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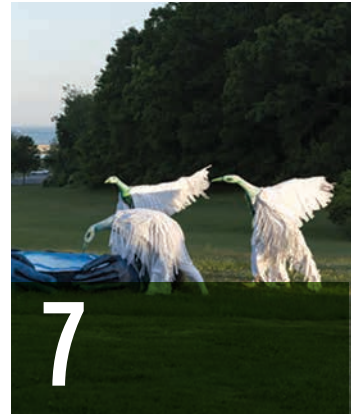
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I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE...



Fr. Marc Paveglia
Parochial Vicar

...A TOTAL GEEK CONFESSION:

I love *Star Trek*. Ever since my earliest years, I have spent hours upon hours with Kirk, Spock, and McCoy, as well as Picard, Riker, and Data, exploring the galaxy in television and film. My brother and I would camp out to get the best seats before major cinema releases (and this was in the 90s!). I could quote lines of dialogue verbatim and uninterrupted with Dave, one of my best buds from school. The futuristic science of transporters and cloaking devices inspired me, as a fifth grader, to want to be a nuclear physicist as a grownup. Indeed, even now, seeing the U.S.S. Enterprise enter warp speed to the tune of its theme song can give me goosebumps.

The premise of *Star Trek* is simple: In the future, the crew of the Enterprise is tasked with exploring the galaxy, which, as it turns out, is pretty big. They encounter all kinds of peoples, marvels, challenges, and life-threatening crises — both in the farthest reaches of space and among themselves.

All the adventure stems from their mission, which is repeated at the beginning of each episode:

"Space: the final frontier. These

are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its continuing mission: to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no one has gone before."

Whatever happens on the show happens because the Enterprise is sent again and again by Starfleet into the reaches of space as explorers of the vast final frontier.

This year Pax Christi's parish theme is **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**. The word mission means "to be sent." The mission of Jesus was to be sent by the Father to redeem us and restore us to grace. Jesus has drawn us to himself by his love, forgiven us, taught us, and united us. Now that we have become his disciples, he sends us into the world on a mission — a mission of mercy. We as Catholics, as Christians, as the Pax Christi family, are "disciples on a mission."

This mission is both communal and individual. Our parish has a mission to make disciples and transform the world around us, and so do each of us individually. Do you know what your mission is? Do you know where your mission territory is? Do you know how you have been equipped by God to be a missionary disciple?

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Pope Francis, writing in *The Joy of the Gospel*, explained how the call for every Christian to be a disciple on mission remains valid even in our changing contemporary world:

In our day Jesus' command to "go and make disciples" echoes in the changing scenarios and ever new challenges to the Church's mission of evangelization, and all of us are called to take part in this new missionary "going forth." Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries" in need of the light of the Gospel.

The peripheries, the margins, the edges that the Holy Father refers to are not merely the geographical fringes of the world (although it is true that the light of the Gospel is still waiting to penetrate some regions of the globe), but also

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Disciples on a Mission

the economic fringes, the cultural fringes, the fringes of the family, the fringes of the poor and unloved. To all these places, groups, and persons, we as disciples are sent there by Christ himself!

To find our mission ground, we do not necessarily need to look far away, as if into outer space. Rather, the fringes are often right in our midst. Do you work in an office tower in Minneapolis? Your mission ground is there. Do you attend a school or university? Your mission ground is there. Do you spend most of your day taking care of children? Your mission ground is there. Do you help a family member who is chronically ill or disabled? Your mission ground is there. Do you tend crops in a community garden? Your mission ground is there. Do you interact with people of a different faith tradition? Your mission ground is there.

As Catholics, we should not be afraid to be missionary disciples. Having a missionary heart is not the same thing as forcing our beliefs on others, nor is it a matter of saying or doing a religious routine. Rather, being a missionary disciple is a life lived in union with the Lord Jesus, the greatest missionary who was ever sent. Jesus lived, worked, and ministered in many

spheres of human life: He told stories, welcomed children, spoke the Word of God, and fed the hungry. He brought together enemies, reconciled sinners, chastised the proud, and offered hope. He calmed storms, prayed through the night, touched the afflicted, and proclaimed Good News. He spent time with families, he worshipped in the temple, he taught people how to live justly, and he made a gift of his life for others. Most of all, Jesus loved.

All of these deeds are what it means to be **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION** – the mission of Jesus Christ and the mission of his Church. This year, let us recommit ourselves to being missionary disciples in the world!



*O God, you have willed that your Church
be the sacrament of salvation for all nations,
so that Christ's saving work may continue to the end of the ages;
stir up, we pray, the hearts of your faithful
and grant that they may feel a more urgent call
to work for the salvation of every creature,
so that from all the peoples on earth
one family and one people of your own
may arise and increase.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

Prayer for the Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples

WE ARE DISCIPLES ON A MISSION

WE ARE THE CHURCH
ON A MISSION, DISCIPLES
CALLED TO GO FORTH,
BEARING FRUITS OF A NEW
CREATION FROM GOD'S WORD
THAT'S SOWN ON EARTH.
WE ARE THE CHURCH
ON A MISSION, WHO WITNESS
TO THE LOVE OF GOD
ANNOUNCING WITH JOY THIS
VISION, PROCLAIMED THROUGH
OUR DEEDS AND WORDS.

IT IS GOD WHO COMES TO MEET
US THROUGH THE TEACHER,
JESUS CHRIST,
WHO THEN CALLS ON US TO
FOLLOW ON THE PATH,
LED BY THE LIGHT.
WE ARE MANY AND DIVERSE,
EACH WITH STORIES
AND WITH MEMORIES
AS WE GO FORTH TO
ENCOUNTER AND CREATE A
LIVING HISTORY.

TEXT FROM THE SONG:
CHURCH ON A MISSION –
PEDRO RUBALCAVA



MY GRANDMOTHER Vera was a fantastic storyteller. Her Irish ancestry might have played a wee role in the fanciful tales she would spin to her adoring grandchildren. With 19 grandchildren, 15 of which lived nearby, she always had a ready audience. Each of us fondly remembers the burgundy metal bank that played a central role in one of her never-ending tales of adventure. Many a time we gathered around Vera's table, cautiously opened the bank, and carefully counted out the pennies. We would hold our collective breath in anticipation to discover if Vera thought we at last had enough money to all go on a trip to Africa.

Alas, we never collected enough pennies to pay for such an adventure, but we had Vera's imagination that served as a guide as we envisioned sailing across roiling seas, hacking our way through thick jungle vines, while ever keeping a cautious eye out for exotic animals of all sizes and levels of danger. Intoxicating, mystifying, remote Africa was surely in our future someday if only we could gather enough pennies to make the trip together.

Later on, when my elementary school class gathered and prayed for the children of Africa, I wove the plight of the poor and hungry children into Vera's tale and knew that if Vera and her flock could ever get to Africa, surely we would find a way to help those poor unfortunate children. We would be adventurous, swashbuckling cousins on a mission.

What is a mission? Why did we choose to use that term in our theme for this upcoming year, **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION**? A mission, formed from the Latin word "missio," which means "to send," is usually designated as a task or assignment of some important significance to the individual or group sent to complete. We often think of a mission as occurring in some far off place, and not necessarily in our own backyard, especially when it comes to faith organizations. However, must a mission be far removed from us to call it a mission? This year at Pax Christi, we would like to embrace the idea that we, as disciples of Christ, are being sent out each and every day on a mission to grow our faith, to

share our gifts, and to answer God's call individually and in community.

We can be **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION** in 10-minute increments or in months-long projects, working on our own or within a group. Every time we take the opportunity to reach out to soothe, comfort, serve, or support another person in need, we are living discipleship aloud. When we take the time to be present and attentive to other's needs and rise above the busyness of daily life, our faith is showing. When we choose to be peaceful partners and to take good care of the world in which we live, we are living mission-centered lives. Join in this upcoming year. Discover ways that you can be **DISCIPLES ON A MISSION** — making a difference in 2017–2018.

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



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD OF THE GOSPEL IN A NEW WAY

THIS YEAR'S new parish theme is *Disciples on a Mission*, with the kickoff for this vision on the weekend of September 16 and 17. Upon reflecting on the message of the theme, and Fr. Bill's encouragement and directive to think "outside the box," the *Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre* has been invited to come and present to the parish what this message means to us disciples in our 21st century world.

As the troupe works at expressing this theme of discipleship, we are invited to think about what this theme means in our own lives. Discipleship, in its basic definition, means the actions taken to be a follower of Christ. To get to the concrete reality, it means studying the person of Jesus, paying attention to our baptismal cleansing and anointing to walk in the light of Christ, and being serious about making a difference in other's lives. We are on a mission of discipleship in the many forms of service, love, and sharing of goodness that we participate in throughout our lives. Of course, we bring who we are to the table of generosity, so with all the nuances of gifts we have, we freely share them with others.

As we prepare to participate in this unique way of opening our minds and hearts to the Word of God on September 17, the invitation is ours to reflect on the similarities between the *Heart of the Beast* Purpose Statements as puppeteers and our own personal missions as disciples.

Heart of the Beast professes the following goals

...to find ourselves in the great world Beast made of families, races, ages, sexes, classes, corporations and nations, people, (and creatures!) all different, working out a way to live together.

...is to work puppets. To hold life in our hands, to sense how we are all like puppets—worked by instincts, voices, and forces above us and below us.

...is to carry and protect something very old like a heart within us, a secret, a promise. Like carrying a flickering candle through a dark place. Like carrying a family in a horse-drawn wagon.

...is to travel the roads of history and loss, in search of something like a new heart: new communities, new families, new work, new holidays.

...is to tell the story of people who live in the heart of the beast—as courageous and resourceful as they really are.

Written by Jane Schmitz, Parish Director



Sandy Spieler from *Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre* will be here sharing her creative talents with Pax Christi.

CALLING FOR CRAFTERS, ARTISTS, AND PARTICIPANTS

Share the Heart of the Beast Experience! To kick off our new community theme "Disciples on a Mission," we will be welcoming the *Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre* to help us break open the word at the morning Masses September 17. This is a collaborative process with Heart of the Beast, and Pax Christi Community members are invited to join in creating and participating in the experience. On Wednesdays, September 6 and 13, 5:00pm in Nazareth Hall, come learn how to make simple puppets on a stick that will be used in our liturgical celebration. Sandy Spieler from Heart of the Beast will instruct us in how to create these beautiful, playful characters on a stick. People making these puppets can also be participants in the liturgies! Participants are needed Saturday, September 16, 10:00am (please be on time and ready to take direction). Come join us for a rehearsal of this Word, and Song, and Puppet experience. A core group of "leaders" will be ready to incorporate your participation in this event. Being at this rehearsal is a requirement for participation on Sunday.

**REGISTER ONLINE FOR EITHER OR BOTH AT
www.paxchristi.com**

DISCIPLES ON A MISSION: FRED AND PATRICIA BAUMER



This September, Pax Christi begins a new year centered around the theme ***Disciples on a Mission***. In August, I sat down with Fred and Patricia Baumer, long-time Pax Christi parishioners and ecclesial lay ministers, to learn about their journey of discipleship with Pax Christi. —Anne Daly, Pax Christi Communications Writer and Editor

A HISTORY OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Baumer's journey with Pax Christi began in 1989. New to the Eden Prairie area and looking for a new parish to call home, they were immediately drawn to the parish's dynamic preaching and vibrant liturgical life. "At that point," says Patricia, "both of us had done a lot of liturgical renewal work. It was just a joy to come to a place where nothing needed tweaking."

The parish, Patricia tells me, "values lay leadership, and was founded with the belief that each baptized Christian wasn't exclusively the recipient of ministry, but [...] commissioned to be an active participant in service to the world."

The Baumer's history with Pax Christi now spans 28 years, and has almost as many chapters. Perhaps the longest one involves their preaching and homiletics work, which has spanned training lay preachers and seminarians, leading workshops and retreats, and giving reflections for annual Lenten videos and monthly Word and Communion services at Friendship Village Senior Community in Bloomington. Describing their shared philosophy on preaching, Fred tells me that he and Patricia

always say that preaching "is to be on human life through the lens of scripture." Put simply, "you're really trying to create an encounter with God in people's daily lives."

SIDEWALK SPIRITUALITY

The Baumers have their own term for this blurring of the spiritual and the everyday — "sidewalk spirituality." For instance, Patricia says, living out the command to "love our enemies" may take the following forms: you're at a party, and one of your friends has had way too much to drink, and you go up and you ask to take their car keys. That's a time when you might be willing to be an enemy.

Or on the playground, if somebody says we want to play "smear the queer," you say, no, we don't talk like that, we say "sack the quarterback." That's another time when you might be willing to make an enemy to stand up against hate speech. And this application of the gospel to human life is what is at the core of sidewalk spirituality.

At Pax Christi, sidewalk spirituality often takes the form of social justice ministries. There has always been a belief

here, Patricia tells me, that "the baptized parishioners share responsibility for not only listening to and sharing the gospel here, but beyond here." For Fred, the focus on social justice is one of the elements that drew him to the parish. Pax, he tells me, doesn't focus solely on charity or individual financial assistance, but tries instead to look at the bigger picture as well. So, working on issues such as immigration or education, we're trying to change whole systems with our work."

MODERN DISCIPLES, MANY MISSIONS

Today, Pax has as many different missions as there are parishioners. What binds these missions together?

In the book *Models of the Church*, Cardinal Avery Dulles outlines five different models of the Church. For Fred, Pax Christi corresponds to two: Sacrament and Servant.

"We know a sacrament," Fred tells me, "as the indwelling of God's grace in human life. In its liturgy, music and preaching, Pax has excelled in pointing out how the grace of God is available in the everyday life of school, family, rest and

recreation, a grace that calls us to be inclusive of seeing God's grace active every age, race, kind and condition. We hear this echoed in the first half of Pax's Mission Statement: "Pax Christi Catholic Community, in company with God, and guided by the Spirit of Vatican II . . ."

As Servant, Pax Christi has focused its resources not only on maintaining a vibrant service to its own parishioners, but from its beginning has committed to using its resources to make systemic change for justice and outreach to the poor. This model is reflected in the second half of our mission statement; "welcomes all as leaders of faith for service to the world."

The call to live as *Disciples on a Mission* is a deeply personal one, which has many possible forms. But, Fred reminds me, "there is no better place to start to understand our theme *Disciples on a Mission* than to review what we honor, our values: God-Centered, Justice, Inclusion, Hospitality, Lifelong Learning, Stewardship. Our parish life and practices revolve around these values." His advice? "Pick one, immerse oneself in its meaning and engage in its practice, and discipleship and mission will become clear."

PERMISSION TO REST

I REJOINED the ranks of student this past month in a seven-week class at St. Catherine University titled; *Body, Mind, Spirit: Christian and other perspectives*.

Amid some thought-provoking class discussion time, we took a moment to meditate on the question: *When was the last time you gave yourself permission to truly rest?* Isn't that interesting? By adding the phrase "gave yourself permission," it suggests that it didn't just happen, it was intentional. As we reflected, we were asked to recreate that time and place in our mind. Give it a try. *When was the last time you gave yourself permission to truly rest?* Where were you? What were you doing? Recall as many details as possible. During this resting time, do you recall sensing a deeper oneness with yourself and with God?

Answers from classmates ranged from gazing out a window to tending a garden. I recalled an experience of total rest while on a recent vacation. I was in a pool complete with a magnificent mountain backdrop, the perfect mixture of sunshine and puffy clouds, with no agenda other than floating. Recalling memories such as these, in vivid detail, can transport us back to that moment of oneness. That's the key — we seldom have the opportunity for such tranquil moments, yet if we can fully recall the memory, our body remembers them. Our heart rate slows, our body relaxes, and in a few short breaths our spirit can feel restored from a day of deadlines and heavy traffic.

Care and Support Ministry is offering several opportunities for you to slow down...remember...receive...refocus...and of course, rest.

CENTERING PRAYER on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:00am. Introduction to Centering Prayer on October 3. An opportunity to be still and center on God.

SILENT SATURDAY on September 16, from 9:00–11:30am. Come see how spending a quiet morning in the beautiful setting at Pax Christi can allow your mind to relax, your body to be refreshed, and your spirit to be renewed.

LABYRINTH WALKS each month with meditative theme. Some walkers share their labyrinth memories in the following article.

Details on each of these events are listed in the back of the magazine. I hope you *give yourself permission* to join us.

Written by Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministries



THE LABYRINTH, A SACRED PATH

WE ARE SEEKERS. Who am I? What's my purpose? My passion? We seek a spiritual path to follow with mind, body, heart, and soul.

To find that sacred path, we must first find the stillness within that allows us to listen. The labyrinth offers a quiet place to hear the inner world where we find guidance.

In my daily routine, there's little time to stop and clear my mind from all the clutter of work, chores, and obligations. The walks allow me to let go and listen with an open heart and mind. I encourage anyone to give these walks a try and find a new source of peace and enlightenment in your life. —Carol Paulson

I've had many wonderful experiences walking the labyrinth. Sometimes my walks are simple and relaxing. Sometimes they generate powerful feelings. I feel held in a special place. —Mary Anderson

A few years ago, I needed to jumpstart my faith journey. I had accomplished so much: a career, a loving marriage, and parenting a beautiful child. I was living the 'dream,' yet there was dullness. Then I found the labyrinth. I walk the labyrinth as much as possible to feel a sense of peace, calm, and shared energy with my fellow walkers. —Lisa Cox

Walking the labyrinth provides an opportunity to explore myself on a much deeper level, offering precious insights along its path. The candlelit labyrinth wraps its arms around me as I break away from life's distraction and set personal intentions that offer me peace, hope, and breakthroughs. —Karen Karbo

In this fast-paced life, a labyrinth walk is a needed reminder of what I focus on in my life. The facilitated walks are refreshing and bring invigorating spiritual replenishment through quiet reflection on the physical, mental and spiritual journey. —Rebecca Duchan



FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

GOOD SHEPHERD AND GODLY PLAY PROGRAMS

GOOD SHEPHERD - Ages 4 years–Grade 3: 6:30pm Sunday

GODLY PLAY - Ages 4 and 5:

6:30pm Sunday, 4:45pm Wednesday, or 6:30pm Wednesday

These are Montessori-based faith formation programs. The catechist fosters a relationship between the child and God with carefully prepared materials based on wonderful stories from our scriptures, the parts of our liturgy, and quiet meditation. They utilize careful telling of scripture stories and engaging story figures to encourage children to seek and find their own answers to their faith questions. This unique approach to religious education invites children to wonder about themselves, God, and the world in a way that is playful and meaningful to them.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Ages 4 years–Grade 3

The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ministry enables children to participate in the Sunday worship experience, to nourish and guide their spiritual growth, and to immerse them in the Word of God in ways that are understandable to them. All children ages four years old through 3rd grade are welcome to participate. The children are invited to come forward at the beginning of Mass and process to the chapel. They enjoy the Word of God on their level, shared prayer, singing, and activities. The children will return to their parents at the offertory and join the community in celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

CLOW is offered during the Faith Formation program year, during the Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, and 5:00pm Masses. Parents are always welcome to join their children if they want to check out our ministry. There is no prior registration or fee for participation. We are looking for additional CLOW leaders. Training and support are provided. Come share your faith!! Contact Renee Dignan for more information. rdignan@paxchristi.com.

FINDING GOD PROGRAM

Grades 1–5: 6:30pm Sunday, 4:45pm Wednesday, or 6:30pm Wednesday

The Finding God program option is open to children in grades 1-5. Children meet in grade-level groups led by a trained catechist and use the Loyola Press curriculum *Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts*. This series supports children as they grow in their knowledge and understanding of the four pillars of our faith: Creed, Sacraments, Morality, and Christian Prayer. These timeless truths from the Catechism of the Catholic Church are taught every year on every grade level. The program also includes hands-on experiences of prayer, community, and opportunities for service, including Random Acts of Kindness throughout the year. Our activities are centered around Pax Christi's annual theme, *Disciples on a Mission*, for 2017–2018. The second-grade *Finding God* program includes preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

In addition to the weekly sessions, parents and children will come together with those from other faith formation programs for Community Nights and other parish-wide events.

Parents are urged to consider volunteering in the Finding God program as a catechist, aide, or other support role.





YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

Team Jessie is pumped for a great year of youth ministry. Are you? We are forming our ministry around three actions central to the Christian faith:

BELONG – Be part of a fun, energetic community. Hang out. Make friends. We want all to feel welcome and valued.

BELIEVE – What do I believe? What does my church teach? Where do these beliefs come from? Why are they here? Does everyone have to believe the same thing? Who is Jesus? We want to create safe spaces to explore big questions.

BE YOU – *You* are loved by God and called to bring your unique gifts and talents to the world! We encourage you to share your true self.

In addition to PaxConnex and Faith Interest Connectors (read more below!), watch out for social events, Scripture studies, and more! Youth — if you have a ministry idea that you want to see happen at Pax Christi, please talk with Jessie J. or Jessie B. You are the reason for our ministry!

PAXCONNEX

Grades 6–8, 6:30pm Sunday or 4:45pm Wednesday

PaxConnex is our engaging faith formation program for middle school youth. We'll learn about the Catholic faith, how it connects to our daily lives and ways we can put our faith into action—all while having plenty of fun! This year, PaxConnex is expanding to welcome students in grades 6-8. All three grades will meet together for a portion of each weekly session. Then, we'll break off into groups for further conversation and activities.

FAITH INTEREST CONNECTORS

Grades 9–12, 6:30pm Sunday or 6:30pm Wednesday

Pax Christi's High School Faith Formation is a network of youth and trusted adult leaders, small groups, events, service and justice projects, and exciting activities designed to help you make sense of life through the lens of faith.

High School Faith Formation primarily take place in Faith Interest Connector (FIC) groups. FICs are short-term, small-group courses that combine passion-based learning with faith formation. Teenagers and adult leaders form FICs based on a shared interest (such as basketball, music, sciences, cooking, etc.). The typical FIC is about eight weeks long, though some groups may continue to meet longer. Each week the groups explore a different theme of discipleship and something related to their interest topic.

FICs help youth to *grow together* in community, *learn about* the Catholic faith, develop prayer practices to *grow in relationship with God*, and provide tools and opportunities to *put faith into practice* through service and justice.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION

2ND GRADE AND OLDER

Accordingly, the parish provides faith formation for parents whenever a child is preparing to celebrate a sacrament. Active participation on the part of parents is a strong expectation of parish sacramental preparation programs. Registration for sacramental preparation is done at the same time and on the same form as the regular faith formation session. Children who come to regular faith formation on Sunday or Wednesday generally participate in first Eucharist preparation at the same day/time. Those children in other program day/times may choose a Sunday or Wednesday preparation session.

FIRST EUCHARIST

2ND GRADE AND OLDER

Adequate preparation will also support their spiritual growth and make it clear that as they are nourished by the Eucharist, they are called to feed and serve others around them. Children must be baptized before beginning preparation for this sacrament. A copy of your child's baptism certificate will be needed if not baptized at Pax Christi. Registration for sacramental preparation is done at the same time and on the same form as the regular faith formation session. Children who come to regular faith formation on Sunday or Wednesday generally participate in first Eucharist preparation at the same day/time. Those children in other program day/times may choose a Sunday or Wednesday preparation session.

CONFIRMATION

GRADE 10 AND OLDER

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for high school youth is available to students in grades 10-12. The preparation process begins in September and concludes in May with the celebration of Confirmation with the bishop.

Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation make up the Sacraments of Initiation. Confirmation is the sacrament that deepens the grace of the Holy Spirit given at baptism. The person being confirmed affirms their commitment to participate in the life of the church. Today in the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis, Confirmation is typically the final sacrament of initiation for teenagers.

Youth preparing for Confirmation at Pax Christi will participate in weekly high school Faith Formation. In addition, they will participate in online learning and an in-person conversation group, attend a confirmation retreat, and talk regularly with their sponsor. Rehearsal is on Wednesday, April 25, at Pax Christi. The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, May 5, at the Basilica of St. Mary.

For more information, please attend the Confirmation orientation on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00pm.

In the meantime, registration for Faith Formation is open online. The Confirmation information form, as well as candidate and parent introduction essay prompts, will be available online soon. Confirmation coordinator Jessie Bazan can be reached at jbazan@paxchristi.com.

Special Needs Resources, for children with autism and other special need, are provided for preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

GET INVOLVED WITH PAX CAFÉ: CATHOLIC ADULT FORMATION & ENRICHMENT

A variety of opportunities will be offered for adult faith formation at Pax Christi this year including various Bible studies, simple artistic expressions of faith, speakers, and workshops. A sampling of some of our opportunities is listed below. Watch the Pax Christi magazine and web for additional programs.

CAST INTO THE DEEP is an adult faith formation series coordinated by Fr. Marc. Just as Jesus told Peter to “cast into the deep” of the Sea of Galilee (Luke 5:4), he invites us to cast into the deep of the riches of our Catholic faith! Participants will grow as lifelong learners and faith leaders within the parish and beyond.

This year, *Cast into the Deep* will use Bishop Robert Barron’s DVD series *Catholicism* to explore what Catholics believe and why. Bishop Barron takes us through 50 locations in 16 countries and reveals the beautiful artistic, historical, architectural, musical, and literary treasures that illuminate the timeless teachings of the Church. After each segment, we will break into small groups to discuss what impacted us and to seek how Christ desires to transform our lives. *Cast into the Deep* is for Catholics who want to be enriched in their faith, as well as non-Catholics who want to learn about Christ and his Church. We will meet monthly beginning in the fall. Come join us!

MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE is a six-session, **monthly** study that provides a good introduction to the Bible and explores how we understand and interpret scripture. The world’s best-selling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country’s leading Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate. We will be reading a few of the wondrously accessible chapters per month and meeting for further learning and discussion. We will meet one Tuesday or Thursday evening for six selected months throughout the year. Watch our website, screens, and eNews for further information and registration information.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY begins in September. This year’s series, *The Alpha and the Omega*, will start with a study of the Gospel of Mark, the first or “Alpha” of the gospels, and end with a new look at the last or “Omega” book of the bible, Revelation.

Written by Lynn Schelitzche, Director of Faith Formation

FOR THOSE WHO ARE WONDERING: RCIA

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic who wants to complete initiation through Confirmation and/or First Eucharist? *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* is a process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ through learning, discussion, prayer, and community. Inquiry will start in October. Participants are invited to grow more deeply in their faith and discern if they desire to join the Catholic Church or complete their initiation into it





THE FAITH FORMATION TEAM IS GROWING!

We are thrilled to welcome Jessie Bazan to the Faith Formation team as our brand new Youth Formation and Communication Minister! She will be working collaboratively with me (Jessie Johnson) to create opportunities for the youth of our parish to grow as Christian disciples! I've known Jessie for several years and can't wait for the Pax Christi community to get to know her too!

JESSIE JOHNSON: Jessie, can you share a little bit about yourself?

JESSIE BAZAN: Sure! I'm a quarter-century old and have a twin brother. Praying the Liturgy of the Hours roots my days. I love taking long walks in the woods. My spiritual role models are Dorothy Day and Thomas Merton. In addition to working at Pax Christi, I serve as the Outreach Coordinator for the St. John's Abbey Vocations Team. I also write for *U.S. Catholic* magazine. In the interest of full disclosure, I should also say I'm from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. My sports allegiances lie in the land of beer and cheese.

JJ: How about your educational background?

JB: I graduated from Marquette University in 2014 with a degree in communications. I just earned my Masters of Divinity this past May from the Saint John's School of Theology. I'm a big fan of both the Jesuits and Benedictines.

JJ: What drew you to this job and to the Pax Christi community?

JB: Well, you did, Jessie J.! Your passion for ministry is contagious! (We were both at St. John's for the last few years.) Also, as a theology nerd, the "guided by the spirit of Vatican II" line from the mission statement drew me in.

JJ: What's your favorite breakfast food?

JB: My dad's pancakes with a side of bacon.

JJ: I'm going to ask you a few questions that my predecessor [Peter Bierer] asked me for one of these magazine articles when I first started. If you could be any mythical creature, what would you be?

JB: A fairy, mostly because I've never had the experience of being small (thanks to my 6'8" dad!).

JJ: What do you think are the most important issues facing young people today?

JB: Environmental issues. If we want to grow old on this planet, we need to care for it! Also the issue of being overly busy. One young person recently told me he hasn't had a day off in two months. I worry about young people being susceptible to mental health issues like anxiety and depression.

JJ: You've done a lot of work in young adult and college campus ministry. Is there anything from that experience that you will bring with you into your ministry with the youth of Pax Christi?

JB: I believe in young people today. It's easy to generalize about millennials. My time in campus ministry taught me to treat every student's story as sacred. I especially loved working with retreat leaders and the social outreach team in campus ministry. Their energy and questions fueled my own.

JJ: Last question. We're both named Jessie, and we're both working as Youth Formation Ministers. What advice would you give someone who is nervous about mixing us up?

JB: Shoot for the moon, and even if you miss, your email will land with the correct Jessie thanks to the magic of the "forward" button.

JJ: Thanks, Jessie! I'm so excited that you are here! Now we should probably get back to work planning for fall Faith Formation.

Written by Jessie Johnson, Youth Formation Minister

ALL ARE WELCOME

How often do we at Pax Christi say, hear, or see this phrase? How do we welcome all members of the Pax Christi Community into that community? To consider this question, the Worship Council has begun a series of listening sessions, which will continue through the coming year, to hear about ways in which we can help make all members of our parish feel welcome.

As the new Chair of the Worship Council, I was asked to reflect on what we are doing as a Council and to give my thoughts on the process. Surprisingly, this task has been much harder than I originally thought. I am offering these thoughts and questions with the disclaimer that they are my own and not necessarily those of my fellow Council members.

Vatican II tells us that the Church is and must be IN the world, and that faith cannot be separated from the world in which we live every day. Today, we see racial, ethnic, political, and economic tension both locally and globally. Pax Christi and the larger Church live in this world with its divides and imperfections. How is our parish to engage and interact with the world outside our walls to ease tension and division?

Tension and division are nothing new. In 1 Corinthians, we see that the early Church had conflict. Paul wrote to the faithful at Corinth because they were fighting over questions of who was better and what ministries were most important. Paul's answer was simple. You are all equal and all part of the same body — the Body of Christ. This is what we called be as a parish and a Church. Nothing like setting the bar low! So, how do we become one Body of Christ?

The questions we, as a parish, need to ask should not be limited just to race and ethnicity. They are also generational. Studies show that young people of all faith traditions see less need or purpose for organized religion. The preaching in the pews does not necessarily match the practice in the streets. How do we demonstrate that the message of Christ and the role of the Catholic Church are still relevant?

These are some big issues and just some of the questions we are considering. More work is needed to define and refine the specific questions to be asked. Hopefully, with the guidance of the Spirit, we can begin to discover a path toward some answers. Fortunately, our common faith and desire to strengthen our community provide a great starting point and foundation. We have a rich history and vibrant traditions and practices from which to draw inspiration.

Watch the eNEWS in the coming weeks for additional details regarding the listening sessions.

Written by Mark Rabogliatti, Worship Council Member



THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH

A CELEBRATION BY THE PAX INDIAN COMMUNITY

Mother Mary holds a special place in the hearts of Catholics in India. Her birthday on September 8 is celebrated with prayer and reverence in several parts of India and in neighboring countries. On this date, many churches in India also commemorate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Health or our Lady of Vailankanni. Legend has it that Mother Mary appeared with the child Jesus in her arms on three separate occasions during the 16th and the 17th centuries around Vailankanni, a small coastal town in the south of India.

The Indian community at Pax Christi will host a special celebration following the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, September 9 to honor our Holy Mother and to pray for good health. Join us following Mass to pray, learn about a few of the traditions in India to commemorate this joyous occasion, make new friends, and to enjoy delicious Indian food. All are welcome.

Written by Joby Pauly, Pax Christi Parishioner

PAX CHRISTI CHILDREN'S CHOIR IS SEEKING SINGERS!

We are seeking enthusiastic kids between Grades 1 and 7. Rehearsal is Sundays from 10:05–10:45am (or after the 9:00am Mass finishes) and sing at one Mass each month. You do not need to attend every rehearsal or Mass to participate. Come to our first rehearsal and parent meeting on October 1, 10:05am in the chapel to find out more! Contact Amanda Tahnk-Johnson, Amanda.TahnkJohnson@gmail.com, with questions or concerns!

PARISHIONER NEWS

JULY BAPTISMS

Isaiah Joseph Blas-Niemi	7/2/2017
Nevada Rae Deneau	7/2/2017
Wesley Arthur Welch	7/2/2017
Bristol Rose Lukes	7/9/2017
Connor Joseph Wiesen	7/9/2017
Oscar Francis Schroeckstein	7/16/2017
Mason John Hawkins	7/22/2017
Juniper Adeline Brown	7/23/2017
Evan Kai Culwell	7/30/2017
Axel De Borja Zweber	7/30/2017

JULY FUNERALS

Marion Gessner	7/11/2017
Daniel G. Jean	7/14/2017
Robert J. Reiter	7/18/2017
Ann Norwich	7/19/2017
Jean Reesor	7/20/2017
Michael Ronald Pauling	7/26/2017
Mary Ann (Gelhar) Tyler	7/27/2017

JULY NEW MEMBERS

Joseph and Jessica Cozza
Hortense Dupin De Saint Cyr
Jay and Michelle Johnson
Julie Michels
Theresa Moore
Kirsten Moran and Carlos Castelán
David and Mary Perkins
Deanna Pierzina and Adam Beach
Maureen Sanders
Sandra Schorn
Kyle Schroeder
James Smith
Anthony & Megan Voigt



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday:	Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Sunday:	Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/ Mt 18:21-35
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

Sunday:	Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/ Mt 20:1-16a
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

JUSTFAITH AND JUSTMATTERS AT PAX CHRISTI: CALLED BY OUR BAPTISM, WE PREPARE FOR THE MISSION

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.

This is our stated mission as a faith community. How do we, as a community, unpack what this actually means in practice? One option is to participate in small group programs created by *JustFaith* Ministries.

"*JustFaith* Ministries was birthed in the effort to invite and prepare people of faith for the life-changing and world-changing call of the Gospel to help heal the world and, in so doing, experience a deeper faith, a more fulfilling life, and a community of care and vitality.

Since 2001, over 50,000 people have completed a *JustFaith* Ministries program. Together we envision a vast community of faithful people transformed by the spirit and leading lives of extraordinary compassion. *JustFaith* Ministries programs create an environment that invites personal transformation. We change people — **and those people change the world.**" —Jack Jezreel, Founder

JUSTFAITH

Here at Pax Christi, we have had four groups of people take on the communal work of preparation for a life inspired by our discipleship mission through the *JustFaith* program. We will offer the experience once again starting on September 18.

Pax Christi members report a profound shift in how they know themselves as disciples of Jesus, in how they understand the world, and how they know their own faith call to social justice in the world.

Pax Christi Member, Doug Mertz, shares this about his participation in the *JustFaith* program:

"I participated in *JustFaith* a few years ago. I learned more about Christ's teachings of how to treat other people in the world than I had learned in my entire life up to that point. It is a wonderful experience if you are not afraid to be transformed."

Each participant brings a unique life experience and faith journey to the conversation. It is out of this group sharing that self-awareness and transformation is possible.

JUSTMATTERS

This summer, Pax Christi Community members have engaged in *JustMatters* for the first time. The *JustMatters* program allows small faith communities to explore critical current issues such as hunger, prison reform, immigration, and Christian-Muslim dialogue within in a prayerful environment that invites personal transformation. *JustMatters* modules are eight weeks long. We have been exploring the topic of immigration through the *JustMatters* module called *Crossing Borders: Theology, Migration, and the Human Journey*. And, we will offer this experience again this fall starting on September 25.

Pax Christi Member, Al Luebbers, shares this about his participation in *Crossing Borders* this summer:

"My comment would be that the readings were very informative and I was grateful to learn the facts relating to the border issues with Mexico. The immigrant's roles in our economy was eye opening."

And, community member Donna Murphy shares this:

"I found the immigration class to be very thought-provoking. The reading material and subsequent discussions shed new light on the plight of our most recent immigrants. This in turn led us to explore possible ways we might help them."

One key benefit of these in-depth studies is increased knowledge. Many who attend these sessions remark, "How did we not know this?" And they endeavor to discern next steps in engaging to make a difference in the world.

We are called by our community to be leaders of faith in service to the world. Come join us as we discover together what joyful, active, faithful discipleship can be!

If you would like to know more about *JustFaith* or *JustMatters* (*Crossing Borders*) please contact Joan Howe-Pullis, Justice Ministry Coordinator, jhowe-pullis@paxchristi.com. To register for either of these programs, visit paxchristi.com/eventregistration. Scholarships are available by contacting Joan Howe-Pullis.

Written by Joan Howe-Pullis, Justice Ministry Coordinator.

SEPTEMBER

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

MASS: Monday, September 4, 9:00am

There is no Sunday morning hospitality, and the nursery will be closed the entire Labor Day weekend. Join us for Labor Day Mass on Monday at 9:00am in the chapel. The parish office will be CLOSED for business in observance of the holiday and the building will close following Mass.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

Wednesday, September 6, 7:00pm in the main worship space

Additional detail on page 12.

SISTER KRISTINE HAUGEN WATERCOLOR ART EXHIBIT

September 7–October 3, Pacem In Terris Gallery

Stop in to see the artwork created by Sister Kristine Haugen. The opening reception is Sunday, September 10, following morning Masses. "To be sure, watercolor is the medium that most attracts my eyes and hands to work with. Using the nature that I see outside my window as a springboard, watercolor paints flow colors and shapes together in a beautiful and sometimes surprising way. I find harmony in it much as can be found in music, which I have heard is the subject of much research. In a way, there can be a transcendent or mystical life to art which speaks to the artist and viewer alike. My hope is that others find inspiration and meaning in my artwork." +Sister Kristine, Mt. Carmel Hermitage, Luck, WI. www.hermitagearts.com

SILENT SATURDAY

Saturday, September 16, 9:00–11:30am, Room 239 RSVP

Jesus says, "Come to me... and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Care and Support Ministry invites you to spend a few hours of quiet, uninterrupted time in prayer and reflection on our beautiful Pax Christi campus. We will create a peaceful environment for prayer time, journaling, walking, or just time to rest in God's loving embrace. Sometimes we need to set aside time for silence and step away from the clutter of both our life and our mind so we can rediscover a contemplative spirit. The morning will begin with a short reflection followed by a simple tour of our grounds to highlight some quiet places and spaces both indoors and out. We will conclude our time together with optional group sharing time. There is no fee, but we do ask that you RSVP to Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry, jthoresen@paxchristi.com, or online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE

September 16/17 and 23/24

Twelve Baskets is sponsoring a book drive for Blessed Trinity Catholic School, a Pax Christi grant recipient, to help them replenish their school library. Book titles from their wish list will be on display at doors 1 and 3. Parishioners have the option to purchase a book for the library or make a cash donation.

JUSTFAITH: 24-WEEK SERIES

Mondays beginning September 18 through April 23

6:30–9:00pm in the Garden Level gathering space RSVP

During this extended formation and justice education process, groups employ books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, retreats, and hands-on experiences. *JustFaith* includes 24 2½-hour sessions, broken into four phases of six sessions. An optional fifth phase, a three-session discernment phase, completed in one 6-hour day or broken into three 2-hour sessions, is highly recommended. All sessions include prayer, dialogue, active listening, and relationship-building. Some sessions also include videos and/or guest speakers. The most essential resource is the community formed through the *JustFaith* process. To broaden perspectives, each of the four phases include an immersion where participants visit local organizations to learn from the stories of those living and working on the margins of society.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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

Pilgrimage is one of the most ancient spiritual practices, going back to the Old Testament. When we go on pilgrimage, we leave the familiar surroundings of our everyday life to journey to a holy place — a spiritual time to be renewed in faith, hope, and charity. Additional details of the day are available online at www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.

CROSSING BORDERS:

MIGRATION, THEOLOGY, AND THE HUMAN JOURNEY

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

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

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, September 26–April 10, 9:30–11:30am, \$100 RSVP

Women with Spirit Bible Study invites women of all ages and faiths to spend 23 Tuesday mornings exploring "The Alpha and the Omega." The series will start with a study of the Gospel of Mark, the first of the gospels (Alpha), and end with a new look at the last book of the Bible (Omega), Revelation. In between, a few weeks will be devoted to exploring the books of Daniel and Ezekiel as a prelude to the study of Revelation. Each session starts with a one hour presentation by university professors who share their extensive knowledge of biblical texts, and the second hour is spent in small groups, sharing insights and personal perspectives on the lecture. 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 begin here at Pax Christi on Thursday, September 28th. 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. Questions can be directed to Mary Ann Callahan, 952-405-7227.

MAKE PLANS NOW

LABYRINTH WALK

FIRST WALK: Monday, October 2, 6:30–8:30pm

The labyrinth is a walking meditation which engages the body, mind, and spirit. It is one of the oldest contemplative and transformational tools available for prayer, meditation, creative inspiration and personal and spiritual growth. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth is unicursal, offering one path to the center and back out again. This path gently leads you the center of both the labyrinth and your life. The outdoor grass and brick labyrinth is self-directed and available year-round as weather permits. The indoor canvas labyrinth is available monthly from early fall through early spring. A group gathering precedes the indoor walks. Upcoming walks are October 2, November 6, December 5, January 8, February 12, March 12. Watch the bulletin, magazine, and eNEWS for information on individual themes. Questions? Contact Carrie Chevalier Mosher, carrie@cycleofwholeness.com.

AN INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER

Tuesday, October 3, 6:30–7:30pm

Centering Prayer is the practice of silencing one's mind and body as a way of opening us to a greater awareness and receptivity of God's presence. It is not meant to replace other forms of prayer, rather it adds depth to all prayer. It is simply resting in God beyond thoughts, words, and emotions. 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. If you have questions please contact, Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry, 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 the Pax Christi Boomers and Beyond. The event is sponsored by the 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 – SAVE THE DATE!

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

Watch for additional details in October PaxChristiNews.

HOLIDAY TEA HOSTESS MEETING – SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, October 11, 7:00pm

Watch for additional details in October PaxChristiNews.

HOLY LAND AND JORDAN WITH FR BILL MURTAUGH

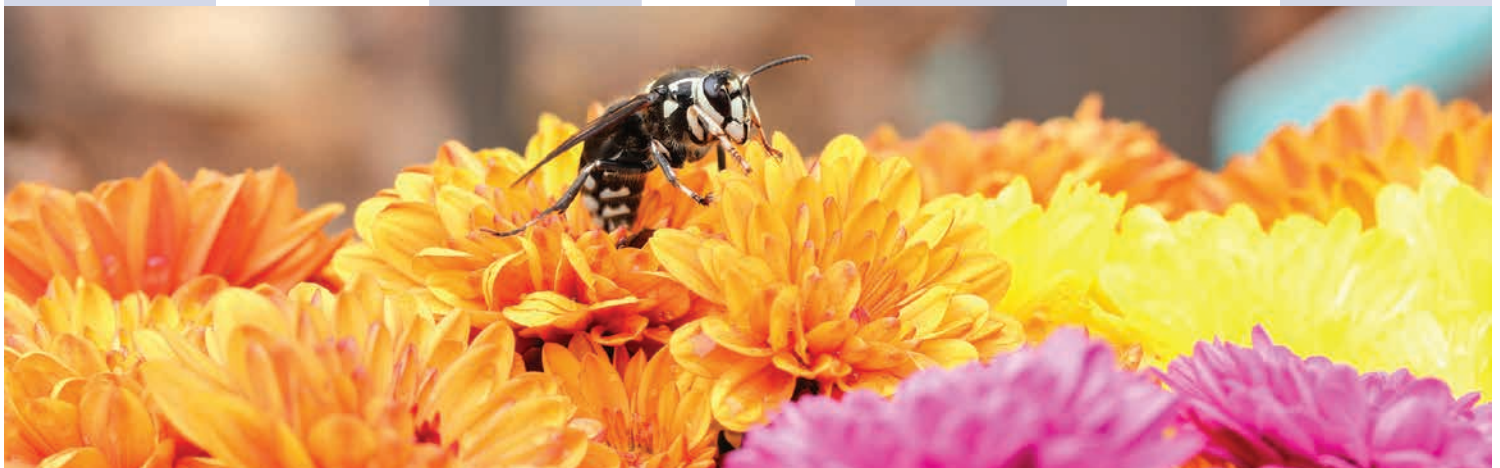
APRIL 16–27, 2018 RSVP

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. Register online soon.

SEPTEMBER

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

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MINISTRY SHOWCASE WEEKEND

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How are You Called to Serve? Your gifts can be put to great use at Pax Christi Catholic Community when you participate in our Monthly Ministry Showcase. This program year of 2016–2017 we are changing it a bit, and in lieu of one large Ministry Fair showing all the 110 ministries available for participation by members of Pax Christi, we will be focusing on a different program area each month. By highlighting a single program area, we can focus on telling the story of Pax Christi and what we do from the perspective of the individual ministry areas.

PAX CHRISTI'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE SEPTEMBER'S MINISTRY SHOWCASE IS **FAITH FORMATION.**

Faith Formation programs and activities at Pax Christi are growing and we need your help to meet the needs of this exciting ministry in the community! Pax Christi's Faith Formation department serves people of every age from preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and adults. While we still need members to serve in the traditional catechist role, we also have many other opportunities to share your gifts in ways that are meaningful and comfortable for you. Whether you're leading children in the Finding God curriculum, sharing your passions with teens in the Faith Interest Connector program, facilitating a discussion with adults in a book study, or serving behind the scenes in a support role, we have something for everyone. Visit the Faith Formation Ministry Showcase the weekend of September 9/10 (following all Masses) to find out more information and to sign up to serve in this vital ministry.

