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Mondays 8:30am  
Tuesdays 8:30am with Rosary to follow  
Wednesdays 6:00pm  
Thursdays 8:30am  
Fridays 8:30am

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**Mission Statement:** Pax Christi Catholic Community, in company with God, and guided by the Spirit of Vatican II, welcomes all as leaders in faith for service to the world.

**Vision Statement:** Pax Christi Catholic Community will be a community guided by a cooperative spirit that supports growth in faith and calls for each member to engage in active and generous service to each other, our community and the greater world.

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# BEFORE I FORGET...



**Fr. Bill Murtaugh**  
Pastor

## WE ARE PAX CHRISTI –

One of the greatest gifts we have as human beings is imagination. The only grace we can have is the grace we can imagine. An old parable about imagination can help us look differently at our families, workplaces, and faith community. It is called The Monk's Story.

A monastery had fallen on hard times. It was once part of a great order which, as a result of religious persecution in the 17th and 18th centuries, was decimated to the extent that there were only five monks left in the motherhouse: the abbot and four others, all of whom were over 70. Clearly, it was a dying order.

Deep in the woods surrounding the monastery was a little hut that the rabbi from a nearby town occasionally used for a hermitage. One day, it occurred to the abbot to visit the hermitage to see if the rabbi could offer any advice that might save the monastery. The rabbi welcomed the abbot and commiserated. "I know how it is," he said. "The spirit has gone out of people. Almost no one comes to the synagogue anymore." So the old rabbi and the old abbot wept together, and they read parts of the Torah and spoke quietly of deep things.

The time came for the abbot to leave. They embraced. "It has been wonderful being with you," said the abbot, "but I have failed in my purpose for coming. Have you no piece of advice that might save the monastery?"

"No, I am sorry," the rabbi responded. "I have no advice for you. The only thing I can tell you is that the Messiah is one of you."

When the other monks heard the rabbi's words, they wondered what possible significance they might have. "The Messiah is one of us? One of us, here at the monastery? Do you suppose he meant the abbot? Of course — it must be the abbot, who has been our leader for so long. On the other hand, he might have meant Brother Thomas, who is undoubtedly a holy man.

Certainly he couldn't have meant Brother Elrod — he's so crotchety. But then Elrod is very wise. Surely, he could not have meant Brother Phillip — he's too passive. But then, magically, he's always there when you need him. Of course he didn't mean me — yet suppose he did? Oh Lord, not me! I couldn't mean that much to you, could I?"

As they contemplated in this manner, the old monks began to treat each other with extraordinary respect, on the off

chance that one of them might be the Messiah. And on the off-off chance that each monk himself might be the Messiah, they began to treat themselves with extraordinary respect.

Because the forest in which the monastery was situated was beautiful, people occasionally came to visit the monastery, to picnic or to wander along the old paths, most of which led to the dilapidated chapel. They sensed the aura of extraordinary respect that surrounded the five old monks, permeated the atmosphere. They began to come more frequently, bringing their friends, and their friends brought friends. Some of the younger men who came to visit began to engage in conversation with the monks. After a while, one asked if he might join. Then another and another. Within a few years, the monastery became once again a thriving order, and — thanks to the rabbi's gift — a vibrant, authentic community of light and love for the whole realm.

Imagine what our families, workplaces, schools, and Pax Christi community could be if we treated each other with tenderness as those monks did; that each person is unique and created in the image of God and deserving of our respect. We would be experiencing the best life ever. We would

begin to laugh more at the hilarious things in this world and be amazed at the wealth of miracles everywhere every day. Of course, we could complain a little about health issues and awful heartbreaks, but those things are minute compared to the Creator's abundance of gifts given to each one of us. The God of Jesus deserves our gratitude for the gift of life and the generosity of blessings received. If we want a life of serenity it must begin with gratitude the moment we wake up.

Imagination helps us see that we live in a world of possibility. For example: A shoe factory sends two marketing scouts to a region of Africa to study the prospects of expanding business. One sends back a message saying: "Situation Hopeless. No One Wears Shoes." The other writes back triumphantly: "Glorious Business Opportunity. They Have No Shoes." To the first marketing expert who sees no shoes, all the evidence points to hopelessness. To his colleague, the same conditions point to abundance of possibility. Each one comes to the scene with his/her perspective; each returns telling a different story. Indeed, all of life is revealed to us in the story we tell about ourselves, our world, our church. Do you feel trapped in your life, or do you see a world of possibility?



When Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963, he was talking not only to the thousands gathered to hear him. He was trying to awaken an underlying desire in all people: in the perpetrator and wronged, in whites and blacks, the ones on this side of an issue and those on the other side. King's vision spoke to that which is fundamental in any human being; the theme that unites and uplifts the people on the street, the privileged in the suburbs, and the politicians in office. He demonstrated that dreaming can make a difference. As an ordained Baptist minister, Dr. King was familiar with the ancient Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. As a disciple of Christ Jesus, his dream was

rooted in the Reign of God: *Justice, Peace, and the Dignity of the Human Person.*

I was ordained to the priesthood in 1972. And since the 1970s, active church membership has been in decline in western countries. At the same time, millions of people today survive on a treadmill of meaningless work, addictions, and shallow existence. They are spiritually and physically starving. Just surviving emotionally and financially is a difficult challenge facing so many people every day. What is the church saying to them? Does the message of the church make any sense to them? Where do people see the loving face of Christ and feel the touch of His healing power?

For me, the answer to those questions is Pax Christi. You, the people of Pax Christi Catholic Community, are the loving face of Christ. Your hospitality and welcoming of ALL helps people take the first step in returning and joining the church and experiencing the healing touch of Christ. This is a church full of dreamers. We have so much possibility in making the dream of Jesus Christ a reality in this 21st century.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to make it all possible. I hope you choose to give of your time, treasure, and talent, and are truly blessed by the Giver of every good gift.

Keep dreaming! Imagine all the good we can be and do!



# FINANCIAL REPORT 2016 – 2017

## FISCAL YEAR: JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017

### WE ARE DISCIPLES ON A MISSION

**PAX CHRISTI'S** Member Engagement Steering Committee worked hard this past year to help us define Christian Hospitality - the Pax Christi way: 'Hospitality is a spiritual practice and spirituality is about relationship.' Thus by practicing hospitality, we grow spiritually. By practicing hospitality, we grow a stronger community. A stronger community is an engaged community. There are three principles to Pax Christi's Christian Hospitality: **Welcome and Invite – Accept and Include – Share, Love, and Grow.**

**Welcome and Invite.** We live our key message: All Are Welcome. We invite you to walk on your faith journey with us. We are about inviting and cultivating new relationships and strengthening existing ones. We recognize 'our human need to connect with one another' in community.

**Accept and Include.** We accept and include all. We accept and include all as gift and without judgement. We are called 'to revere what is sacred in every person who comes to us and we appreciate who they are, today'. By accepting and including, we 'become for others the presence of God in a most tangible way'.

**Share, Love, and Grow.** Together we share, love, and grow by creating genuine relationships with all in our faith community. These relationships are the foundation for building our spiritual home.

*Quotes from Radical Hospitality,  
Lonni Collins Pratt and Fr Daniel Homan, OSB*

In the past year, we have witnessed many examples of Pax Christi members engaged in the life of this community. Let's take a quick stroll down memory lane over the last fiscal year of 2016-2017 to celebrate some of the gifts shared.

### WE SHARED GIFTS OF PRAYER AND GIFTS OF OUR TIME AND TALENT

**ARTS, CAMPUS, AND GARDENS MINISTRY:** Buzzing like bees from the new bee sanctuary, this ministry area experienced gifts from 128 ministers for over 6,714 hours. Highlights include the remodel of the new rectory space, communicating the vision for the Solar Garden, and making the building more welcoming with new banners and wayfinding signage.

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY:** The name may have changed from Pastoral Care, but that only better communicates all the ways this ministry serves this community and the greater community. Providing comfort, care, and support to members and those in need within the greater community was more than ably shared by 444 ministers for a total of 20,941 hours.

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**COMMUNICATION ARTS MINISTRY:** The Video Announcements were definitely a positive addition to this ministry area this past year, and these Mass announcements displayed talents both on air and behind the camera. A variety of writers enhanced our communication efforts and all told, 61 shared ministers gifted 341 hours.

**FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY:** Lifelong Learning is a Pax Christi founding value, and 465 ministers shared 16,640 hours to help members of all ages share, live, and learn our faith.

**FINANCE MINISTRY:** The launch of the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund was a stellar success, due to great planning and assistance from the Financial Initiative Team. As always, transparency and accountability was paramount with your financial gifts. Seventy ministers shared 945 hours.

**JUSTICE MINISTRY:** This past year, shared ministers built dressers and a Habitat for Humanity Home, served Youth in the Inner City through YouthLink meals twice monthly, and continued to develop life-changing relationships with our Justice Grant recipients. Justice was shared via 480 ministers providing 10,709 hours in service.

**LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY:** Pax Christi's founding value and model of lay leadership has been replicated by many area parishes. The Lay Leadership Development Ministry assists in the discernment process and oversees the Member Engagement Steering Committee, utilizing 45 ministers and 1,054 hours shared.

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY:** Welcoming hospitality is definitely in our wheelhouse at Pax Christi. As a Stewardship Community, we

welcome all gifts and help our members find the best way to share their gifts here and in the greater community. A total of 743 shared ministers responded with 18,6546 hours of gifts to help us be hospitable, welcoming, and serve one another graciously.

**WORSHIP MINISTRY:** When two or more of us come together around the Eucharistic table, we are all richly blessed. The table was prepared, the environment carefully tended, and prayers, music, and spoken word proclaimed our love of God through the voices and actions of 801 ministers providing us with 28,772 hours of gifts.

## WE SHARED OUR RESOURCES

We continue to encourage members to participate in the Annual Stewardship Renewal, and last year 33% of the households returned Stewardship Intention cards. We would like to increase the households who return their Stewardship Intention materials. Increasing this number would help us to budget wisely and maintain the worship and ministries that serve the needs of all.

Currently 2,156 members utilize monthly or weekly envelopes to share their financial gifts to Pax Christi.

Pax Christi has 705 electronic funds transfer donors (202 credit card and 503 electronic funds transfer donors), and 75 automatic bill pay donors continue to provide a steady income to Pax Christi all through the year. This automation saves time, minimizes errors, and keeps gifts coming in even when members are out of town.

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

### TIME/TALENT SHARED BY MINISTRY AREA: FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017

Ministry	Active Ministries	Number of Occurrences of Shared Ministers	Total of Hours Gifted	One faith community + 104,770 hours = untold numbers of lives changed => DISCIPLES ON A MISSION
Arts, Campus, Gardens	15	128	6,714	<p>In the six years that we have been tracking shared ministry gifts, Pax Christi has continued to expand our response to the needs encountered here and in the greater community. Some of our members are involved in multiple ministries, others in one; all gifts are valued. Whether it is 10 minutes or 10 months of time and talent shared, we hear again and again that the shared ministers continue to receive far more than what they gave.</p> <p>Thank you for sharing your gifts of prayer, service, time, and talent. For the third consecutive year, we have crossed the 100,000 milestone of total hours gifted. If we were to compare your hours gifted to that of an average full-time employee of a business, your generosity is equal to the amount of hours of Pax Christi having an additional 50 full-time employees on staff!</p> <p>We encourage you to review and renew your commitment to Shared Ministry and/or the Gift Inventory by filling out the online form, <a href="http://www.paxchristi.com/serve">www.paxchristi.com/serve</a>, or use the form included in the Annual Stewardship Renewal materials that will be arriving in member homes in mid-October.</p>
Care and Support	27	444	20,941	
Communication Arts	5	61	341	
Faith Formation	27	465	16,640	
Finance	3	70	945	
Justice	18	480	10,709	
Lay Leadership Dev.	4	45	1,054	
Stewardship	35	743	18,654	
Worship	21	801	28,772	
<b>2016-2017 TOTAL</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>3,237</b>	<b>104,770</b>	
<b>2015-2016 TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>3,682</b>	<b>100,234</b>	

## REVENUES

Regular contributions of \$2,829,154 were up 1.7% compared to 2016. Regular contributions include weekend collections, credit card giving, electronic funds transfer (EFT), stock donations and gifts from charitable and retirement funds. \$10,490 was contributed to the Crossroads Fund, which is designated for capital improvements. No further contributions from this campaign are expected. Investment income includes interest, dividends and changes in market value in the Capital Reserve Fund, Leadership Development Fund, and Cash Management Account. Other revenue of \$99,010 includes memorials, event income and other miscellaneous income. 2016 Other Revenue includes a special gift of \$500,000. Excluding this special gift, total revenues for 2017 of \$3,130,860 were down only \$14,552 compared to 2016.

## EXPENSES

Operating expenses of \$2,911,113 were up 6.4% compared to \$2,736,990 in 2016. The increase is primarily due to a \$100,000 parish contribution to the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund and a \$68,105 loss from the sale of the former rectory.



## IN GRATITUDE

The Finance Council thanks all members of Pax Christi Community and visitors for your ongoing support. We are blessed at Pax Christi by the bountiful sharing of your time, talents, and treasure to help us grow as a faith community.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pax Christi  
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## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2017	2016	2015
<b>Revenues</b>			
Regular Contributions	\$ 2,829,154	\$ 2,782,947	\$ 2,784,320
Crossroads Fund	10,490	18,205	55,654
Program Fees	76,995	85,471	96,913
Investment Income	115,211	76,103	42,419
Other Revenue	99,010	682,687	89,393
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,130,860</b>	<b>3,645,412</b>	<b>3,068,699</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	1,593,892	1,535,999	1,601,233
Programs	205,481	218,455	200,958
Administrative	241,000	249,464	311,230
Building Expenses	336,303	282,710	278,342
Interest	0	0	7,835
Justice Tithe	272,091	154,809	120,439
Archdiocesan Assessment	253,248	279,398	232,832
Dedicated Funds Expense	9,098	16,155	14,971
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,911,113</b>	<b>2,736,990</b>	<b>2,767,840</b>
<b>Revenues Over (Under) Expenses</b>	<b>219,747</b>	<b>908,422</b>	<b>300,859</b>
<b>Other Sources (Uses) of Cash</b>			
Invest in Designated Funds	(736,104)	(1,162,254)	(1,530,706)
Crossroads Fund Projects	(53,130)	(99,087)	(173,994)
Sale of Former Rectory	542,354	0	0
Purchase of New Rectory	(189,036)	0	0
Other Capital Expenditures	(18,021)	(22,964)	(39,740)
Change in Other Assets and Liabilities	(24,509)	57,238	11,530
			0
<b>Noncash Activities</b>			
Disposal of Fixed Assets	68,105	0	15,669
<b>Net Decrease In Cash Before Financing Activities</b>	<b>(190,594)</b>	<b>(318,645)</b>	<b>(1,416,381)</b>
Debt Payments	0	0	(247,782)
<b>Net Decrease in Cash</b>	<b>\$ (190,594)</b>	<b>\$ (318,645)</b>	<b>\$ (1,664,163)</b>



## FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash decreased \$190,594 to \$471,591 in 2017 compared to \$662,185 in 2016. However, total assets increased by \$468,633. Proceeds from the sale of the former rectory were \$542,354 and the cost of the new rectory was \$189,036. \$250,000 of the net proceeds from the rectory sale, plus \$250,000 from operations was used to invest an additional \$500,000 in the Cash Management Account. An additional \$121,213 in cash was transferred to fully fund the Leadership Development Fund. \$31,468 remains in the Crossroads Fund. The Capital Reserve Fund was started in 2014 to continue the work of the Crossroads Fund. As of June 30, 2017, the Capital Reserve Fund had a balance of \$1,682,124. All long term investments are managed independently by a third party investment manager.

## PAX CHRISTI ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2017, Pax Christi was awarded a \$25,000 Delora Mayer matching grant from the Catholic Community Foundation, receipt of which was conditioned upon Pax Christi raising an equivalent amount from members of the community. This goal was generously met with contributions totaling \$144,184. Pax Christi then contributed an additional \$100,000 from the sale of the rectory to create the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund with an initial balance of \$269,184. The endowment is managed by the Catholic Community Foundation using a pooled investment approach with the objectives of socially responsible investing, return on investment, and prudent risk tolerance. Pax Christi will begin receiving grants from the endowment in spring of 2018, which will be used to support justice and life-long learning.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	2017	2016	2015
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 440,123	\$ 587,205	\$ 824,968
Restricted Cash – Crossroads Fund	31,468	74,980	155,862
Other Current Assets	6,898	2,687	11,258
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>478,489</b>	<b>664,872</b>	<b>992,088</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Land and Land Improvements	749,121	865,398	865,398
Building	9,614,430	9,839,169	9,839,169
Furniture and Equipment	3,384,752	3,394,009	3,271,958
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>13,748,303</b>	<b>14,098,576</b>	<b>13,976,525</b>
Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund	269,184	0	0
<b>Long-Term Investments</b>			
Capital Revenue Fund	1,682,124	1,590,103	1,525,348
Leadership Development Fund	435,232	296,165	289,948
Cash Management	1,509,243	1,004,226	0
<b>Total Long-Term Investments</b>	<b>3,626,599</b>	<b>2,890,494</b>	<b>1,815,297</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$18,122,575</b>	<b>\$17,653,942</b>	<b>\$16,783,910</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 28,919	\$ 35,662	\$ 37,422
Other Liabilities	65,936	79,491	29,064
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>94,855</b>	<b>115,153</b>	<b>66,486</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Unrestricted	15,946,043	15,691,958	14,783,646
Temporarily Restricted	1,595,150	1,629,488	1,716,435
Permanently Restricted	486,527	217,343	217,343
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>18,027,720</b>	<b>17,538,789</b>	<b>16,717,424</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$18,122,575</b>	<b>\$17,653,942</b>	<b>\$16,783,910</b>



# GENEROSITY ABOUNDS

The Twelve Basket Ministry is dedicated to building a bridge between our Pax Christi Community and people in need to provide opportunities for individuals to share their time, talents, and resources in the service of others as taught by Jesus. Thank you, Pax Christi, for answering this call, living out your faith with generous hearts giving abundantly to the "Giving Drives" throughout the year — truly being **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**.

## TWELVE BASKETS GENEROSITY REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2016–2017

### AUGUST 2016: BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

One hundred eighty-one backpacks and 5985 school supply items were collected and distributed to Risen Christ School, Blessed Trinity School, Community of Saints Regional Catholic School, Church of Gichitwaa Kateri, and PROP.

### SEPTEMBER 2016: BOOK DRIVE

Our parishioners donated/purchased 95 new books from the schools wish list to replenish Blessed Trinity's library. The cash donations of \$1185 were used to purchase another 81 books, with money left over for Blessed Trinity to buy more books. Parishioners also donated 29 used books, these books were given to teachers and/or students.

### OCTOBER 2016: HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE

Thirty scarves and 716 hats and mittens/glove sets were sorted and distributed to Risen Christ, Holy Rosary, Gichitwaa Kateri Church, Cabrini Partnership, St. Stephen's Men's Shelter, and Loaves and Fishes (St. Stephen's).

### NOVEMBER 2016: THANKSGIVING MEAL DRIVE

Parishioners donated 129 meal boxes valued at \$7,095 (\$55 each) and nearly \$7,800 in gift cards to provide turkeys and other groceries to Extension Services and Little Earth.

### DECEMBER 2016: SHARE THE JOY — MANY GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

#### **Gichitwaa Kateri Faith Formation Party**

110 wrapped gifts @ \$25–30 per gift, 30 hats/mittens,  
5 children fleece pullovers

#### **Holiday Store partnering with St. Andrews in Eden Prairie**

424 gifts (\$20 value),  
47 \$20.00 Target Giftcards (\$940.00 value),  
127 rolls of wrapping paper

#### **Laundry Baskets**

107 laundry baskets filled with household items  
given to Minneapolis American Indian Center,  
Cabrini House, and YouthLink

#### **Little Earth Bingo Party for Seniors and Young Mothers**

166 gifts

#### **Risen Christ Catholic School**

19 uniform polos/pants and \$565.00 cash donation

#### **St. Stephen's Men's Shelter**

146 hats, 73 pairs of gloves, 157 pairs of wool socks, 78 flannel  
shirts, 112 complete sets of long underwear, 530 hand warmers, 77  
rain ponchos, 1 scarf, 4 jackets, and 25 sleeping bags

#### **Kateri House**

31 pajamas, 30 pairs of slippers, 84 glove sets, 19 hats, 15 scarves,  
77 bottles of lotion/shampoo/conditioner, 12 Christmas tins, 2  
jackets, 7 pair of underwear, and 25 journals

#### **PROP**

75 toys

#### **Launch Ministry Chaska-Young Adult Shelter**

\$1200 in gas gift cards, 107 pairs of socks, and 502 hand warmers



**FEBRUARY 2017: BLANKET DRIVE FOR BRIDGING**

Two hundred seventy blankets of all sizes and 3 pillows, collected and given to Bridging.

**MARCH/APRIL 2017: EASTER BASKET DRIVE**

Three hundred fifty-six Easter baskets given to Holy Rosary, Extension Services, Eastside Learning, and PROP.

**MAY 2017: BABY DRIVE**

One hundred thirty-seven boxes/packages of diapers, 136 packages of baby wipes, 23 containers of formula and 42 jars of baby food, 280 clothing items, 102 blankets/towels/crib sheets, 106 miscellaneous items-toys, bottles, bibs, lotions/shampoo, etc. given to Tandem (formally Tapestry Pregnancy and Life Care Center Minneapolis), Holy Rosary Church, Southwest Options for Women, and Healthy Beginnings Program (formally Health Partners Mother/Baby Program for at-risk mothers).

**A SNAPSHOT OF PAX CHRISTI**

	Members	Change
<b>Pax Christi Households:</b>	3,478	-6
<b>Members:</b>	10,081	-57

**AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CURRENT MEMBERS:**

Age	Members	Change
Birth to 18 years old	2,149	-115
19 to 29 years old	1,756	-4
30 to 49 years old	1,967	-30
50 to 69 years old	2,992	-9
70 to 79 years old	687	+81
80 years and older	278	+15
Unknown birth dates	252	+5

**GENDER DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS:**

	Members	Change
Females	5,234	-29
Males	4,847	-30

**SACRAMENT OF INITIATION:**

	Members	Change
Infant Baptisms	109	-16
Adult Baptisms	2	-1
Received into Full Communion	4	0
First Communions	66	-13
Confirmations	86	0
Adult Confirmation	5	-6

**FAITH FORMATION ENROLLMENT:**

	Members	Change
Elementary Children	325	-11
J.H. and S.H. Youth	228	-26
Marriages:	25	+5
Deaths:	44	-7

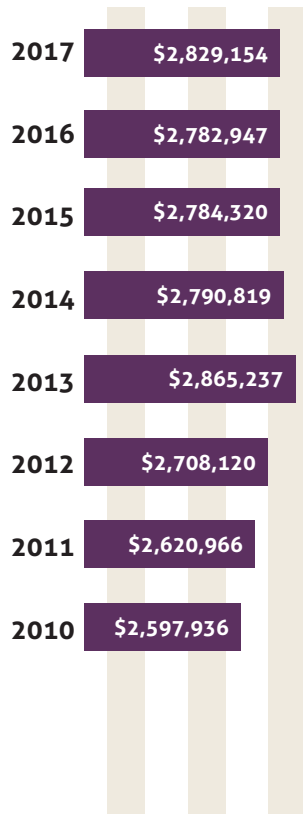
# ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP OF PAX CHRISTI MEMBERS

Range of Amount Given	Number of Households	Percent of Households	Amount Given	Percent of Total Given
\$0	1,484	43%	\$0	0%
\$1 - 500	808	23%	\$178,000	7%
\$501 - 1,000	402	12%	\$291,000	11%
\$1,001 - 1,500	278	8%	\$348,000	14%
\$1,501 - 2,000	142	4%	\$247,000	10%
Over 2,000	364	10%	\$1,493,000	58%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,478</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$2,557,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

This chart reflects the average giving of Pax Christi registered households based on Regular Contributions. The chart reflects only identified givers. 90% of our Regular Contributions are from donor-identified registered households. Although the chart shows 43% of households with no giving, those households could be donating cash on a regular basis anonymously.



## REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS



## APPROVED OPERATIONS BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

### Revenue

Regular Contributions	2,785,000
Program Fees	70,000
Other Revenue	105,185

### Total Revenues

**2,960,185**

### Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	1,551,400
Clergy Services	176,155
Archdiocesan Assessment	298,150
Justice Tithe	125,000
Other General Operations	125,025
Business Office	114,200
Stewardship	25,100
Communications	8,920
Church Building	265,820
Rectory Building	10,320
Nursery	1,000
Worship	40,500
Pastoral Care	22,000
Social Justice	5,600
Faith Formation	86,519
Community Life	70,400

### Total Expenses

**2,926,109**

### Revenue Over Expenses

**34,076**



## PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

**IN OUR** busy lives, so many needs clamor for our attention. “Do this,” “give here,” “help us.” We hear the cries and each seems to ratchet up the request with a greater and more urgent need. What is the Christian disciple’s response? It certainly is not to cover our ears, close our eyes, and turn away. How does one decide what is an area that is worthy of attention? We cannot solve every need, but each of us can do something. Each of us has gifts to share, and together, our response to the needs we encounter allows us to live as **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**.

It is that time year of once again, Pax Christi’s Annual Stewardship Renewal begins in mid-October. We conduct an Annual Stewardship Renewal for some very practical reasons. We want to be good stewards of the gifts we receive. Knowing what our member intentions are for the upcoming year helps us to budget responsibly and effectively. There are only so many ways to slice the pie, whether it is with shared ministers, time, or financial resources. Knowing what we can expect at minimum can help us put the resources where they will be most valued. We appreciate receiving a response from every member, even if you cannot commit to an increase or make a commitment at all. There is no gift too small to be considered and any time shared makes a difference, regardless of the amount. In the hope of helping you to “look before you leap” into sharing your gifts, consider three words: Pause – Prepare – Present.

**Take a Pause.** Take the time to sit down and reflect on the gifts you have been given and discern where you would like to share those gifts. Are the gifts you shared in the last year going to the people and organizations that are aligned with your values? Are you satisfied with the gifts you shared, or would you like to make a change in the time spent, area of focus, or level of involvement?

Taking the pause allows you and your household valuable time to reflect and make a response for the upcoming year that fits you at this time and in this space.

**Be Prepared.** The old adage does come in handy when considering the who, what, why, where, and when of giving. Knowing what gifts you have to share is just as important as knowing something about where and who you will be on the receiving end. Preparation allows you to give of your “first fruits” instead of what is left over in your wallet or trying to squeeze in a ministry obligation in an already packed schedule. Pax Christi tries very hard to be transparent about the gifts we have received and accountable to our members about where we plan to utilize those gifts. The Fiscal Year End Financial report in this issue shows that there are many needs and Pax Christi does our very best to respond to those needs with committed staff, exceptional shared ministers, and focused financial resources.

**Be Present with your Gifts.** Once you have determined the gift and done your research on how you will live out your plan in the upcoming year, make the commitment. Sign up for a ministry (either one you love or try something new), or try the Gift Inventory Program (for those short-term projects where your talents get a chance to shine). Fill out the Stewardship Intention Card. In addition to Pax Christi, consider other places in your community or in your family that may benefit from your gifts. Each gift given allows us the opportunity to be Christ’s hands and feet — to be **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**. Live your faith out loud in your actions. Pax Christi is a vibrant faith community because of our members, who help us move forward the mission and vision every day.

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



## WE ARE DISCIPLES ON A MISSION

*In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (Evangelii Gaudium 120, referencing Mt 28:19).*

**PAX CHRISTI'S** annual renewal theme for this year is **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**. So what does that mean for each of us as members of Pax Christi?

When we were baptized, we assumed the role of disciples of Christ. With that role, we also became missionaries. We are called to be God's presence in this troubled world. We are called to be the hands of Jesus reaching out to those less fortunate. We are called to carry the heart of Jesus that holds love and compassion for all. We are called to be the Body of Christ that we receive at every celebration of the Eucharist.

Sara responds to this call by being a Companion Minister, visiting those that cannot come to Mass or who are experiencing a life-changing event. When the Annual Lenten Fish Dinner rolls around Joe and his wife Jan, can be found leading the kitchen service team: Joe on fish duty, and Jan keeping the kitchen clean and sanitized. Both Joe and Sara participate in the Mass as lectors and both are members of the Stewardship Council. Both households make their financial support of Pax Christi a priority.

As **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**, we receive so much more than we give. We form wonderful relationships with those we serve, and in return, they give so much back to us.

What is the Stewardship Council asking of each of us? As the Annual Stewardship Renewal request comes, it is time to consider how we are going to support our parish in the coming year. How can we better serve those in need around us, and what type of time and financial commitment are we able and willing to make? Remember — you receive so much more than you give.

*Written by Sara Byerley and Joe Michels, Stewardship Council Members*

## BEYOND BURGUNDY BAGS

### PROP DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TALKS FINANCIAL NEEDS

**"SO RECENTLY** a senior citizen, a woman from Eden Prairie, came to PROP, and she had been in a dilemma of trying to decide between paying for rent or paying for her prescriptions. She couldn't afford both. And this is someone [...] who had worked her entire life but upon retirement did not have enough income to support her daily needs. And in her own mind, she thought, maybe I could move into my car, and then I could cover my medication bill. Fortunately, she told a friend that. And her friend said you don't have to do that, go to PROP. And she did, and we were able to help."

This is how Mary Brown, the Development Director, begins our conversation when I stop by to learn about PROP, or People Reaching Out to People, a nonprofit serving the communities of Eden Prairie and Chanhassen. At Pax Christi, the organization is best known for its food shelf, which parishioners help stock through the Burgundy Bag Drive. The drive has been wildly successful. "When the Pax Christi deliveries come and there's that sea of burgundy bags that cover every open counter and cart," Brown says, "it warms my heart."

If there's one thing that Brown wants Pax Christi members to know, however, it is that PROP has financial needs as great as its food needs. PROP offers a variety of services beyond food, from employment to housing and other financial support, and are funded by monetary donations.

To better meet its financial goals, PROP recently started a program called "Sponsor A Day." "It takes 1000 pounds of food, or \$1000, or a combination of the two to sponsor a day," Brown tells me. "And more and more people are doing this in honor or in memory of someone. You know, they might give us \$1000 in memory of a loved one who cared about hunger, or even people in their community."

To learn more, visit [propfood.org](http://propfood.org) or the Pax Christi website.

*Written by Anne Daly, Staff Writer and Technical Editor.*



**BURGUNDY BAGS  
WEEKLY FOOD  
COLLECTION FOR PROP:  
A TOTAL OF 15,769  
POUNDS IN FISCAL YEAR  
2016-2017**

# LIGHTING THE WAY FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION



**WHAT** gets you out of bed in the morning? For James Delong, it's the chance to "go make a difference in the community from which [he] came."

Delong is the Director of Advancement at Risen Christ Catholic School, a dual-immersion English-and-Spanish K-8 in Minneapolis where he completed grade school as a child. Although the school was monolingual during Delong's education, its Hispanic population has surged in recent years, and in 2014, it became the first Catholic dual immersion school in Minnesota. As of 2016, the school had a Latino population of 88%, and a free/reduced-lunch participation rate of 96%, meaning that it serves more Latino and low-income students than any other Catholic school in the Twin Cities.

Delong attended Catholic grade and high schools through generous financial aid and work

study. So the opportunity to fundraise for Risen Christ makes him feel "like things have kind of come full circle," he says. "I'm at my old school," Delong says, "and I have an opportunity to be a role model to kids who are just like me, and to make a difference" for them financially.

This ability to make a difference, Delong says, isn't limited to those who work directly at Risen Christ. "All of our donors have the opportunity to say that as well," he says. Pax Christi, which supports Risen Christ with volunteers and Justice Grants, is making a difference in terms of both talent and treasure.

The 2017-18 Justice Grant total \$20,000, and is used to fund three Light the Way tuition scholarships for Risen Christ students. Speaking to Pax Christi's involvement with the school, Delong comments that as a graduate of Risen Christ himself, it's "particularly meaningful" to witness such

generosity. "I want other kids at Risen Christ here to have the same opportunity that I did," Delong says. "And that's made possible because of churches like Pax Christi and people who compose the parish.

The members of Pax Christi have been generous with their time as well as their treasure, Delong tells me. As he lists off volunteer opportunities at the school, he says, "Pax Christi volunteers have filled almost every niche I can think of here at the school when it comes to volunteer roles that are available." And there are many, from subject tutors to career mentors who teach Risen Christ middle school students about industries and job fields.

However, prospective volunteers should note that VIRTUS training is required for positions which interact with children. "Otherwise," says Delong, "they have to help us with mailings and

office work. Which is very greatly needed and greatly appreciated, but isn't as exciting sometimes for people to do." Spanish-speaking volunteers are another increasing need, although English-only volunteers are also welcome.

For more information about the school, please visit [www.risenchristschool.org](http://www.risenchristschool.org). More information about Pax Christi justice grants can be found at [www.paxchristi.com/justicegrants](http://www.paxchristi.com/justicegrants). *Written by Anne Daly, Staff Writer and Technical Editor.*





## DONUT DONATIONS ARE JUST “SOMETHING I CAN DO,” PARISHIONER SAYS

**HAVE** you stopped by the Dorothy Day room for hospitality after a recent weekend Mass? If so, you’ve been the recipient of the generosity of Pax Christi parishioner Tony Sisinni. A Pax Christi parishioner and the owner of a wholesale bakery in Edina, Sisinni has donated the muffins and donuts for weekend Masses for the past several years.

“Every week,” Sisinni says, “they were having hospitality, and they were going out and paying for it. So I said, I’ll donate it [...] And as they have other needs they contact me.” Basically, Sisinni says, “I try not to have them pay for things I can provide.”

The items Sisinni donates aren’t from what’s left over at the end of the day, either. Instead, they are factored directly into production. Although these donated bakery pieces account for a tiny .0008% of Sisinni’s production, they make a big difference to the parish.

“Everybody has something to donate,” Sisinni says, “whether it’s time, money, or in kind, such as me.” For example, he says, “someone might own a car dealership, they could give a car. Someone that has a computer company could keep the computers up to date.” Basically, Sisinni says, generosity amounts to looking at what you do on a daily basis, and finding an opportunity there to give.

Sisinni and his wife joined Pax Christi 20-odd years ago when they moved to Eden Prairie. “I met Fr. Tim, and that was it, and we started coming here,” Sisinni says. Why was that? “He was just a regular guy,” Sisinni shrugs, “not pretentious.” And, he adds, “I’m a very justice-oriented person, Fr. Tim was very justice oriented.”

Speaking to his personal philosophy of justice, Sisinni says simply, “I’ve been very lucky in business, very fortunate in business. You know, if I can give a little bit, you know, I don’t have time to give, I’m not rich, but I can give a little bit of product, you know? It’s something I can do.”

*Written by Anne Daly, Staff Writer and Technical Editor.*

## WHAT ARE YOUR THANKSGIVING PLANS THIS YEAR?

Consider helping other members of Pax Christi celebrate Pope Francis' "The Year Of The Poor" with a dinner served here on November 23. We invite those who would otherwise be alone that day and those who would like to have a special family and friends Thanksgiving event to join us as diners and/or servers for turkey and all the trimmings. We also will be welcoming guests from outside the parish who need a good hot meal to join us. Watch the eNEWS and November PaxChristiNews for how to sign up for this opportunity.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Arts, Campus, and Gardens Ministry is looking for a landscape architect who can help develop a Master Plan for the Pax Christi campus. The landscape architect will work with a group of Pax Christi members to design landscapes and gardens that reflect on the mission, vision, and values of our community. Know someone who may be interested? Have them contact Ken Reineccius, [kreineccius@paxchristi.com](mailto:kreineccius@paxchristi.com).

## PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT SPRING OF 2018

**THE 10TH** Annual Pax Christi Parishioners’ Art Exhibit will NOT take place this December, but rather in the spring! The change was decided upon by the art committee as we feel that it gives parishioners more time to prepare their works and feel less rushed to get work on display over the holiday season. We hope you consider joining your fellow parishioners who will be sharing their artistic gifts in the Pax Christi parishioners exhibit, Spring of 2018. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information to come regarding guidelines and application procedures. Art is welcomed from parishioners ages 16 and older! Looking for amateur, hobbyist, or professional artists to show their fine art and fine craft, which may include works in sculpture, pottery, fiber, photography, film, and/or video (which will be discussed upon application as we have limited room for displaying such media).







## PARISHIONER NEWS

### AUGUST BAPTISMS

Waylon Wayne Treanor	8/6/2017
Kaden Christopher Colford	8/13/2017
Charlie Sinclair Lewis	8/13/2017
Blake Daniel Bissonette	8/20/2017
Calvin Ryan Kostecka	8/20/2017
Dana Rose Schroeder	8/20/2017
Brooke Nicole Rau	8/24/2017

### AUGUST FUNERAL

Joanne M. Blunt	8/15/2017
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### AUGUST WEDDINGS

Erin Woitte & Matthew Archbold	8/12/2017
Brittany Geisler & Adam Heimer	8/26/2017

### AUGUST NEW MEMBERS

Diane Beauchane  
 Phillis Bennett  
 Carl and Erin Breczinski  
 Steven and Sarah Brunner  
 Calvin and Mary Kirchof  
 George Mwaura  
 Terry Peters and Mary Kay Blum-Peters  
 Mike Schulz and Susan Kucera Schulz  
 Kenneth and Andrea Zigrino



## READINGS FOR OCTOBER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2017

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62  
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 8, 2017

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43  
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14  
 Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32  
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41  
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9  
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6ab/Lk 11:47-54  
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7  
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22, 2017

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21  
 Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21  
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 12:35-38  
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-8/Lk 12:39-48  
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53  
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59  
 Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29, 2017

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40  
 Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a  
 Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40  
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/  
 Lk 14:1, 7-11

## OCTOBER

### WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesdays THROUGH APRIL 10, 9:30–11:30am, \$100 RSVP**

Women with Spirit Bible Study invites women of all ages and faiths to spend Tuesday mornings exploring "The Alpha and the Omega." Please consider joining this active group of women who share a desire for a greater understanding of the scriptures. Tuition includes books used during the series and childcare. Register online today.

### SOUTHWEST GRIEF COALITION FALL SESSION

**Beginning THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 5:30–7:30pm**

The Southwest Grief Coalition is a partnership of local churches working together to provide support and education for those who are grieving. A seven-week fall series, *Living and Growing Through Loss*, will be held here at Pax Christi. The evening will include a light meal at 5:30pm, followed by speaker, and then small group supportive sessions specific to your type of loss. If you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a loved one, you are invited to participate. There is no cost to attend and you do not need to attend all sessions. For more information, look for the fall 2017 Living and Growing Through Loss brochure in the kiosk by the reception desk or visit [www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry](http://www.paxchristi.com/bereavementministry). Questions can be directed to Mary Ann Callahan, 952-405-7227.



**BOOMERS AND BEYOND**  
PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

Sign-up at [www.paxchristi.com/boomers](http://www.paxchristi.com/boomers) to receive info on upcoming events.

All seniors, age 55 and older, are invited to join Boomers and Beyond Senior Ministry. Members receive monthly emails with details on upcoming events and easy online registration. Join the email distribution by going to [www.paxchristi.com/boomers](http://www.paxchristi.com/boomers).

**Upcoming events include:**

- October 6:** First Friday Coffee and Conversation
- October 19:** Feed My Starving Children
- November 15:** Lunch and Theater Outing

### LABYRINTH WALK

**Monday, October 2, 6:30–8:30pm**

Fall is a time of shedding, of releasing, and of letting go, an appropriate metaphor for our inner process of growth and transformation. Before we can awaken new possibilities, we must let go of what is no longer necessary for our journey toward wholeness. The labyrinth is a tool that supports this journey. It invites us to shed the old so we can receive guidance for our "what's next," and offers an experience of moving toward wholeness. Our evening begins with a brief workshop followed by a candlelit labyrinth walk. Contact Carrie Chevalier Mosher at [Carrie@cycleofwholeness.com](mailto:Carrie@cycleofwholeness.com) to register.

### AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER

**Tuesday, October 3, 6:30–7:30pm**

Susan Stabile, Spiritual Director, retreat leader, author, and adjunct instructor of theology in St. Catherine University's Masters of Theology program, will share more about this contemplative practice. In addition to providing instructions for engaging in Centering Prayer, Susan's talk will explore the theological underpinnings of the practice as well as some of the hindrances that may arise in doing it. Our time together will include an opportunity to experience this prayer. Opportunities for Centering Prayer, in a group setting, are available on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:00am in the Prayer Space, room 221. Questions? Contact Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry, [jthoresen@paxchristi.com](mailto:jthoresen@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7211.

### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

**Friday, October 6, beginning with Mass at 8:30am**

Come and join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and pastries in the Chief Joseph Room. The event is sponsored by Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond Senior Ministry. All are welcome! After fellowship, please stay for a bit and join us as we plan upcoming Boomers and Beyond events. New ideas are welcome!

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**Saturday, October 7, 9:00am, St. Francis Shrine**

Calling all llamas, lizards, guinea pigs, cockatoos, and of course, dogs and cats. It's once again time for the annual Blessing of the Animals to celebrate St. Francis Day. Bring your favorite furry, feathered, or scaled friend on a leash or in a carrier to the St. Francis Shrine or Nazareth Hall (if we experience inclement weather). We'll have a short prayer service, bless each pet individually, snap a photo of your favorite "Fido" with Father, and then feel free to enjoy a walk around the pond, and treat yourself to some coffee and pastries. There will be pet friendly treats on hand, too! Visit our pet resource displays to learn about Pax Pet Visit Ministry and other animal resources available in the community.

## HOLIDAY TEA HOSTESS MEETING

**Wednesday, October 11, 7:00pm**

The 2017 Holiday Tea will be held on Saturday, December 2. If you are interested in hosting a tea table, plan to attend the Holiday Tea Hostess meeting. If you cannot attend the first meeting but want to host a table, contact Beth Halverson at 612-272-5234. Table placements will be determined by a drawing at this October meeting. Please encourage your friends and families to host a table! The second Holiday Tea Hostess planning meeting will be on Wednesday, November 8, 7:00pm.

## NEW TESTAMENT IMAGES BY KIRSTEN MALCOLM BERRY

**Opening reception Sunday, October 22 following morning masses**

Stop in to see artwork created by Kirsten Malcolm Berry between October 20 and November 9. "I base my art on the images of the New Testament. Integrated into each painting is the verse on which it is based, written in Greek — a link to the original form of the text. The configurations of repeated shapes reflect the influence of several indigenous art forms: Southeast Asian fabrics, Scandinavian woolen tapestries, Native American weaving, traditional quilts, and Byzantine mosaics. The exercise of faith is difficult for those of us who long for perceptible signs of God's presence. I paint the images of the Bible to help me translate the abstract into the tangible. Through pictures I grasp that the Word indeed became flesh, and in resurrection power is present in the Comforter." Kirsten's B.A., major in art, is from Bethel University in St. Paul. She completed additional coursework in Drawing, Painting, and Watercolor at the University of Minnesota and the University of Iowa. She has shown her paintings in 65 solo and two-person exhibitions, and a similar number of group sacred art shows. Her work is in private and church collections, and has appeared in religious periodicals, on book covers, and Augsburg Fortress Sunday bulletins.

## HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE SPONSORED BY TWELVE BASKETS

**Drop off weekend of October 28/29**

Help keep others warm this winter! New hats and mittens are needed for babies, kids, teens, and adults. We are especially looking for items for MEN. You can bring your donations to Pax Christi and drop them off in the bins at doors 1 and 3. Thank you for responding with generous hearts!

## MAKE PLANS NOW

### WHEN ALL ISN'T SHINY AND BRIGHT

**Tuesday, November 7, 6:30pm, Thomas Merton Chapel**

Rev. Chris Wheatley, Director of Christian Ministry 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.

### THEOLOGY DAY AT PAX CHRISTI

**Thursday, November 9, 6:00–9:00pm, Hall of Martyrs **RSVP****

*Discernment and Self-honesty: Wisdom from the Benedictines*

The practice of discernment of spirits can increase the self-honesty we need for decision-making life. Benedictine practices help us notice and reflect on what moves within — imaginings, emotions, inclinations, desires — and then act on that understanding. The Christian tradition of discernment of these inner movements began with the desert tradition, continued with Saint Benedict and was given modern expression by Saint Ignatius. The ultimate intention is to grow in loving relationship with God, others, and even to self. Becky Van Ness is an adjunct faculty at Saint John's University where she serves as the Director of the Spiritual Direction Program and is an oblate of Saint Benedict's monastery. Van Ness earned a Master of Arts degree in Christian Spirituality and the Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction and directed retreats at Creighton University. Registration is required: [www.csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day](http://www.csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day) or call 320-363-3560. Start time indicates when check-in begins; presentations begin about 30 minutes later.

### HOLY LAND AND JORDAN WITH FR BILL MURTAUGH

**April 16–27, 2018 **RSVP****

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

# OCTOBER

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or visit us online at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 FAITH FORMATION	2 LABYRINTH WALK	3 CENTERING PRAYER BAPTISM PREP CLASS	4 ANGEL HOUR FAITH FORMATION	5	6 FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION	7 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
8 FAITH FORMATION	9 CASTING INTO THE DEEP ADULT FORMATION	10	11 MOMS ROCK HOLIDAY TEA MTG. FAITH FORMATION	12	13	14 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE FEATURING STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE
15 NEW MEMBER SIGN-UP WEEKEND MINISTRY SHOWCASE FEATURING STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE FAITH FORMATION	16	17 LEADERSHIP MEETINGS	18	19	20	21
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# MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND

**October 14/15  
 following all Masses**

We are **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**, and sharing our gifts generously is how we live our stewardship response to Christ's call. Pax Christi highlights a different ministry area in our Monthly Ministry Showcase. Focusing on a single program area, helps us share the story of Pax Christi from the shared minister's perspective. We encourage you to check out this month's Ministry Showcase and learn more about the lives we touch through our gifts shared in our ministries. Visit the Ministry Showcase and see if there is a ministry need that matches your gifts.

## PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE

**OCTOBER'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE IS STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE.**

The Annual Report featured in this month's magazine shows all the responses generated by our members in Fiscal Year of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. Our Ministry Showcase combines members from Finance and Stewardship Ministries. Finance ministry members will be available to answer questions about how our last year went and the generous response received from our members in the form of prayer, service, and financial gifts. Stewardship Ministry members will share opportunities that are available to members to engage in the life of Pax Christi as well as partner with organizations in the greater community. As we begin our Annual Stewardship Renewal, we ask you to consider how you are called to be **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**.

