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...let us try to be a church that finds new roads...
–Pope Francis



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Fr. J. Michael Byron
Pastor

INSTEAD OF BEING
JUST A CHURCH THAT
WELCOMES AND
RECEIVES BY KEEPING
THE DOORS OPEN, LET
US TRY TO BE A CHURCH
THAT FINDS NEW ROADS...
—POPE FRANCIS' INTERVIEW
IN SEPTEMBER OF 2013
WITH AMERICA MAGAZINE

IN BEING invited to share some reflections for this month's magazine, I was told that it would be helpful if my remarks would comport with the theme of **"Finding New Roads."** As it happens there was no need for any such suggestion. Since my arrival at Pax Christi in July that's pretty much all I've been doing as a matter of survival—finding **new roads**. Say what you will about the streets of St. Paul where I lived for the last 25 years, at least most of the roads there are relatively straight. I have yet to discover any such thing around here. Until this summer my residence was on Fifth Street which was—astonishingly enough—to be found just between Fourth Street and Sixth Street. By contrast, here in Eden Prairie I often don't know where I am relative to any other place or to the destination to which I hope I am headed. I think that any of us who have been uprooted from a familiar home and have attempted to assimilate into someplace new knows just what I mean. It's not the end of the world to be made to adapt to an unfamiliar environment, especially one as welcoming as Pax Christi has been to me. But it does stir up an awareness of how transient and unstable the conditions of our lives are most of the time

and how deceptive it can be to place confidence in things and circumstances that may not be worthy of that trust. The road we have assumed to have been traveling all this time may yet have some unexpected detours ahead.

Especially in a religious tradition like Roman Catholicism, it can be so easy to equate what is true/good/necessary/enduring with that which we have always known and done. (And by "always" we often mean "as far back as I can personally remember," which is not exactly the same thing as "always.") In fact, Catholics have been finding and following **new roads**, both as individuals and as communities, for as long as we have been a church. To do otherwise is to atrophy and ultimately to die. We are very much alive today because of our capacity to find **new roads** when the times and events of life have made that necessary. We would do well to recall that the very first name given to the Jesus movement, already in biblical times, was "The Way," a name which itself hearkens back to Hebrew biblical prophecy ("Prepare the way of the Lord!). To believe is to be made to travel, to move, to find **new roads** when the old ones come to a dead end.

Just think of your own life history and situation. How dependent is your whole sense of self upon being in the job you now have, enjoying the health you now relish, the family ties that presently connect you, the friends that hold you up today, the creature comforts that delight you in the moment, the style of worship and prayer that you now find nourishing, and the routines that give you a sense of equilibrium and predictability each day? All of them are good things, but yet roads that can come to an end in a moment and without warning. **Finding new roads** is often not the result of curiosity or a quest for adventure; it's the result of desperation, loss, and disorientation. Lots of times finding a new road is not on our list of preferred optional activities.

The metaphor of "the road" as descriptive of the Christian life is rich and it is all over the bible. It is helpful, I think, to step out of our own understanding of modern roads, in which we tend to imagine people in closed cars moving at high speeds past irrelevant landscape in order to get from one place to another as quickly as possible.



Finding New Roads!

PAX CHRISTI CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

That's not what biblical stories had in mind when speaking of "the road." Instead, biblical "roads" are often descriptive of circumstances of instability, movements of the heart, and changes in disposition, all of which are potentially challenging but not necessarily terrifying. Journeying on a biblical road may come as the result of a sweet anticipated joy up ahead, or it may be a flight from an awful tragedy behind. The "end of the road" may be something well understood, or not known at all.

Ponder a few of the better known New Testament roads which speak of Christian conversion. Think of Jesus and his friends on the road to Emmaus on Easter Sunday, which tells of conversation, awakening, wisdom shared, understanding, and ultimately ecstasy. Think of Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, which takes up 10 whole chapters of Luke's gospel! It tells of destiny, courage, suffering, learning, testing of resolve. Think of Jesus speaking of the Good Samaritan on the road to Jericho, which tells of danger, mercy, encounter, crossing of cultural boundaries. Think of

Jesus on the "Via Dolorosa" on the last day of his life...the "sorrowful road" to the cross, which speaks of self-sacrifice and unimaginable forgiveness. Think of St. Paul on the road to Damascus, which tells us of new vision, repentance, and new life.

To find a **new road** may mean many various things for us, depending upon our present life situations, but it does not mean standing still. The only people who stand idly in roadways get run over. We are intended to be transformed by the journey on the road to the Kingdom, and when that is no longer happening, **new roads** are necessary and healthy.



FINDING NEW ROADS IN FAITH FORMATION!

With the completion of the Pax Christi strategic planning process, *Finding New Roads* is our parish theme for the year. We invite you to consider a new road for your faith with the opportunities below:

Finding New Roads in the GODLY PLAY AND GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Faith Formation opportunities for Preschool and Kindergarten,
Sunday or Wednesday

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play programs are Montessori-based religious formation programs. The programs create a sacred “hands-on” space, in which both the children and the catechists hear, ponder, and celebrate the most essential mysteries of the Catholic faith as revealed in the Scripture and the liturgy. The catechist fosters a relationship between the child and God with quiet meditation and carefully prepared materials based on the wonderful stories from our Scriptures. Consider a role as a leader or assistant.

Finding New Roads in the FINDING GOD ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

Faith Formation opportunities for Grades 1–5,
Sunday or Wednesday

As Brownies and Girl Scouts, we all learned the famous jingle, “Make new friends but keep the old; one is silver and the other gold.” Or the wise words of our mothers can still be heard within the walls of our memory: to have a friend you need to be a friend. Jesus had 12 best friends who stuck with him through storms and hunger and even death. This year as we experience our parish-wide theme, *Finding New Roads*, the children and catechists in the Finding God program will journey the road to new friendships. We will learn about our Catholic faith traditions, we will pray together, and engage in outreach opportunities together. We will participate in Random Acts of Kindness. We will get to know one another and form prayer partners. We come from many zip codes across the Twin Cities and much diversity and can learn a great deal from one another. We connect because we are members of Pax Christi Catholic Community. You are invited to be a part of the Finding God program. Come for the faith. Stay for the fun and friendships!

Finding New Roads in the PAXCONNEX MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Faith Formation opportunities for Grades 6–8,
Sunday or Wednesday

Middle School is that weird and awesome time of constant change—new people, new places, new experiences, and new freedoms. The PaxConnex Middle School Youth programs will be living the theme *Finding New Roads* with a new curriculum that will deepen our faith through authentic exploration, building relationships with greater emphasis on small groups, fun activities and events, and service opportunities. Join PaxConnex as a Middle School youth, a youth volunteer, a catechist, or an adult volunteer this year!

Finding New Roads in SENIOR HIGH FAITH FORMATION AND CONFIRMATION

Faith Formation opportunities for Grades 9–12,
Sunday or Wednesday

Everyone’s got a thing—a favorite hobby, passion, or topic that you love to do or think about. Our high school faith formation program helps young people in grades 9-12 to make the connections between their interests and what it means to live as a disciple of Jesus in today’s world. Youth choose from several interest groups (called Faith Interest Connectors, or FICs) ranging from volleyball to leadership development to Harry Potter to chocolate to science and more! These groups meet weekly in the fall and spring, and provide opportunities for youth to look at their faith through the lens of their interests and passions. So adults, what’s your thing? Consider becoming an FIC leader and sharing your passions with our young people!

The Sacrament of Confirmation takes place in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. Preparation includes participation in FIC groups, attending a retreat, meeting with a sponsor, completion of online learning sessions, and taking part in a spring Confirmation small group that replaces the youth’s traditional FIC experience. Adults are invited to offer their gifts as retreat team members, sponsors, and small group leaders.

For more information about these and other programs, please go to the Faith Formation tab on Pax Christi’s website www.paxchristi.com, or contact us in the parish office.

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MEET EVAN BIERER—OUR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH FORMATION MINISTER!

I am very excited to introduce Evan Bierer as the new Middle School Youth Formation Minister!

How would someone close to you describe you?

You might describe me as intuitive, creative, and compassionate. I am an easy-going person who thrives in a little bit of chaos, which is why I love Middle School youth! I am a musician from a family of Christian musicians and artists. After high school, I earned my bachelor’s degree in music performance from McNally Smith College of Music in Saint Paul and performed around the Twin Cities metro and southern Minnesota with a variety of bands as a saxophonist. I eventually went back to school to become a teacher, earning my K-12 Minnesota teaching license in Classroom and Instrumental music as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching from Minnesota State University, Mankato. I’ve always had one foot in music and one foot in youth ministry, which is what led me to pursue the Youth Ministry position at Pax Christi. I am married. My wife Heather and I have two sons, Francis (7) and Ellis (1).

Tell me about someone who has influenced your decision to work with youth.

I have been profoundly influenced by the members of my family and several teachers, campus ministers, priests, religious brothers and sisters, and friends who are serving in ministry in one form or another. The greatest influence in my desire to work with youth is my father, Tom Bierer (a music teacher, songwriter, and all around cool guy). He has said to me, “Music is youth ministry,” which for me has been a profound statement of truth that has allowed me to pursue my passion (music) while serving in my vocation (teaching/ministry).

What is your vision for Middle School Faith Formation/Youth Ministry?

I want to see the Middle School Faith Formation/Youth Ministry program provide meaningful and fun faith-learning experiences where the Middle School youth will be allowed to authentically explore their faith, grow as human beings in compassion and charity, and become active members of the Pax Christi faith community and beyond! I hope to be part of the process to better define Middle School youth ministry at Pax Christi. With the collaboration of the whole faith formation staff, catechists, volunteers, and Church,

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THANKS FOR THE BEST WEEK OF THE SUMMER!

“DO NOT LET ANYONE THINK LITTLE OF YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG. BE THEIR EXAMPLE. LET THEM FOLLOW THE WAY YOU TEACH AND LIVE.”

—1 TIMOTHY 4:12



IN JULY, over 300 people celebrated what has come to be known as the Best Week of the Summer! We were delighted with the positive feedback, including that of one of our youngest campers who asked, “Are we coming back again next week for more fun?”

Bible Camp has a goal to deepen our faith in God and each other. This year we celebrated the parish-wide theme, “Disciples on a Mission.” We prayed together, we filled our voices with songs of praise, and we did some incredible outreach projects. Our fabulous drama team went to Open Arms during their week of leadership training. Open Arms provides nutritional meals to over 1,100 clients throughout the Twin Cities. We bagged and labeled over 1,100 date cookies, over 950 banana chocolate bars, 168 portions of hard-boiled eggs, and created 34 beautiful and cheery birthday cards. Lizzy Reardon, one of our

drama team choreographers, said, “Going to Open Arms was a wonderful experience for our entire group. The co-workers and all the people were so helpful, and the organization makes such a difference.” Lilly Rau added, “It was really fulfilling getting to help people in a way I have never done before.” Our campers decorated 250 bags which Open Arms will fill with food and deliver throughout the days to come.

One of our stories for the week was *The Good Samaritan*, which carries the theme



of unconditional love and support for our neighbor. Just exactly who is our neighbor? Our neighbors are those living in our local care centers. We made ornaments for these new friends, which will be given out during our annual family caroling event in December. Our neighbors are those young men and women who are serviced by YouthLink. These 18 to 25-year-old friends are transitioning to new housing. Our campers, drama team, and many Pax Christi groups filled over 50 baskets with household items to help our new friends with their transition. There was

also a hand-tied blanket with 174 “good-deed knots of love” for each basket.

It takes a village, and the groups participating included: RCIA, Pax Christi Choirs, Boomers and Beyond, Our Lady of Good Health Community, Mom’s ROCK, Growing in Faith Together, and the Women with Spirit Bible Study. We are tremendously grateful for the overflowing generosity given by each of these groups and to the many volunteers who helped deliver the Good Samaritan baskets.

Our campers also made 182 sandwiches for YouthLink, Launch Ministry, and St. Stephen’s. The campers decorated lunch bags and added notes of love along with nutritional sandwiches, chips, fruit cups, and cookies. These meals will help feed the hungry—another mission of our discipleship.

We are grateful to all the shared ministers who volunteered their time and passion for our faith. We are grateful to the pet ministry who visited our camp.

We truly learned what it means to be Disciples on a Mission by being the hands and feet of Christ during camp and beyond.

Written by Renee Dignan and Janell McBeain, Camp Directors



MEET EVAN BIERER CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7.

we will continue to build a fun, affirming, and safe Middle School faith community for our youth.

WHAT DO YOU FIND MOST CHALLENGING ABOUT FAITH AND YOUTH?

I think the most challenging part about faith and youth is allowing the doubt and fear that comes with growing up to lead us closer to God. This can be a bit counter-intuitive at first for young people because learning to ask hard questions is usually coupled with a disorienting sense of the unknown, and that instability doesn’t feel very good—especially when everything else seems to be changing or out of control! It’s the discomfort, the pain of struggling through the hard questions that strengthens faith.

WHAT MIGHT SOMEONE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

When I was a kid I wanted to be a professional bird-watcher who worked for the National Audubon Society. I still like birds.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO WHEN YOU AREN’T WORKING?

I love to hang out with my family, make music, garden, and fish.

We are thrilled that Evan is part of the Pax Christi Community! Welcome to Pax Christi, Evan!

Written by Lynn Schelitzke, Director of Faith Formation

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE CAMP

THE PAXCONNEX Middle School Summer Service Camp was held from July 22–July 27. The sixth through eighth grade youth spent mornings offering their time and talents for service projects at a variety of locations in Eden Prairie and surrounding communities. These service sites included yardwork for an elderly gentleman through the HOME outreach, a PROP pop-up stand at Jerry’s, warehouse work at Launch Ministry in Shakopee, visiting and playing games with memory care residents, cleaning at Pax Christi, and packing meals for Feed My Starving Children. In the afternoons the youth had some summer fun at Grand Slam, Skateville, Cascade Bay, and Valleyfair. It was a great week of service and fun!

Written by Evan Bierer, Middle School Youth Formation Minister



Evan Bierer, above in green shirt.

JERRY KOTSMITH – FINDING NEW ROADS!

ABOUT 22 years ago, Jerry Kotsmith and his wife Beth were looking for something new. While they weren't completely unhappy with the parish they attended, they weren't feeling fulfilled either. They set out for something different and found Pax Christi. While Jerry thought they would give Pax Christi a try for a few months to see if it was the right fit, it took only a few weeks of listening to Fr. Tim Power's homilies to decide Pax Christi was right for them.

Jerry found the fulfillment he was looking for through various Pax Christi ministries, one of which was the Worship Council. He recalls addressing the concerns of one parishioner who told Jerry that those sitting around him never sang. Jerry sat in that same section the parishioner was referring to and always heard people singing. But, rather than dismissing the concern, he took it upon himself to move around to other areas of the section each week. The mystery was solved when Jerry sat down in an area and realized his view of the screen showing the words to the songs was obstructed. Jerry went back to the council with his findings and they eventually eliminated the obstruction. The situation wasn't complex, it just required someone like Jerry with a willingness to look at things from a different vantage point.

Jerry also served part of a term with the Lay Leadership Development Council. One of the objectives of the council is to help equip people with the training they need to develop their leadership skills and talents to serve the parish community. While Jerry enjoyed being part of the council, he resigned after a serious health issue developed, preventing him from giving the position the time and attention he felt it deserved.

While Jerry is awaiting a final diagnosis for this most recent health issue, he does know that it is a form of cancer, making it his second cancer diagnosis. Years ago he was diagnosed and treated for colon cancer, and has long struggled with back and leg problems. These days Jerry gets around outside his home with the use of a scooter. While the scooter presents a challenge, it's something that Jerry has adapted to with planning and ingenuity. The biggest issue initially was the extra 20 minutes it took to disassemble the scooter's six parts to get it in and out of the truck. Jerry found a better way and built a lift in his truck. Loading and unloading now takes a fraction of the time. Today his only real deterrent from getting around is a sizable amount of snow, which he said is never an issue at Pax Christi which always has a well-plowed parking lot.

Outside of Pax Christi, Jerry spends a good deal of time with a group of friends he's known for decades. Jerry and his friends have frequently taken on unique challenges, taking slightly different roads than others. Prior to the Civil War anniversary, Jerry's friends decided they wanted to commemorate the event. However,



because many other groups already re-enact military battles, Jerry's friends decided to try something different and recreate a different aspect of the war—artillery. To do this, they found and restored a cannon, and over the years participated in several civil war commemorations, parades, and events. The friends' most recent project was creating a replica of the very first engine built by Henry Ford. Jerry enjoys being a part of each new endeavor.

Along with this very good group of friends, Jerry is blessed with two daughters and five granddaughters. His wife Beth died 13 years ago. Jerry said that his friends are the resource he draws from most when confronted with new challenges. Jerry tries to emulate one friend in particular, whose approach is to first decide that he's going to do something, and then decide how he's going to do it. Even with his health issues, Jerry finds way to pursue his many hobbies, including deer-hunting, which he now does from a ground blind.

Jerry has much admiration for his friends and their unique talents and refers to himself as a more of a jack-of-all-trades. Given his resourcefulness in many aspects of life—whether it be church ministry, hobbies, or dealing with life's challenges—it's probably more fitting to describe Jerry as a renaissance man. His versatility allows him to navigate whatever road he finds himself on.

Written by Karin Poellinger, Staff Writer and Technical Editor



A NEW WAY TO FIND NEW ROADS

HAVE YOU noticed anything new near Entrance #3? If you would like to ride your bicycle to church, there is now prime parking. In late June, we broke ground on the construction of a bike rack adjacent to the sidewalk by the main entrance. I led the planning and the work for my eagle scout project. I had planned to complete the work in one week, but it ended up taking about three weeks due to a few surprises, like an irrigation pipe we did not know about. Despite the few setbacks, or maybe because of them, I learned a lot about excavation, concrete, and installing bike racks. I also learned how to plan a large project, organizing the materials, people, and timeline. Most importantly, I learned about the value of having a great team of experts and helpers. Thanks to Mr. Reineccius, Mr. Prom, Mr. Halvorson, members of Troop 479, especially Mr. Schreifels and Zachary, and my family for their guidance and help.

I have been a member of Pax Christi Church since I was born and baptized here. I'm happy that I could do something to benefit the church. Riding your bike to church is fun, good exercise, and will be good for the environment. I bike to Pax Christi often, and I am happy that there is now a designated and secure place to put my bike. I plan to ride mine to church often, and I hope you do, too!

Written by Max Johnson, Pax Christi youth parishioner



PAX CHRISTI JUSTICE SPEAKERS SERIES BEGINS OCTOBER 21

Once again, the Pax Christi Justice Council will host a Sunday afternoon Justice Speakers Series. This year, we will hear from folks living and working in the Twin Cities for social transformation. The Justice Council will provide immediate, actionable opportunities so that Pax Christi members can engage with these important issues as we learn about them from month to month. Here's what we have planned:



ON FOOD INSECURITY

Sunday, October 21, 12:30–2:00pm

Michael Dahl, Director, the Minnesota Food Charter Network

Michael Dahl is Director for the Minnesota Food Charter Network. The Minnesota Food Charter Network supports and fosters shared action and capacity to implement strategies that increase access to healthy, safe, and affordable food for all. Network partners represent many sectors, working together to foster healthy food skills, healthy food environments, and a healthy food infrastructure across Minnesota. Michael brings more than 20 years of economic justice advocacy and lobbying experience to the Network, including 11 years as Executive Director of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless as well as grassroots advocacy efforts to assist tenants and increase affordable housing options in the Twin Cities.

ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE EQUITY

Sunday, November 18, 12:30–2:00pm

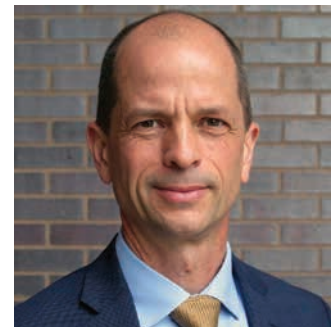
Jason Sole, Community-First Public Safety Director, City of St. Paul



Jason Sole is the Community-First Public Safety Director for the city of St. Paul. As a teen, he joined a gang in Chicago, became a leader in it, and sold drugs. He moved to Minnesota at age 18 and later wound up in prison. But he was determined to find a different path. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, and

has written his dissertation as he works toward his doctorate in criminal justice. He's been an employee at non-profits in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and has been a criminal justice professor for nine years. Sole also has been a vocal critic of police, including at protests after officer-involved shootings. He resigned as president of the Minneapolis NAACP to take his new job in St. Paul.

Mark Haase, Director of Government Relations, Minneapolis, MN



Mark Haase is the co-founder of the Second Chance Coalition. As the Vice President of the Council on Crime and Justice, Mark led bipartisan efforts to reform drug sentencing and juvenile records laws, and restore voting rights for the formerly incarcerated. Later, he helped lead the Ban the Box campaign

in Minnesota. Growing up in Brooklyn Center, Mark got into some trouble. He credits mentors and the Boy Scouts in helping him find direction. He became the first in his family to go to college, and eventually became a Coast Guard law enforcement officer, teacher, and a youth advocate. An expert on criminal justice reform policy, Mark is committed to promoting accountability, equity, and transparency in the criminal justice system.

ON IMMIGRATION RIGHTS

Sunday, January 20, 12:30–2:00pm

Emilia Gonzalez Avalos, Executive Director, Navigate MN



Emilia Gonzalez Avalos is Executive Director of Navigate, a leadership development program for immigrant young adults in Minnesota. She is a Mexican immigrant. Born in Mexico City, raised in Irapuato and Minnesota, she joined her father in Minnesota years after he left their town looking for better job opportunities

and a better future for his family. Family separation, border consciousness, and a transnational economy shaped her to become an immigration activist, feminist, and advocate for human rights. Emilia's awards include Mano Amiga from the Latino Economic Development Center, Advocate of the Year by the Bush Foundation and CLUES, the 2017 Outfront Innovator Award, and Governor Dayton's 2016 MLK Distinguished Service Award. Emilia is an alumna of the Hubert H. Humphrey Public Policy Fellows Program, the Roy Wilkins Community Fellows, and an Emerging Leader Fellow with America Votes.

ON CLIMATE JUSTICE

Sunday, March 17, 12:30–2:00pm

Julia Frost Nerbonne, Executive Director, MN Interfaith Power & Light



Julia brings her skills as an organizer and academic to build a vibrant movement for climate justice in over 400 Minnesota congregations. She has an undergraduate degree in Religion and her PhD in Conservation Biology. She also serves as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Conservation Biology Graduate Program

at the University of Minnesota. Her research focuses on how to create powerful social movements. Between 2011 and 2014, she was the founding Director of MN350. She has also spent over 18 years teaching ethics and sustainability studies to college students at the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs and at the University of Minnesota. She is a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in St. Paul.

ON JUSTICE FOR THE POOR

Sunday, May 19, 12:30–2:00pm

Abbie Shain, Steering Committee, MN Poor People's Campaign

Abbie Shain is a volunteer organizer with the Minnesota Poor People's Campaign. Coming of age during the Occupy Wall Street and Black Lives Matter movements, she learned that organizing makes the impossible possible. She holds a BA in Religious Studies from Macalester College and is currently studying to earn her MSW from the University of Minnesota School of Social Work in May of 2019. In March of 2018, she had the transformative opportunity to train with Rev. William Barber at the Scarritt Bennett Center in Nashville, TN.



ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Sunday, February 17, 12:30–2:00pm

Anne Mavity, Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership

Anne Mavity has 30 years of experience in affordable housing, capacity building, and development. Among her varied experience, she has worked on a Congressional Subcommittee on housing and provided technical assistance and underwriting at the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). Before



Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP), she was director of new projects at Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative where she led development of several affordable housing projects in the Twin Cities as well as local and state advocacy efforts. While at Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Mavity also organized hundreds of congregational and civic leaders to attend public hearings and help secure unanimous support from the Edina City Council for the city's first supportive housing development.



WELLNESS EVENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 9:00AM–12:30PM

Finding Joy Through Living Well

Keynote Speaker: Julie Neraas, educator, author, retreat leader, and longtime friend of Pax Christi.

Whatever our age or life circumstances, there is a wholeness within each of us. This wholeness can “look” different at times in our lives and even seem hidden. Sometimes a sense of wholeness feels like a pure gift. At others times we have to work for it. The good news is that it is possible to have a joyful way of approaching the world even in the face of challenges, even when we don’t have perfect health or perfect lives.

We will gather to reflect on various pathways to wellness, discover what it might “look like” to live well, and how our faith can buoy us in this life-long endeavor.

The following breakout sessions will be available during our time together. Look for registration forms online or at the front desk.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

David and Carolyn von Weiss, parishioners and practitioners of Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

Join Carolyn and Dave to experience how the practice of Mindfulness Meditation has the potential to nurture your well-being. They will incorporate the essentials of Mindfulness Meditation with short practice experiences, and reference scripture that supports this spiritual practice.

FITNESS AND NUTRITION OVER AGE 40

Julie Voshel, Personal Trainer

Being healthy leads to longevity, less-painful movement, more positive attitudes toward life, and less apt for falls and injuries. Join us to learn the positive aspects of both exercise and proper nutrition. Be prepared to move.

TAI CHI CHIH (JOY THROUGH MOVEMENT)

Kippy Stuhr, parishioner and Tai Chi leader

This hands-on art form teaches us basic Tai Chi movements that are beneficial to our physical, spiritual, and emotional welfare. Anyone is capable of doing Tai Chi and, if necessary, a chair may be used to sit on for balance. Loose clothing appropriate.

REACHING SPIRITUAL WELLNESS

Phillis Bennett parishioner, M.A., Chaplain

Why do we lead such busy lives that we don’t have time for rest? In this session we will focus on how to replenish ourselves spiritually. Being spiritually healthy can impact our physical and mental well-being. The session will include sharing the group wisdom and stories.

THE HEALING POWER OF ESSENTIAL OILS

Barb Brodsho, M.A., Holistic Healer, Certificate in Aromatherapy

Essential oils are the lifeblood of the plant that have healing properties that support us on our wellness journey. In this session you will learn: What are essential oils? Are they all the same? How do I use them? How will they benefit me?

SHIPWRECK, GLADNESS, AND AMAZEMENT: THE FAITH FACTOR

Julie Neraas, Keynote Speaker

At some point in our lives we crash into the rocks of something that threatens to unravel our assumptions about the world. Divorce, illness, the loss of a job, the death of a loved one—any of these things can shake our faith and sap our joy. In this session we learn how our faith can be transformed and our sense of wholeness deepened in the process.

Written by Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry



JOURNEYING TO A PATH OF WELLNESS

MarySue Ingman, Parishioner and Certified Health and Wellness Coach

WELLNESS—it an overused word that has been washed down to mean nothing? Or is it a word that is alive and has meaning and purpose in our daily lives? I believe it is the latter.

Wellness is commonly defined as an active process of becoming aware of and making choices toward a happier and fulfilling life.

Let us dissect this definition and try to make it alive and meaningful for our daily lives. The word “active” is, I believe, the most important word in the definition. It implies that our journey towards wellness is just that...a journey. It is not a destination or an endpoint in which we can say...ahh now I have reached full wellness. Wellness is a conscious, evolving process of actively paying attention to those aspects of our lives that make us whole, complete, alive.

There are many images that represent wellness: pieces of a puzzle, spokes on a wheel, leaves on a tree, petals of a lotus flower, and my favorite, a pie with many pieces. Regardless of the image, there seems to be agreement that there are eight or so common dimensions to wellness: emotional, environmental, financial, intellectual, occupational, physical, social, and spiritual.

Finding our path toward wellness begins with an assessment of our wellness pie and exploring those pieces that might need increased focus. While acknowledging the constantly changing nature of our lives, we may find that balance of all the pieces of our wellness pie is not realistic for us; some pieces may need more attention and we may need to temporarily focus less on other pieces. For example, when we begin a new job that demands a lot of our attention, we may make a conscious decision to forego some social activities so that we can fully concentrate on getting ourselves grounded in the new job. We are making an active, conscious choice to prioritize certain aspects of our wellness. An active awareness of when our wellness pie needs some adjustments and making the choices along a new path toward wellness is when we get to fully enjoy the yummy richness of our lives.

On September 22, Care and Support Ministry along with the Boomers and Beyond Ministry invite the community to come together for a wellness event, *Finding Joy Through Living Well*. What a great opportunity for you to find your own paths towards wellness. Complete details on page 12.

Written by Jean Thoresen, Director of Care and Support Ministry



BEING LIGHT WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS

TOWARDS the end of the film *Return of the Jedi*, the Emperor encourages Luke Skywalker to “let the hate flow through you.” Shortly thereafter, Darth Vader tells Luke that he “underestimate[s] the power of the dark side.” Powerful statements, both, and more than a little chilling. Thankfully, Luke did not buy into this advice. We shouldn’t buy into it either and should instead look to the other side of the “force.”

In *A Book of Grace-Filled Days* (2018), Karen Beattie writes: “In Christ’s kingdom, we are called to be a light in the darkness.” With all of the problems that we hear and read about every day, there is more than enough darkness in the world. So how do we push back against that darkness and serve as a light? We do so by serving as a source of love.

How does that work, you ask? In her book *Field of Compassion*, Judy Cannato states: “the doing of the kingdom, its manifestation here on earth, requires our active participation.” Furthermore, “the ‘kingdom of God’ as we witness Jesus living it is about responsible and caring relationships...relationships based on respect and love.” Following Jesus’ lead, this means that we welcome and invite all others, accept and include all others, and share, love and grow with others. More concretely, and as already covered in previous articles on member engagement, this all boils down to Christian hospitality, participation, and building community.

What Jesus Christ teaches us is the direct opposite of what the Emperor exhorts. It’s about love, not hate. It’s about light, not the darkness. It is about loving and respecting others, not only family members, and other members of Pax Christi, but all our brothers and sisters, regardless of skin color, gender, religion, country of origin, etc. Not always an easy task, is it?

Living in God’s kingdom here on this planet is about relationships: with God, with family, with other members of Pax Christi, with all others. It’s about constantly asking ourselves: Do I let the love flow through me? Do I underestimate the power of God’s light?

The Pax Christi Strategic Plan says: “We recognize the emerging faith formation paradigm that prioritizes ‘belonging’, creating community through human relationships, because they are a pathway to spiritual growth and a relationship with God.” No matter from what perspective we look, we end up at the same place: relationships.

Today it is easy to be overwhelmed by the negativity, pessimism, hate, and stupidity in the world. But what we all can do is bring our little light to others, to love rather than to hate, to welcome rather than to ignore, to include rather than to shun, to share and love rather than to scorn. And through this, we grow in love. And we share that love. And we grow in our relationship with God as we live as Jesus taught us.

Written by Dave Putrich, Lay Leadership Development Council and Andy Leet, Faith Formation Council

PARISHIONER NEWS

JULY BAPTISMS

Lyla Jinju Mitchell	7/1/2018
Jack Raymond Holmquist	7/7/2018
Alexandra Reese Norqual	7/7/2018
Ezekiel Nolan Kpana Ghandi	7/15/2018
Ashton Joseph Brezinski	7/22/2018
Tristan Gary Sundberg	7/22/2018
Maddison Bridgette Edquist	7/25/2018
Layla Lynne Mueller	7/29/2018
Madelyn Lee Bjork	7/29/2018
Blake Robert Fundingsland	7/29/2018

JULY WEDDING

Crystal Warner & Jordan Steinhaus	7/7/2018
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JULY FUNERALS

Rosemary DeGonda	7/10/2018
Carol Ann Wach	7/13/2018
Gerard W. Clark	7/17/2018
Mary A. Kennedy	7/20/2018
David Joseph "D.J." Floersch	7/20/2018
David Jon Dombrock	7/21/2018

JULY NEW MEMBERS

Patricia Basel
Thomas and Betty Nell Dolan
Amy and Kevin Kaley
Ben and Chelsea Lindquist



BOOMERS & BEYOND

PAX CHRISTI SENIOR MINISTRY

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

Upcoming events include:

September 7:	First Friday Coffee and Conversation
September 22:	Wellness Event

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Monday:	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday:	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday:	Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

Monday:	1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Saturday:	1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 – 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

Monday:	Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Ecdl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Ecdl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-19; Ps 198, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Monday:	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

SEPTEMBER

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

MASS: Monday, September 3, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

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

Join other parishioners for Mass in the chapel at 8:30am, followed by coffee and pastries in the Dorothy Day Social Hall. 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!

OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH/ NATIVITY OF MOTHER MARY

Saturday, September 8, 5:00pm Mass with dinner to follow

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 many neighboring countries. On this day this year, we will celebrate The Feast of Our Lady of Good Health with the Pax Christi Community. We will start with the celebration of Mass at 5:00pm followed by a short prayer and Indian dinner. Please join us to honor our Mother, make new friends and enjoy some delicious Indian food prepared by the committee.



A NOTE ABOUT EVENTS AT PAX CHRISTI

If an event indicates **RSVP**,
you may register/RSVP online at
www.paxchristi.com/eventregistration.
Questions? Contact the parish office, 952-941-3150.

SOULCOLLAGE®: COMPANION SUIT **RSVP**

Our Seven Energies, Tuesday, September 11, 6:00–8:00pm, FREEWILL OFFERING FOR MATERIALS OPTIONAL

In the SoulCollage® process, we collage seven cards for the *Companion Suit* of a SoulCollage® Deck. The cards in this suit are mirrors for your physical energies, their flow, their blockages, and their changing ability to help and heal...or to hinder and hurt. This energy flow can be opened, balanced, and directed so that it flows more freely and naturally through the body. Your SoulCollage® cards in this suit can be used in many ways to help you toward this balance.

The Companion Suit is one of the most mysterious, yet ultimately gratifying suits to create. There will be a guided meditation specific to this suit, followed by cardmaking and journaling on guided questions about your cards. This workshop is offered for individuals who already understand the basics of SoulCollage®. It will focus entirely on the Companion Suit.

If you are interested in beginning SoulCollage® and want to attend this workshop, please contact Lynn to provide you with resources to learn the basics of SoulCollage® beforehand. If there are enough requests from beginners, an Introduction to SoulCollage® workshop may be provided in advance. If you have questions, contact Lynn Schelitzche, lschelitzche@paxchristi.com.

MOMS ROCK: RAISING OUR CHRISTIAN KIDS **RSVP**

Beginning Wednesday, September 26, 9:30–11:30am, Room 212

Moms ROCK welcomes all parents, parents-to-be, and anyone else interested in joining us. These 16 gatherings include brunch and relaxing social time, followed by uninterrupted time to focus on the day's guest speaker. Whether you can come to one or all of the gatherings, you are certain to leave with a feeling that you are part of something wonderful! The cost to attend each speaker is \$10 per meeting, which includes childcare for those that have preregistered. Complete details at www.paxchristi.com/momsrock.

TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE

Weekends of September 15/16 and 22/23

Twelve Baskets is sponsoring a book drive for Blessed Trinity, a Pax Christi grant recipient, to help them replenish their school library. Blessed Trinity Catholic School is a Pre-K to grade 8 school in Richfield. It is supported by the parishes of St. Richard's, Assumption, and St. Peter's. 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.

EXPLORING MIGRATION: A FAITH JOURNEY **RSVP**

EIGHT sessions beginning Monday, September 17, 6:30–8:30pm

JustFaith Ministries' new eight-week program, *Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey*, invites participants to formulate a personal response, inspired by their Christian beliefs, to the 21st century reality of migration. The module is designed for small groups of 8–12 and explores some of the central questions related to the reality of migration on a global level and in the U.S. context. The sessions provide historical, biblical, and theological perspectives and suggest ways participants can take faithful action for God's people. The fee is \$20 to cover materials and books. Scholarships are available. Register online now!

MOM & KIDS OPEN GYM

Twelve Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30am, September 2018–May 2019

Mom & Kids Open Gym is a great opportunity for parents and children to play alongside others. This as a great activity for those long winter months or when you are looking for some interaction and companionship. Wednesday mornings from September–May opposite of Moms ROCK gatherings as schedule permits. Parents MUST stay with children. For more information, check the website at www.paxchristi.com/opengym

WELLNESS EVENT: FINDING JOY THROUGH LIVING WELL

Saturday, September 22, 9:00am–12:30pm **RSVP**

Please see the back cover for complete details.

WOMEN WITH SPIRIT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, September 25–APRIL 9, 9:30–11:30am, \$100 **RSVP**

Women of all ages and faiths are invited to spend 20 Tuesday mornings exploring "Songs of the Spirit, New and Old Testament," in the gospel of Luke, Lamentations, and Psalms. Each session starts with a one-hour presentation by university professors, including Dr. Matthew Skinner and Dr. Kelly Wilson, who will share their extensive knowledge of biblical texts. The second hour is spent in small groups, sharing insights and personal perspectives on the lecture. Additionally, there will be three mornings of reflection which will guide us through a history of crucifixes with Fr. Michael Joncas, the life of Julian of Norwich with Dr. Susan Myers, and Ignatian spiritual exercises with Jackie Bergan. Please consider joining this active group of women who share a desire for a greater understanding of the Scripture. Tuition is \$100 and includes any books used during the series. Register online.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE TWO EVENTS:
Blessing of the Animals ~ Saturday, October 6, 9:00am
Holiday Tea Hostess Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 9, 7:00pm

MAKE PLANS NOW

LABYRINTH WALKS – INDOOR **RSVP**

MONTHLY BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 6:30-8:30pm, HALL OF MARTYRS

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. The labyrinth welcomes all seekers. 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. For questions and to RSVP, contact Carrie Chevalier Mosher at carrie@cycleofwholeness.com.

LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS FALL SESSION **RSVP**

Wednesdays, October 3–November 14, 6:30–8:00pm, \$17.00

Instead of concentrating on your shortcomings, wouldn't it be nice to learn how to make the best use of the things at which you excel? What are your God-given strengths? Gallup (the poll people) has developed an online assessment tool that can tell you what your top five strengths are out of 34 strengths they have identified. Join other parishioners in a small-group environment to learn how to recognize, develop, and harness your strengths to be the person God calls you to be in your career/school life, relationships, and faith life. Participants will receive a copy of the *Living Your Strengths* book with an online assessment code, a journal, and work with a certified faith strengths performance coach within a small group setting.

CAST INTO THE DEEP **RSVP**

Meets MONTHLY BEGINNING OCTOBER 8, 6:00pm

The second season of the adult faith formation series *Cast Into the Deep* will focus on Bishop Robert Barron's video series *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*. Participants will learn about six people—saints, artists, mystics, and scholars—who not only shaped the life of the Church but also changed the course of western civilization. The series will take place in the Hall of Martyrs. There will be an optional meal served at 6:00pm. An introduction followed by DVD viewing starts at 6:30pm. There will be table and large group discussion from 7:45–8:15pm. Prayer/Eucharist Adoration will be 8:15–8:30pm in the Thomas Merton Chapel. The nursery will be available with a minimum 10-day notice. Registration and complete details are available online.

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<h1>SEPTEMBER</h1> <p>See pages 18–19 for details or visit us online at www.paxchristi.com.</p>						
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9	10	11 SOULCOLLAGE®	12 MOMS ROCK BEGINS	13 CENTERING PRAYER	14	15 TWELVE BASKETS BOOK DRIVE
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We are excited to announce that we are partnering with Fotohaus to produce an Online Pictorial Church Directory to celebrate our parish and introduce our new Pastor to our church family. Because Pax Christi is blessed with a beautiful campus, we have made arrangements for your family photo to be taken outdoors* OR indoors using the grand stone wall as the backdrop. In November, ALL photo sessions will move indoors. Also, being the pet-loving parish we are, we've reserved two dates this fall for families who would like to bring their furry family member: September 22 and October 13. Make your reservation now!

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

** In the event of bad weather, photo session will not be rescheduled but will be moved indoors.*

www.paxchristi.com/saycheese



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH PHOTO SESSIONS

Volunteers are needed to sit at the hostess table and help with check-in's for photo sessions for the new pictorial directory. Volunteers are also needed to take individual families to the photographer and then bring the previous group to the photo viewing session. This is a great opportunity for youth!

Tuesdays and Saturdays photo sessions will take place in the St. Francis of the Woods shrine area. Thursdays will be in the Hall of Martyrs by the stone wall.

The link to sign up to **volunteer** is online, bottom of the page at:

www.paxchristi.com/saycheese

