serve as a crew leader. I know that I have as much fun that week as my kids, and on the way home we often talk about what we did each morning. I find the experience energizing as I get to know the different personalities of the kids in my crew and watch as they learn more about our faith. It is fun to watch the kids' reactions to the drama team's presentation and hear their thoughts about the different bible stories. They often come up with comments that amaze me at their insights.

As the kids grow in their faith, I find myself growing with them. There is something about watching kids learn about God, Jesus, and our faith that is spiritually fulfilling and brings me back year after year. I know that I will return every year until the last one of the kids is



too old to attend bible camp. Then, the kids and I will look back fondly at our memories of one of the best weeks of the summer. *Written by Kari Christensen, Pax Christi parishioner.*

PARISHIONER NEWS

APRIL BAPTISMS

Everly Hope Melby	4/11/2015
Mya Grace Melby	4/11/2015
Theodore Robert Herbst	4/11/2015
Miles Theodore Compton	4/12/2015
Eloise Olive Reed	4/12/2015
Kira Anastasia Rodgers	4/19/2015
Vera Lynn Grupe	4/19/2015
Alexandra Sophia Guiney	4/19/2015
Leila Rose Vilendrer	4/19/2015
Helen Louise Stennes	4/19/2015
Sam Bennett Land Levine	4/19/2015
Olivia Monet Aase	4/25/2015
Evelyn Catheine Astry	4/26/2015
Averi Lynn Bisek	4/26/2015
Arianna Michelle Bisek	4/26/2015

APRIL WEDDING

Mary Becker & Thomas Rice	4/11/2015
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APRIL FUNERALS

Patricia Egan	4/7/2015
Jack Walker	4/8/2015
Nancy Ann Stenbeck	4/9/2015
Margaret M. Holz	4/20/2015

APRIL NEW MEMBERS

- Mark and Laura Brill
- Levito and Grace Dimalag
- Mark and Shana Halvorsen
- Jessica Huber
- Christopher and Abbie Marr
- Nicholas Mihajlov and Melinda Cotten
- Brandon Pierce and Laura Lapczynski
- Daniel and Barbara Smith
- Robert Swearengin
- Ana Varani

PAX'S PETS:

AN OUTREACH MINISTRY OF THE PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY COUNCIL

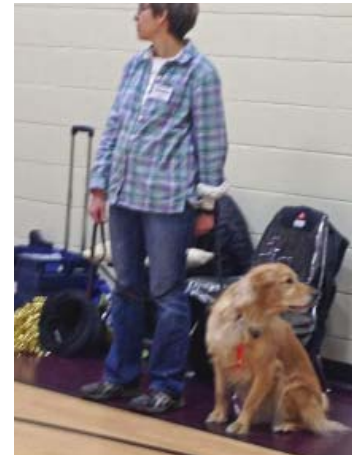
What do Elsie, Fenwick, Rae, Zuma, Nelle, Bella, Snickers, Griffen, Emmy, Chloe, and Kirby all have in common? They are the "pet" part of the human and dog partnership that create the newly formed Pet Visit Ministry teams at Pax Christi. This ministry, begun as a dream in January of 2013 by Sara Byerley, Pastoral Care Ministry Council member, continued to take shape through the formation of a task force, months of research, collection of data, consultation with experts in the field of animal assisted activity teams, and many, many meetings. These were the important steps taken to secure the proper investigative process was complete to assess the feasibility of this ministry. The findings were then presented to the Pastoral Care Ministry Council. The Councils full support was received and the Community Council endorsed the idea and confirmed the wisdom of the newly-formed ministry.

The mission statement of the Pet Visit Ministry contains the essence of the outreach: to comfort, amuse, warm a heart, or entice a memory and/or a good feeling in someone who is the recipient of the ministry. The

vision of the teams highlights that they are a group of animal lovers who know and appreciate the value of pets and believe in the healing factors that come along with their unconditional love of that relationship.

Pax's Pets teams are certified as an animal-assisted activity team. This means that the team is involved in casual "meet and greet" activities by visiting people and perhaps in situations where there is a gathering of people. This is contrasted with animal assisted therapy, often tailored to a particular person or medical condition, and having a goal-directed intervention where the animal is an integral part of the treatment process.

In order for the teams (pet and human) to be certified through the certifying organization, they needed to first pass the Canine Good Citizen test offered at local pet stores or the Animal Humane Society. Upon the successful completion of the CGC, the teams were then eligible for a five-week training course on site at Pax Christi which prepared them for the evaluation to achieve certification as a Pet Partners



animal-assisted activity team. Requisites of the team included being comfortable around a crowded or group of people, being sociable, friendly, people-oriented, and confident, comfortable with being touched (sometimes awkwardly), being controllable, predictable, and reliable, well-mannered when interacting with other animals, possessing the ability to disregard food, toys, and other objects on cue or with the "leave it" command, and importantly, possessing a certain comfort around health care equipment.

Once all the paperwork has been received, the teams will be sent forth to local care centers that have welcomed us and await the arrival of this enhanced

relationship of Pet Visit Ministry teams into their facilities. The Pastoral Care department also is in ongoing communication with a local hospice program to enhance their ministry to hospice patients through regular and loving visits to their clients.

You may not be seeing Elsie and her canine colleagues around Pax Christi much. That is because their good work of visiting those who cannot be a part of the assembly at our weekend liturgies and bringing joy, calmness, and a respite from the trials of their lives is the place they are called to be. *Written by Jane Schmitz, Director of Pastoral Care.*





HOW TO SAFELY ENJOY SUMMER FUN

SCHOOL IS OUT; summer has finally begun!! This is how many of us feel when June arrives. It is important to be safe while enjoying time spent with family and friends. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (cdc.gov/Features/KidsSafety/) focuses on water safety, beating the heat, safety at home, work, and play, preventing youth violence, and learning about health to “Keep Kids Safe This Summer.”

WATER SAFETY. Playing and swimming in the water are great ways to spend time during warm summer months. Protecting yourself from water borne illnesses, learning to swim, wearing a life jacket especially while on water craft (boats, jet skis, water skiing, fishing, etc.), and knowing one’s physical limits are important. Having an adult or teenager around who has been trained in CPR could be critical. Wear sunscreen.

BEATING THE HEAT. Infants, children, and the elderly are at greatest risk of heat-related illnesses, but this can happen to anyone. Consume non-alcoholic beverages and those with lesser amounts of sugar to stay hydrated, stay indoors and in air-conditioned spaces when possible, and regularly check on those who are outside.

SAFETY AT HOME, WORK, AND PLAY. Playground related injuries can occur at public or home playgrounds. To prevent falls, make your house safer, play with protective gear as warranted and with supervision; know what to do if a concussion occurs. Take care while cooking and cleaning to prevent fires, burns, and exposure to toxic chemicals. Practice your emergency plan at least twice a year.

YOUTH VIOLENCE AND HEALTH. Protect your child from any type of harassment or bullying that occurs including through email, a chat room, instant messaging, a website (including blogs), or text messaging. Help your children make healthy lifestyle choices. Enjoy a safe and healthy summer!

Questions? Contact Ann Dunagan, Parish Nurse, adunagan@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7200.

PIED BEAUTY BY GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

GLORY BE TO GOD FOR DAPPLED THINGS—
FOR SKIES OF COUPLE-COLOUR AS A BRINDED COW;
FOR ROSE-MOLES ALL IN STIPPLE UPON TROUT THAT SWIM;
FRESH-FIRECOAL CHESTNUT-FALLS; FINCHES' WINGS;
LANDSCAPE PLOTTED AND PIECED – FOLD, FALLOW, AND PLOUGH;
AND ALL TRADES, THEIR GEAR AND TACKLE AND TRIM.
ALL THINGS COUNTER, ORIGINAL, SPARE, STRANGE;
WHATEVER IS FICKLE, FRECKLED (WHO KNOWS HOW?)
WITH SWIFT, SLOW; SWEET, SOUR; ADAZZLE, DIM;
HE FATHERS-FORTH WHOSE BEAUTY IS PAST CHANGE:
PRAISE HIM.

GRACING LIFE IN THE GRANDEUR OF GOD

Gerard Manley Hopkins was born on July 28, 1844. He was a convert to Catholicism, became a Jesuit priest, and is probably best known posthumously for the artistry of his poetry.

The summer months grant us an opportunity to see things with new eyes, appreciating the colors, textures, and beauty that we have been granted on this earth. We have the opportunity to see things as Hopkins did in his poem “Pied Beauty,” but we also can be humbled in the fact that this beauty is a gift to us from God whose creation is Beauty.

We are artists called to create beauty in our lives, our relationships, in our world. As reminders of racial, economic, and theological differences float around us daily, we are challenged to strive to figure out how to navigate in our primary efforts to create beauty. Julia Cameron, writing in *Walking in this World*, helps to define how our artistry, in whatever corners of the world we are taken, can best be grounded:

When we place our reliance on an undergirding of divine assistance, we are able to hear our cues clearly, thank those who step forward to aid us, release those who seem to impede us, and keep unfolding as artists with the faith that the Great Artist knows precisely what is best for us and can help us find our path, no matter how lost, distanced, or removed we may sometimes feel from our dream. In the heart of God, all things are close at hand, and this means our creative help, support, and success. As we ask, believe, and are open to receive, we are gently led. Written by Jane Schmitz, Director of Pastoral Care.

FAITH OF OUR
FATHERS, WE WILL LOVE
BOTH FRIEND AND FOE
IN ALL OUR STRIFE;
AND PREACH THEE,
TOO, AS LOVE KNOWS
HOW BY KINDLY
WORDS AND
VIRTUOUS LIFE.

FAITH OF OUR
FATHERS, HOLY FAITH!
WE WILL BE TRUE TO
THEE TILL DEATH.

—FAITH OF OUR FATHERS,
STANZA 3- FREDERICK
WILLIAM FABER, 1849



STEWARDSHIP HANDED DOWN FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT



We were watching a movie, *The Monuments Men*, and as we got to a particular scene that occurred in 1944 during World War II, my father suddenly turned to me and said, “I was there.” I quickly paused the movie and listened intently as he took this time to share his story with me. My father was a proud member of the Timberwolves 104th Infantry Division, which at that time had just completed a few months of difficult battles, over cold, wet, and muddy terrain, and their commanding officer decided they deserved a much needed hot shower break and an evening of R&R. The unit lined up. Each man carried only his helmet and combat boots,

and they marched through a hot shower, receiving a clean, new uniform as they exited the building. My father and his buddy proceeded to the local bar where they enjoyed a beer and were on their way to the local café for a sandwich when the MP stopped them and told them all orders were cancelled, and they were to return to their unit at once. Within hours, they, along with thousands of troops, were moved out to partake in one of the most horrific series of battle actions of WWII: the Battle of the Bulge. Dad shared how thankful he was for that brief respite and how that momentary pause gave him

the strength to face the difficult battles ahead. As a member of the “Greatest Generation,” my father rarely shares stories of his war experiences. I took the opportunity to ask many questions about the time, the places, the people, and his experience. My father shared his story and allowed me a glimpse of a side he rarely shows. He proudly served his country, and his patriotism is as strong today as it was 71 years ago. My father saw the gruesome underbelly of war, and those experiences molded him to be the friend and family man we all know and love.

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My father has always relished the simple pleasures: a sauna followed with a dip in the lake, a Bismarck and coffee, camping and cabin time with his wife and children. He also answered every opportunity to lend a hand to neighbors and those in need, never questioning if he should, just quietly responding to the need. My father grew up in a vastly different time, with danger and pressures my generation has not felt. But the opportunities to support friends, family, and even people he would never, ever see again were presented to my father just as they are to each of us today.

My father's example of living as a steward has been quietly exhibited through his actions, which spoke volumes even if he chose to remain a taciturn Finlander. He calls it "sisu," a Finnish term that loosely translates to guts, fortitude, or the ability to pick one's self up and keep on going through whatever life hands you. Dad's "sisu" got him through that war, it got him through raising five children on the Iron Range, lovingly caring for a wife with Alzheimer's until she left this earth, and it will serve him well as he now battles cancer.

The lessons learned from my father may be unique to me and to my siblings, but the "fathers" in each of our lives teach us many, many priceless lessons. Through their living examples, we have learned what it means to put in an honest day's work, to share, to give of ourselves, to be patient, to have faith and live that faith out in our actions. Through the "fathers" in our lives, we have learned how to live the life of stewardship, one step at a time - today and tomorrow. It takes "sisu" to be a good father, just like it takes "sisu" to be a good steward. It isn't always easy to do the right

thing, but sometimes you just have to square your shoulders and lead with your faith and your heart to get the job done. Our job now is to honor all of our "fathers," to remember what they did to help us get where we are, and to repay them by showing the way to those who will come after us. On June 21, we celebrate Father's Day, but we need to show our love and respect to the "fathers" in our lives every day. Thank you, dad. Thank all of you dads. We are all better for the gifts you have so generously shared. *Written by Mary Kennedy, Director of Stewardship.*

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE TIME AND TALENT

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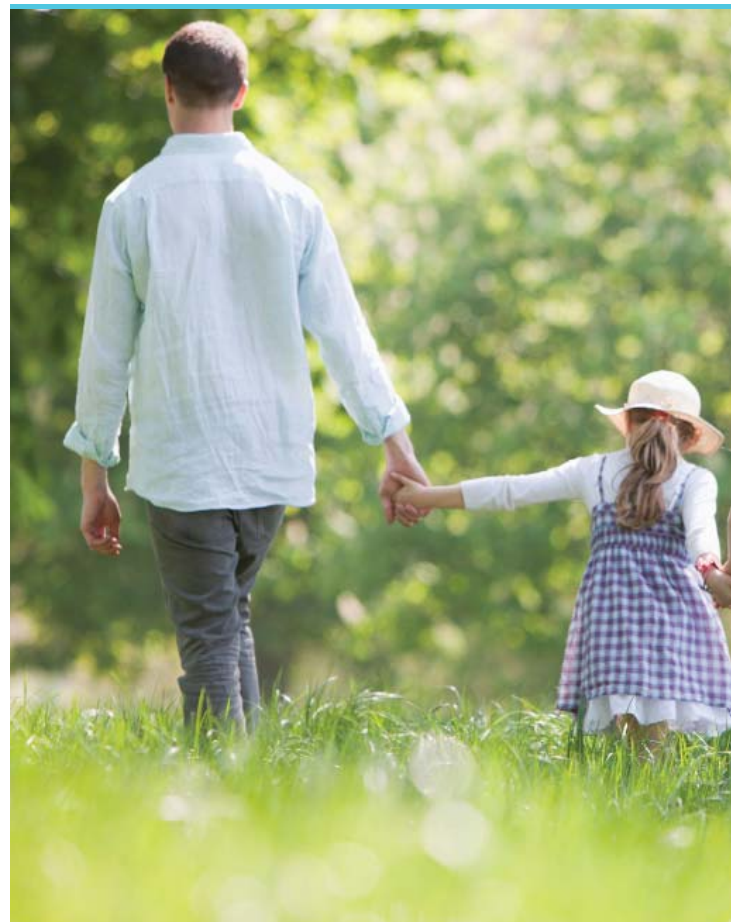
This ministry is open to adults, teens, and youth (4th grade and older). Prayerfulness while serving, knowledge of the parts of the liturgy, and reliability are needed. Training is provided. Altar server help is needed for all Masses, especially the two 5:00pm Masses. Please contact Sally Bergum, Liturgy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

MONDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PAX CHRISTI

Duties may include vacuuming sanctuary carpet, dusting pews, and cleaning altar and Reservation Chapel areas. You can pick and choose what you like to do. Volunteer Mondays, 1-2 hours between the hours of 6:00am-12:00pm. Questions? Contact Al Haider, 952-7232, or ahaider@paxchristi.com.

KITCHEN CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PAX CHRISTI

Help is needed for general cleaning of our kitchen. Duties would include cleaning dishes using commercial dishwasher, sanitize counter tops, sweep/mop floors, and overall tidying up/organizing kitchen spaces. Hours of service would be Monday - Friday between 6:30am-3:00pm, hours flexible to your schedule, usually a 1½-2 hr. commitment. Questions? Contact Al Haider, 952-7232, or ahaider@paxchristi.com.



JUNE

TWELVE BASKETS ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE

Through June 6/7 At Entrance Displays

The Twelve Baskets Annual Book Drive continues through the weekend of June 6/7. The project goal is to help our partner Blessed Trinity grade school in Richfield build their library.

Supporting the joy of reading and strengthening education help to pave the path out of poverty. As the school year ends, take time to help get things ready for next year by contributing to the Book Drive now.

Here's how the drive will work:

1. At entrances to the church, pick up a small book tag with the name of a requested title. Take as many as you'd like!
2. Purchase the book and return it to Pax Christi by the weekend of June 6/7.
3. Donations and bookstore gift cards are also welcome (we'll shop for you!).

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY

Weekends of May 30/31 and June 6/7 Following all Masses

This July, 12 senior high youth and four adults from Pax Christi will be traveling to Washington, D.C., for Young Neighbors in Action, a week long service-learning mission trip, and we need your help to get there! While in the Nation's Capital, our youth will be working with individuals and organizations that serve the poor and marginalized. The young people will also be learning more about Catholic Social Teaching and how to work for justice in our world. The goal is to return to Pax Christi energized and inspired to continue serving those in need and work for justice in our own community.

We plan on flying to Washington, D.C., and renting vehicles for transportation while we are there. However, this is a significant cost, and we need support in order to make it all the way.

You are invited to become a Companion on the Journey to Young Neighbors in Action in Washington, D.C., this summer! Please keep us in your prayers and, if you are able, consider supporting us with a financial donation. We will be at all the weekend liturgies May 30/31 and June 6/7. You can also make a donation online.

Upon our return, you will receive an invitation to the Companions on the Journey Report, an event where we will share with all our supporters the stories and impact of our journey.



A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

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

SUICIDE PREVENTION IN MINNESOTA: A PROGRESS REPORT

Monday, June 1, 6:30-8:00pm

Preventing suicide is becoming a top priority for health care and mental health services around the country. Here in Minnesota, a public-private task force has been working on the development of a statewide suicide prevention plan. The goal of the plan is to reduce suicide deaths in Minnesota by 10 percent in five years, and by 20 percent in ten years, ultimately working toward zero suicides. This educational program will provide information about the activities outlined in the state plan and help participants identify how they can take steps to reduce suicide in their own community. In particular, participants will learn how they and their organizations can promote messages of resilience and recovery for people with mental illness and their families. This event is co-sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Pax Christi Catholic Community. The presenters will be Donna Fox, Program Director, NAMI Minnesota, and Melissa Hensley, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Augsburg College. This event is free.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SPIRITUALITY SUPPORT GROUP

Next Meeting Thursday, June 4,

3:00-4:30pm, Room 221 - Sojourner Truth

The Mental Health and Spirituality Group is an opportunity for participants who have mental health concerns to both give and receive support, to make a deeper connection with God and oneself, and to be exposed to tools which might help make one's life more manageable.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Friday, June 5, Beginning with Mass at 8:30am

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

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

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October 4–13, 2015

Follow the Footsteps of Paul. This trip includes a Greek island cruise. A limited number of seats remain. To view this trip's website, please visit magitravelinc.com, click Tours & Pilgrimages, click Greece, and then click the link below the trip dates. You may view the itinerary, airline arrangements, hotel accommodations, and more. You may also register online. Please contact Magi Travel at 952-949-0065 with any questions.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE (NCYC)

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

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 7, 2015

- Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
- Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
- Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37
- Immac. Heart: Is 61:9-11/Lk 2:41-51

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 14, 2015

- Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
- Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Mt 6:24-34

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21, 2015

- Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41
- Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5
- Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2015

- Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
- Monday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Mt 8:23-27
- Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Mt 8:28-34
- Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Mt 9:1-8
- Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29
- Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Mt 9:14-17

JUNE

at Pax Christi

See pages 14-15 for details.

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TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE - AT ENTRANCE DISPLAYS THROUGH JUNE 7						
7 COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 LEADERSHIP MTGS.	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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