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DEAR FRIENDS...



Fr. J. Michael Byron
Pastor

ON THE DAY that I was ordained, now almost 30 years ago, Archbishop John Roach asked me and each of my seven priesthood candidate classmates, one by one, in front of about 2,000 people gathered at the St. Paul Cathedral, the following question: "Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?" The ritual of ordination still requires an affirmative answer to that question, out loud and in public, as a pre-condition for any person who is about to be invested with the responsibilities of ordained priesthood. It is one of several required questions that each candidate is asked on the day of his ordination. I remember reflecting long and hard about all that for at least two reasons.

First, that obedience question was the only one which, according to the rubrics, required the candidate physically and individually to approach the archbishop, who was seated in his chair, and to kneel before him, placing his hands in the archbishop's as he professed his response. Ritually it was quite evident that this was/is regarded by "the Church" as singularly important among the public promises—more important than the promise to pray, or to celebrate the sacraments, or to strive to live an exemplary life, or to be chaste/celebrate, or to hand on the faith with integrity. That struck me then, as now, as very, very strange. So I was pleased that on my ordination day Archbishop Roach decided to dispense with that liturgical direction, and my classmates and I responded to all of the promises, together, with the same ritual posture, standing in a line in front of him. The archbishop never explained himself in that regard, but I'd like to think that he was as curious (skeptical?) about all of this as I was. The promise of obedience is important, but not more important than all those other things.

The second reason for my pause over that obedience question was that, while

I knew I had respect for Archbishop Roach and was prepared to obey him, I had no idea then just who his successors might be or what they might ask of me. How could I make a promise like that with integrity? Respect, so I thought, is a gift that is offered from one person to another as the result of his/her having "earned" it. It's an expression of a relationship, and not of a categorical concept to which one gives an abstract nod of assent. In any other normal human context, I would not offer a promise of respect or obedience to a person without ever having met him/her or knowing anything about him/her.

And in fact, there have now been, so far, three successors to Archbishop Roach during my ordained life (and several more auxiliary bishops, too). While I think I have been obedient to all of them, I have not felt respect toward all of them as human beings. Have I been unfaithful to my promise? I don't think so. Why not? Because the respect that was called out of me on ordination day was not directed toward any personality but to an office. We Catholics understand the office of bishop to have been divinely willed by Christ. I was not, on that long-ago morning,

professing to have personal affection or esteem toward whomever happened to be wearing the miter around here, now and forever. And, sorry to say, I have not always had that. But I was pledging to do my utmost to minister within the structure of the Church as our tradition has carried it forward from the very beginning. (There are already explicit references to the offices of bishop, deacon, and elder/presbyter/priest on the pages of the New Testament.)

I am thinking of all this just now because we are at a moment of what could reasonably be called a crisis with regard to "respect and obedience" toward Church authority and leadership. The recent egregious failures of our country's bishops, both in their personal conduct and in the exercise of ministerial responsibilities, are now only too well known. How might we think about this as we attempt to find a way forward?

Here's one suggestion. How about an attempt to correlate the personal integrity of a would-be bishop with the "privileges" of his office? In the ancient Church nobody became a bishop, or any other kind of official Church leader, without the consensus



of the people over whom he would presume to exercise his leadership. A bishop was not imposed upon a community from someplace else; he was raised up from the local church on account of his recognized holiness and skills. In fact, for a time, to do otherwise was outlawed. It wasn't exactly a democracy back then, but it was quite a bit closer to that than anything we've seen in our lifetimes (or in fact for the past thousand years or more). There once was a dynamic process through which the Church (i.e. all of us) prayed and discerned which people could and would be respected and obeyed in an office like bishop, not because it was a promise demanded of the underlings, but because there was a recognized coherence

between the responsibilities of the office and the gifts of the person who was being considered to occupy it, as well as the specific needs of the community for which that office exists. In the history of our own archdiocese, Archbishop Roach was the only person ever to lead us who was actually from here (Prior Lake to be specific).

True leadership, whether in the Church or anyplace else, is not a privilege that can be extorted from a community by threats or by fear or by the imposition of raw political force or by the recitation of God's alleged holy will. We Catholics are, ironically, at a happy moment of having finally been made to figure that out the hard way, after a long time of darkness.

In my opinion our country isn't there yet, and it may have a lot to learn from our Catholic witness, in spite of it all.

To return to my ordination day promise, I think I was right to find it weird to be made to pledge allegiance to a person unknown who might one day occupy the office of bishop, one that I and we would have no discerning voice about selecting. A true leader is one who not only is invested with a title and power, but is one upon whom those privileges are willingly and gratefully conferred by the Holy Spirit and by all.





WHEN DO YOU FEEL MOST FULLY ALIVE?

SOME will say it's when watching their favorite sports team win a big game, especially a championship—big-time happy emotions. Others will say it's when they get a raise and maybe a promotion for significant accomplishments at work—big-time happy emotions. Still others say it's when.... you can fill in the situation from your own experiences.

In these situations, how long does the big-time happy emotion last? It could be a few hours, or a few days, maybe a few weeks. And if you won a few dollars betting on the game, so much the better. Then it's back to the ebb and flow of daily life.

In these examples, and the others that you can think of, the celebrator focuses internally: This is/was good for me. Frank Cunningham, in his book *Vesper Time*, has a different view: "Yet the highly contrarian secret is that we find our richest meaning in loving, caring for, and doing for others. We are most fully alive when we open ourselves to others."

In our previous articles on engagement and hospitality, we have talked about developing and strengthening relationships within our families, within Pax Christi as we minister to one another, and within our larger community.

Ask any of the shared ministers active in Care and Support ministries. They feel rewarded and close to God when they are opening themselves as they minister to others. There of course is a risk to doing that. They also say that in those relationships, after a time, they feel they are getting more out of it than they are putting into it, which is counter-intuitive. Some of these relationships go on for many months.

The culture we live in looks favorably upon those who acquire a lot of "toys," a lot of possessions. There is nothing intrinsically wrong with that. But, we all learn eventually that this accumulation of material things does not bring much fulfillment, and it reinforces the desire to acquire more and more.

Let me close with this quote from Victor Frankl's *Man's Search for Meaning*: "Being human always points, and is directed, to something or someone other than oneself... The more one forgets himself—giving himself to a cause to serve or a person to love—the more human he is."

Let us all be as human as we can be.

Written by Dave Putrich, Lay Leadership Development Council

FINDING NEW ROADS AS LEADERS OF PAX CHRISTI

SINCE the beginning of the parish in 1981, Lay Leadership has been a part of the intentional founding charism of Pax Christi. When the Strategic Planning Team studied and discerned the values of the faith community today, they reintroduced this tenet as one of the six values held as a pillar of authentic expression of the way to be church. Lay Leadership, as written in the current Strategic Plan, states:

We co-lead and share in the responsibility of upholding the mission of the church.

Lay leadership was one of the founding principles of Pax Christi Catholic Community. The Church began as a grassroots effort set forth by the laity in an effort to create a church community that would meet the spiritual needs of many families

in the growing southwestern metro. The principle of lay leadership remains a key value to be upheld. As stated by the Second Vatican Council, the Church is the People of God, the community of the baptized. In collaboration with the ordained, we all hold responsibility for the life and the mission of the Church.

I asked a few of our current leaders to share their reflection on why they said "yes" to the call to lay leadership as members of ministry councils. In their own words:

We, Pat and I, have been attending Pax and have been members since the early 1990s. Pax has been our spiritual home and has done so much for us! I decided it was time for me to do something for Pax Christi! Mike Larson, second-year member on the Stewardship Council

I always come back to Vatican II: "Sharing in the function of Christ, priest, prophet, and king, the laity have an active part of their own in the life and activity of the Church. Their activity within the church communities is so necessary that without it the apostolate of the pastors will frequently be unable to obtain its full effect." We all are called to lead in whatever way we can. Dave Putrich, first-year returning member on the Lay Leadership Development Council

I said yes to being a part of the Worship Ministry Council to serve and make a difference in these questioning times we all live in. I want to share my baptismal beliefs and continue to move forward with faith and love. Mary Lanners, second-year member of the Worship Council

I said "yes" to the Finance Council because I wanted to do more to be a part of the church after years of making self-excuses not to. Additionally, my friendship/social circles are small and this is a neat way to meet more people. Mike Evans, second-year member on the Finance Council.

I said yes to leadership at Pax Christi because I found myself at a time of many transitions in my life, and I knew this faith community would be a very important anchor in my journey as I navigated through a lot of change. I was ready to be involved at a deeper level and to give back in a new way. Karen Lamberty, second-year member on the Faith Formation Council

May their reflections and your own be the course we continue to travel on as we **FIND NEW ROADS** and new ways to serve as lay leaders of Pax Christi Catholic Community.

Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director



COMMUNITY COUNCIL 2018-2019

Top Row (left to right): Jane Schmitz - Parish Director, Dale Nelson, Bruce Koehn - Trustee, Bob Martinka, Alyson Armstrong, Phil Trovato, Dave Wagner, Sandy Towey, Fr. Michael Byron - Pastor
Bottom Row (left to right): Jodi Ramirez, Danielle Trovato, Sara Byerley, Peg Musegades, Shari Steffen - Trustee



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Mission: To create and maintain an environment that encourages our community to flourish and grow.

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Not Pictured: Emily Bruner, Mark Lanners

** New to the Arts, Campus, and Gardens Council.*



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Mission: To serve as a model and resource to individuals and families and to respond to their spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual, and social needs.

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Mission: To nourish the spiritual hunger within all members of the parish community by providing a broad range of faith formation opportunities, thus deepening the Eucharistic celebration experience and strengthening the faith of all parish households.

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Not Pictured: Patti Christensen

** New to the Faith Formation Council.*



FINANCE COUNCIL

Mission: To provide financial advice regarding: the annual operating budget, the long term strategic plan, the parish's financial condition including its investment portfolio and debt obligations, internal controls, and communication of financial information.

Top Row (left to right): *Dave Faulise, Michael Evans, Maurie Weiler, Sue Fier - Parish Financial Manager, Dennis McCormick

Bottom Row (left to right): Gary Lybeck, Sandy Towey - Chair, *Renee Stapleton, *Mike Kennedy

** New to the Finance Council.*

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Mission: To discern the most pressing needs of society and utilize our community's resources to promote the dignity of the marginalized and change the forces and structures that create injustice.

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Not Pictured: *Jane DuBois, Jessica Huber, *Catherine McComas-Bussa, Leonarda Ledesma ** New to the Justice Council.*



LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Mission: To affirm, cultivate, and strengthen community leaders for collaborative leadership in the parish and its ministries.

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** New to the Lay Leadership Council.*



STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mission: To help our community identify individual gifts of time, talent, and treasure, develop opportunities that foster the sharing of gifts, and provide stewardship education.

Top Row (left to right): Aleata Madison, *Mike Schneider, Mark Cox, *Patti Sears

Bottom Row (left to right): Sara Byerley - Chair, Mike Larson

Not pictured: *Kate Rizo, *Stephen Robinson, Joe Michels

** New to the Stewardship Council.*



WORSHIP COUNCIL

Mission: To foster the community's praise of God and service to the world by mobilizing our gifts of word, song, hospitality, environment, and more and by guiding the preparation and design of its worship.

Top Row (left to right): Peg Martin, Mary Lanners, Christian Ramirez, *Eric Fought, Roger Hawkinson, *Cecelia Morris, Danielle Trovato - Chair

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** New to the Worship Council.*





BECOMING EVERYDAY STEWARDS

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. —1 Pt 4:10

Our theme for this year at Pax Christi is "Finding New Roads." If we want to journey down a new road, let's try to become everyday stewards. First, we need to understand what we mean by stewardship in the Christian sense.

Safeguarding material and human resources and using them responsibly are one answer; so is giving of our time, talent and treasure. But being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

If we believe that all we have comes from God as a gift, then we are to grow what we have and return it with increase to God—this means ALL. Everything I am is because of God and everything I have is because of God. We focus our stewardship actions so heavily on what we do at Pax Christi or at our favorite charities, but we need to remember that ALL means ALL.

This does not mean just our money and time we give at Pax Christi, but also what we do each and every day in our ordinary lives. The time I spend at Pax Christi helping with Mass, visiting individuals at Brookdale Care Center to bring them Eucharist, and serving on the

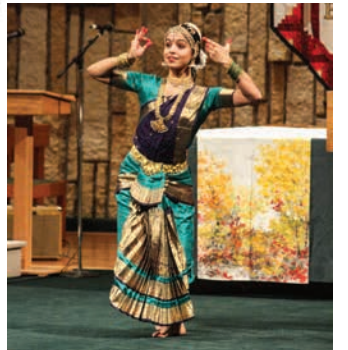
Stewardship Council and Community Council is very important, but so is the time I spend at home alone in prayer. The time I use to prepare a meal for a neighbor family that just brought a new baby home, so they can have a meal without having to cook, is another way I can be an everyday steward. The time I take to talk to someone I meet that just needs to be heard and recognized as important is being an everyday steward.

When we understand that our lives are permeated with all the gifts God has given us, then we can begin to be mindful of God in the ordinary each day. By taking time to remember that God is present in every moment of my life and in all the people I see as I do ordinary things, it changes the way I live my life. I live more intentionally, focused and deliberate. I have found my "New Road."

I will live each day mindfully, prayerfully, gratefully, and graciously. I am committed and will be both accountable and present to those I see every day. By doing this each day, I will be an everyday steward and will grow in generosity.

Won't you join me?

Written by Sara Byerley, Stewardship Council Chair



ON NOVEMBER 17, AT 7:00PM, Eden Prairie will once again celebrate our unity in diversity at our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration. The event, which has its roots right here at Pax Christi, will be held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. Many diverse faith communities will participate with artistic and liturgical expressions of music, song, readings, and dance. Through the theme of *Becoming One*, we will share expressions of who we are as distinct individuals and diverse faith traditions, and discover that there is so much more that binds us than divides us. We are truly one community of neighbors, always discovering how to become one.



The Pax Christi Choir, Fr. Mike Byron, and a special group of intergenerational singers will be part of the program. Anyone who wishes to join the intergenerational singers, which will be made up of members of all faith traditions, is welcome! You don't have to be part of the Pax Christi choir. There will be one rehearsal for this intergenerational group on Saturday, November 10, at 9:00am.

All Pax Christi members are invited to attend this very well-loved Thanksgiving tradition—*Becoming One: An Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration*.

Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Liturgical Coordinator





FROM CHICAGO TO WAYFINDERS 2.0: YOUTH OF PAX CHRISTI FIND NEW ROADS OF LEADERSHIP

PAX CHRISTI parishioner Ed Heil looked around the circle at the youth staring back at him. “Who wants to be in charge of arranging all the music stuff for our first month?” he asked.

“I can do that!” answered high school junior Mary Kate McCoy.

“Great! And who would be interested in arranging our discussions for future meetings?”

“I’ll do that!” said sophomore Maddie Lenius.

“And we need one more person who would be able to do some research on possible service projects. Is there anyone who can do that?”

“I can give it a try,” offered sophomore Christina Spanier. “My hockey season is going to get busy soon, but maybe I can work on it with someone else!”

This was the first meeting of the year for the reimagined Wayfinders group at Pax Christi. The Wayfinders started out as an initiative developed by the high school youth who participated in the 2017 service/justice immersion trip to Detroit. It was designed as a way to do youth-led service projects in our local community throughout the year, in the spirit of the Detroit experience.

However, after this summer’s service trip to Chicago, the idea grew into something bigger.

During the last week of June, nine youth and two adults traveled to the south side of Chicago to serve our brothers and sisters in need at St. Columbanus Church. St. Columbanus has a well-known food pantry that serves hundreds of individuals and families each week, as well as a summer youth program that provides educational and social opportunities for children from age four to 11. The youth of Pax Christi helped to prepare and distribute items at the food pantry in the mornings, and they played games with the children in the afternoon. They took on the challenge of organizing an entire room full of diapers and baby supplies, and did a few much-needed cleaning projects for the church.

Over the years, Pax Christi has built a reputation for being hard working, wildly efficient, and consistently proactive. When there was a lull in activity, you could bet that within a minute one of the youth would ask, “What can we do now?” Their leadership was on full display that week in Chicago.

One crucial piece of our service trip is making a plan for how to take the experience of service and justice work back home with us. This is an essential goal of any short-term service trip—to understand not only that injustices exist back home, too, but that there’s something we can do about those injustices.



The youth loved the idea of taking their service experiences home with them. But while they were in Chicago, they didn’t just serve those in need. They also built a tight-knit community. They laughed together, cried together, sang songs together, and prayed together. On the last night of the trip, they started dreaming together about how to take that spirit with them too—not just the service, but the community. They asked for a space where they could plan service opportunities, but they also wanted a space where they could discuss the questions and issues that really matter to them—the things that affect their lives every day, the topics at the forefront of their minds as they navigate an ever-changing world. They wanted to explore how a life of discipleship might inform or influence their experiences and viewpoints. And they were insistent that they wanted more voices from Pax Christi youth in that space with them.

I’ve been doing youth ministry in some capacity for about nine years. What I’ve discovered over those years is that when young people have an experience of community, often their first instinct is to hold tightly to it, and sometimes to insulate themselves from the outside world in order to maintain that special bond. A true leader, though, always invites others to the proverbial feast. They set another place at the table, then another, and another, until they need to build a bigger table. They buy more chairs and dishes and silverware so even more people can join in the feast. I’m proud to say that this is the kind of leadership I see in our Pax Christi youth—and Wayfinders is a perfect example.



It comes as no surprise that youths’ schedules are often tough to manage, and it’s getting increasingly more challenging to add extra things to families’ calendars. Because of this, the young leaders from the Chicago trip suggested that we offer Wayfinders as a Faith Interest Connector (FIC) option during the Sunday evening high school Faith Formation session. They acknowledged the reality that it’s becoming more and more difficult for even the most highly engaged young people to commit to attending “one more event”—let alone a consistent program—especially if it’s on a day/time when they’re not already at the church. So offering Wayfinders as an FIC was a perfect way to open the experience to a wider group of youth while also respecting the scheduling challenges facing today’s youth and families.

One of the most important elements of the high school FIC program is that youth get to choose what group they want to be a part of. The topics range from volleyball to cooking to science and everything in between, and typically each group consists of five to 15 young people. Remarkably, 22 youth have signed up for the first season of Wayfinders—only five of whom had attended the Chicago trip.

It’s been so exciting to watch these young leaders take ownership of the Wayfinders experience. They are smart, passionate, and forward-thinking. As the group continues to grow and evolve, it’s clear that we as a parish community can continue to expect great things from the youth of Pax Christi!

Written by Jessie Johnson, Senior High Youth Formation Minister



CONVERSATION CIRCLE RECAP

MEMBERS of the Pax Christi community gathered on September 18 for a conversation circle event. The event was held with the purpose of listening and understanding parishioner concerns in light of recent events, including the grand jury findings in Pennsylvania, along with the American Church hierarchy's response, and Pope Francis' Letter to the People of God.

The night began with Parish Director, Jane Schmitz, offering opening comments to lay the groundwork for the evening. She provided the group with guidelines for discussions to ensure that there was a safe place for conversation and honest feelings. The discussion for the evening centered around two questions. For each question attendees first shared their views in a small group setting. After the table discussion, each table designated a spokesperson who summarized and shared the views of the table with the entire gathering. The responses noted here give a cross section of the views of those in attendance:

QUESTION 1: WHY DO I CHOOSE TO STAY IN THE CHURCH?

- **The abuse that happened is separate from my church, separate from Pax Christi:**

The abuse does not represent the Church. We see so much good here at Pax Christi and we want justice to help others. The people here keep me anchored. Pax Christi's legacy of lay leadership. Pax Christi feeds my spirituality.

- **I stay because of my sense of responsibility and own personal convictions:**

I feel it's a responsibility to our children. I don't want to give up; perseverance is a value I hold deep to my heart. The only way to make a change is to stay. I stay to be an example.

- **Being Catholic is who I am:**

It's in my DNA. It's in the Apostle's Creed; I believe what I believe. I was baptized Catholic—it is my call and vocation. This is where I feel comfort, joy, the spirit of my heritage. I believe in the presence of Christ in the Church. Church is who we are.

- **I don't know if I will stay:**

I am not sure why to stay.



Before discussing the second question, Fr. Mike spoke about a chief factor contributing to the abuse and its concealment—clericalism. Fr. Mike gave numerous examples of how people have been trained to defer to people of authority or status who have automatic credibility, including doctors, lawyers, etc.—not just clergy. Within the Church, lay people have been trained to hand over power to the hierarchy with the idea that those ordained have automatic credibility because they are religious people. Fr. Mike referenced and recommended two books about clericalism: *Clerical Culture* by Michael L. Papesh, and *Clericalism: The Death of Priesthood* by George B. Wilson.

QUESTION 2: HOW CAN WE AS A PARISH HAVE A SPECIFIC IMPACT ON RESISTING THE EFFECTS OF CLERICALISM?

- **We need to make ourselves heard:**

We need to be more informed about the Church. Decision making should be a community effort. We should say how we feel and make our voices heard. How do we communicate our responses to Archbishop Hebda?

- **Integrate clergy into the community:**

Let's bring seminary students into parishes like Pax Christi where they can see strong lay leadership. Give women opportunities to be priests. Allow priests to be married.

- **I don't like the question:**

What about talking about the victims? Why aren't we given input as to where money goes to the victims?

After the close of discussions, the Community Council met to consider what they heard and determined that additional gatherings would be beneficial. Upcoming gatherings—along with subject, dates, and times—will be shared through Pax Christi eNEWS, bulletin, and other notification methods.

Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor

MEET PAX CHRISTI'S COMMUNITY LIFE COORDINATOR, LISA COX

IN 2015, long-time Pax Christi parishioner Lisa Cox left behind her career as a corporate tax accountant. After the company she worked for eliminated her position, Lisa decided it was an opportunity to try something different. Rather than pursuing a new job, Lisa had the feeling that a new opportunity would present itself eventually and instead put her energy into the development of a personal yoga practice. Then this past June, Mary Kennedy resigned her position as Director of Stewardship and Development. Mary's job duties were split into two part-time positions, separating stewardship and community life. Lisa, who had worked with Mary on various events in the past, decided that the Community Life Coordinator position was the opportunity she had been waiting for. Because Lisa has been involved in many community life events at Pax Christi, she knew that the job required attention to detail, the ability to manage a budget, and was project based—it was the perfect fit.

As the Community Life Coordinator, Lisa works on the events that don't fall under the umbrellas of other ministries, such as Celebration of Shared Ministries, Blessing of the Animals, Cana Dinner, Holiday Tea, etc. She also serves as the staff liaison with the Boy Scouts.

Lisa says that the only surprising part of her new role is how easy it has been getting on board. "Everyone has been so approachable," Lisa says. It certainly helps that Lisa knows Pax Christi so well through her active membership in the parish. Lisa and her husband Mark, who have been parishioners since 1992, have been part of the PREPARE Ministry—which helps engaged couples get ready for marriage—Hospitality Ministry, and Liturgical Ministry. Lisa became a catechist when her son Kevin started school, and when it became available, seized the opportunity to become an altar server—something she always wanted to do when growing up but couldn't because girls weren't allowed. As a lay leader, Lisa has served on the Finance Council and most recently the Stewardship Council. Her latest honor was that of working as a member of the Strategic Planning Team which developed Pax Christi's most recent set of strategic goals.



Lisa says that one of the key challenges of her position is recruiting volunteers and member engagement. From her work on the Strategic Planning Team, she views this challenge as an opportunity for both her and the community. She said that the overarching goals of *Belonging* and *Believing* that guide the work of the leadership councils guide her own work. She sees an opportunity to reach beyond the Pax Christi community to find people who want to be engaged and connected. Lisa understands that volunteers want to participate in the planning of events, not just show up to do a task: They really want to belong to something bigger. By engaging people through Community Life and giving them the sense of belonging, Lisa thinks the second goal—believing—will naturally follow.

Since Lisa is just getting her feet wet, she doesn't have plans to make changes to Pax Christi's community life events anytime soon. However, she does have the goal of getting to know more people both inside and outside the Pax Christi community and is open to new ideas and events.

Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor



MINISTRIES OF PRAYER:

PRAYER BASKET – Before and after each weekend Mass, you may write a prayer intention and drop it into the Prayer Basket located near the baptismal font. All intentions in the Prayer Basket are collectively included in the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass.

PRAYER BOARD – Pax Christi's website hosts the Prayer Board. You are invited to pray as you are able for the intentions listed. Intentions may be submitted via the link on our homepage.

PRAYER CORNER – The Prayer Corner is included in the weekly bulletin. You are invited to pray as you are able for those listed.

PRAYER LINE – The Prayer Line team of dedicated parishioners prays in response to intentions brought forward by others in our community. Call the parish office if you have a prayer request you would like included.

ROSARY GROUP – Each Tuesday morning at 9:05am, the rosary is prayed in the chapel. Come and join others in this timeless prayer.

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



BOOMERS & BEYOND

PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

Sign-up at www.paxchristi.com/boomers to receive info on upcoming events.

Upcoming events include:

- November 2:** First Friday Coffee and Conversation
- November 14:** Lunch and Theater Outing
- December 15:** Christmas Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION: SINGERS INVITED

All are welcome to Eden Pairie's Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration, taking place at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 17, at 7:00pm. This is a special invitation for people of all ages who like to sing to join in one of the songs for the program. Please let us know of your interest by registering online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration. Please note: rehearsal is Saturday, November 10, at 9:00am.



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

FOR 3RD AND 4TH GRADE YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL SINGERS

Our NEW Tradition Continues! Our Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy begins with third and fourth-grade youth telling the story of Christmas in word and song followed by Mass.

All Pax Christi third- and fourth-grade students are invited to participate. An intergenerational group of singers will help lead the songs for this special Children's Christmas Mass. Anyone wishing to join the Intergenerational Singers, are invited to be a part of this Christmas Eve celebration.

Participants and their parents will be required to attend the one and only dress rehearsal. In order to successfully create this special liturgy, we are in need of parent volunteers. Registration is required no later than December 2. Visit www.paxchristi.com/childrenschristmasmass for online registration or contact Joan Howe-Pullis, 952-405-7247. Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

Dress Rehearsal For All: Saturday, December 15, 9:00am-12:00noon

CHILDREN'S Christmas Eve Mass: Monday, December 24
Christmas Story at 1:45pm; Mass at 2:00pm

PARISHIONER NEWS

SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

Olivia Pearl Dillon	9/2/2018
Piper Patricia Lindquist	9/9/2018
Henry Banks Becker	9/16/2018
Marie Louise Wold	9/16/2018
Ava Grace Jansen	9/23/2018
Niko Hendrix Valdez	9/23/2018
Brenna Karen Beckius	9/30/2018
Easton John Berryman	9/30/2018
Payton Rose Berryman	9/30/2018

SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS

Melissa Nerem & Stephen Hansen	9/8/18
Kaitlyn Kerns & William Freeman	9/14/18
Jessica Schacht & Christopher Larson	9/15/18
Courtney Mastain & Dane Inderrieden	9/22/18

SEPTEMBER FUNERALS

Jodelle 'Jody' Barrett	9/1/2018
Julia Rose Mary Walsh	9/5/2018
Irene B. Sabean	9/14/2018
Jay "Tim" Kelly	9/17/2018
(Loren) Bud Weed	9/28/2018

SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBERS

Bob and Mary Andersen
Kevin and Erin Berg
Wayne Brabant
Katherine Guettler
Jonathon and Jessica Herzog
Brad Hise and Dana Knudsen
Aaron and Lori Kick
Joseph and Anastasia Redemann
Idamae Spear
Mark and Rosanna Svobodny
Andrew & Irene Toperzer

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4, 2018

Monday:	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcd-e-3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Saturday:	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Monday:	Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 -- 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

NOVEMBER

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, November 1, 8:30am and 7:00pm in the Sanctuary

This is the time of year when our thoughtful remembrances belong to those whose lives have touched ours, yet no longer walk among us. May we never forget how blessed we are to have a heritage of saintly people, those officially proclaimed by the Church, and those whose sainthood lives within our hearts.

“THE MODERN SAINTS” DISPLAY

A Great Cloud of Witnesses for Modern Times; November 1–15

Have you ever thought about what the saints of the past might look like in today's world? Imagine Joan of Arc as a young world-changer with blue hair, or Francis of Assisi as a tattooed young dreamer, or Mary as a young refugee. Several prints from “The Modern Saints,” a series by Columbus, OH artist Gracie Morbitzer, will be on display in the Pacem in Terris Gallery (Room 247) from November 1–15 as we remember the saints who have gone before us and draw inspiration for how we can live out the gospel in today's world.

MEMORIAL MASS

Saturday, November 3, 5:00pm Mass

In November, it is the church's tradition to celebrate All Souls Day, which commemorates all those who have died. As a parish community we set aside this evening to pray with those among us who have experienced the death of a loved one these past 12 months. Names of those whose funerals we celebrated at Pax Christi from November 2017 through October 2018 will be read during the Prayers of the Faithful at this Memorial Mass. All members of this community, especially those who have experienced the death of a loved one, are welcome to join us at this special Mass. You are invited to bring a picture of your loved one for our prayer table in the narthex.

SOULCOLLAGE® – THE COUNCIL SUIT

Tuesday, November 5, 6:00–8:00pm, Fee of \$5, Room 212 RSVP

SoulCollage® guides you through an intuitive, insightful process in a setting of creativity and camaraderie. Archetypes are ancient, universal patterns of behavior that are embedded in the “collective unconscious.” A guided meditation will lead you to your archetypes. You will gather and assemble images onto cards based on your archetypes and engage in exercises that their personal significance. Contact Lynn Schelitzche with questions, lschelitzche@paxchristi.com, or 952-405-7230.

WISDOM OF THE BODY: A LABYRINTH WALK

Tuesday, November 6, 6:30–8:30pm, Dorothy Day Hall RSVP

We have all heard the phrases “follow your heart,” “listen to your inner voice,” “trust your gut.” These are all ways we receive intuitive guidance. Intuition is a body experience, an inner resource that gives us direction towards our hope and dreams and finding meaning in life. Walking the labyrinth is one way to access our inner wisdom. The labyrinth is a walking meditation, a path of prayer and a safe space to open to our intuitive guidance. The evening will include a brief workshop followed by an indoor candlelit labyrinth walk. For questions and to RSVP, contact Carrie Chevalier Mosher, carrie@cycleofwholeness.com.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Saturday, November 10, 6:00pm

Celebrate your heritage at Pax Christi's International Potluck. Dust off that family recipe, the one that makes you think of home, whip up a batch, and bring it over to Pax Christi as we celebrate the melting pot that is this community of faith. Feel free to bring whatever favorite ethnic food you like to make that represents your heritage. If you happen to have a special image, statue, or icon representing your faith heritage—feel free to bring it in to share in a display.

CAST INTO THE DEEP: ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Monday, November 12 beginning with a meal at 6:00pm RSVP

Through Bishop Barron's beautifully produced video, we will learn about St. Thomas' formation as a Dominican theologian and his lifelong quest to demonstrate that faith and reason, rather than being in conflict, constitute the twin pillars through which we can more fully come to know God, the dignity of humanity, and our fulfillment in imitating the self-giving love of Jesus Christ. The series is non-linear, so it's not a problem if you miss a session or join any time. The series will take place in the Hall of Martyrs. There will be an optional meal served at 6:00pm and an introduction followed by DVD viewing at 6:30pm. There will be table and large group discussion from 7:45–8:15pm. Prayer/Eucharist Adoration will be 8:15–8:30pm in the Thomas Merton Chapel. The nursery will be available with minimum 10-day notice.

TWELVE BASKETS THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

Drop Off Weekend of November 17/18

Complete details on back cover.

TWELVE BASKETS SHARE THE JOY

November 17/18 THROUGH December 1/2

“SHARE THE JOY” CHRISTMAS GIVING DRIVE HAS ARRIVED! The 12 Baskets Ministry invites you once again to “Share-the-Joy” this holiday season! As we take time to count our many blessings and give thanks, may we also remember that so many of our brothers and sisters, including children, are living in great need. Here at Pax Christi we have many wonderful opportunities for giving—St. Stephen's Mens' Shelter, Blessed Kateri's Faith Formation Children, Little Earth Seniors, and Risen Christ School are returning again. We will also be partnering with St. Andrew's Lutheran here in Eden Prairie to support the “Holiday Store” hosted by the Center for Changing Lives in the Phillips neighborhood. Sign-up displays will be in Dorothy Day Social Hall after each Mass starting on November 17/18 and run through December 1/2. Please stop by to chat with a Twelve Baskets Minister and to see the many creative opportunities to participate. We look forward to another wonderful season of “Sharing the Joy!” DROP OFF DATE: Drop off gifts at Pax Christi, at doors 1 and 3 in the designated bins, by Sunday, December 9. Holiday Store deadline is Sunday, November 25, by noon.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES: ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE EQUITY

Sunday, November 18, 12:30–2:00pm RSVP

Jason Sole, Community-First Public Safety Director, St. Paul

Jason Sole is the Community-First Public Safety Director for the city of St. Paul. As a teen, he joined a gang in Chicago, became a leader in it, and sold drugs. He moved to Minnesota at age 18 and later wound up in prison. But he was determined to find a different path. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, and has written his dissertation as he works toward his doctorate in criminal justice. He's been an employee at non-profits in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and has been a criminal justice professor for nine years. He resigned as president of the Minneapolis NAACP to take his new job in St. Paul.

Mark Haase, Director of Government Relations, Minneapolis

Mark Haase is the co-founder of the Second Chance Coalition. As the Vice President of the Council on Crime and Justice, Mark led bipartisan efforts to reform drug sentencing and juvenile records laws, and restore voting rights for the formerly incarcerated. Later, he helped lead the Ban the Box campaign in Minnesota. Growing up in Brooklyn Center, Mark got into some trouble. He credits mentors and the Boy Scouts in helping him find direction. He became the first in his family to go to college, and eventually became a Coast Guard law enforcement officer, teacher, and a youth advocate. An expert on criminal justice reform policy, Mark is committed to promoting accountability, equity, and transparency in the criminal justice system.

HOLIDAY GRIEF: WHEN ALL ISN'T SHINY AND BRIGHT

Monday, November 19, 6:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel

Rev. Chris Wheatley, Director of Christian Ministry and Social Services at Presbyterian Homes, will be with us to explore the many forms of grief that can be especially present over the holidays. This year, some of us will grieve the loss of a family tradition such as gathering at grandma's house with her heirloom china and favorite foods because she has moved to a care center. Some of us will have to adjust to a slower pace of life due to an illness or disability in the midst of all the holiday chaos and hurry. Some of us will suffer the spiritual pain of loneliness or depression and search our faith for comfort. This talk is for everyone who is entering into the Thanksgiving or Christmas season in need of words of comfort, not expectations of sugarplums dancing. Rev. Wheatley will address these forms of grief and also share tools for those of us who minister to family, friends, and neighbors in need of our support. No need to RSVP.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AND WEEKEND

Mass Thursday, November 22, 9:00am in the Sanctuary

Please note there is no Mass on Friday, November 23 and the building and parish office will be closed for the day. Also note that there will be no hospitality served at weekend Masses and the nursery will be closed for the entire holiday weekend.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, December 1, 9:00am–3:00pm

Start your holidays in style at our annual boutique and bake sale! This shopping extravaganza is for the whole family. It will feature a variety of handcrafted items from over 50 quality crafters and artisans, a bake sale, and luncheon. Come and shop for the perfect holiday gift for everyone on your list. This event is free, and there is plenty of parking available. Don't miss out on this annual holiday tradition!

BAKE SALE: BAKED GOODS NEEDED

Saturday, December 1, 9:00am–3:00pm

Bake your favorite cookies, breads, pies, and bring them to the bake sale. Proceeds benefit our youth! Baked goods can be dropped off at the church in Dietrich Bonhoeffer, room 111, in the lower level, on Friday, November 30, 4:00–8:00pm, and Saturday, December 1, 7:30–8:45am.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT THE CARE CENTERS

Sunday, December 9, 2:00–4:00pm, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Room 111

Come and join us for this fun annual event as we brighten the day of our senior friends and neighbors at local care centers. We gather at Pax Christi at 2:00pm, then go out in teams to the care centers and return for pictures and treats. Watch for more details!

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NOVEMBER						
See pages 18–19 for details or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com .						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	1 ALL SAINTS DAY MASS 8:30AM OR 7:00PM	2 FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION	3 MEMORIAL MASS
4 FAITH FORMATION	5 SOULCOLLAGE®	6 LABYRINTH WALK	7 MOM AND KIDS OPEN GYM FAITH FORMATION	8 CENTERING PRAYER	9 CONFIRMATION RETREAT	10 CONFIRMATION RETREAT INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK QUARTERLY MINISTRY SHOWCASE
11 QUARTERLY MINISTRY SHOWCASE FAITH FORMATION	12 CAST INTO THE DEEP	13 BAPTISM CLASS LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	14 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION	15 COMPASSIONATE CARE LISTENING CIRCLE	16	17 SHARE-THE-JOY HOLIDAY DRIVE 1ST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION 9am THANKSGIVING DRIVE DROP-OFF INTERFAITH CELEBRATION
18 SOCIAL JUSTICE SPEAKER SERIES THANKSGIVING DRIVE DROP-OFF SHARE-THE-JOY HOLIDAY DRIVE FAITH FORMATION	19 HOLIDAY GRIEF SPEAKER	20 CONVERSATION CIRCLES	21	22 THANKSGIVING DAY	23	24 SHARE-THE-JOY HOLIDAY DRIVE
25 SHARE-THE-JOY HOLIDAY DRIVE	26	27	28 MOMS ROCK FAITH FORMATION 1ST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION 6:30pm	29	30	1 HOLIDAY TEA HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND BAKE SALE FIRST WEEKEND OF ADVENT



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Pax Christi's Annual TWELVE BASKETS THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

DROP OFF: Weekend of November 17/18

There are three ways you may choose to help: 1. Purchase a Thanksgiving meal for another family. It's easy — just pick up a flyer at any of the three ministry tables near doors 1, 3, or 4, and shop the grocery store with the suggested shopping list provided. Buy some or all items on the list, drop them off at room #111 on the weekend of November 17/18. Donations will go to families served through two Minneapolis Agencies: Northside Extension Services and Little Earth. 2. Purchase a Grocery Store Gift Card. Purchase a gift card (\$25, \$50, \$100, or any amount) from Cub Foods. These stores are convenient for shoppers from either Northside Extension or Little Earth. Drop cards off at the parish office before November 17/18. 3. "Early Bird" Grocery Cards— Let us Shop for You! Donate a Cub Foods gift card in any amount on November 3/4 or 10/11 (before our meal collection on November 17/18), and Twelve Baskets volunteers will shop for the meal items. In recent years we have collected less food and more gift cards, and this option helps those recipients who have a difficult time getting to the store and carrying the large meal home using public transportation. This option also provides our donors the convenience of giving a gift card while ensuring the recipients get a complete Thanksgiving meal. Start your holiday season with a gift from the heart — and thank you for your generosity!