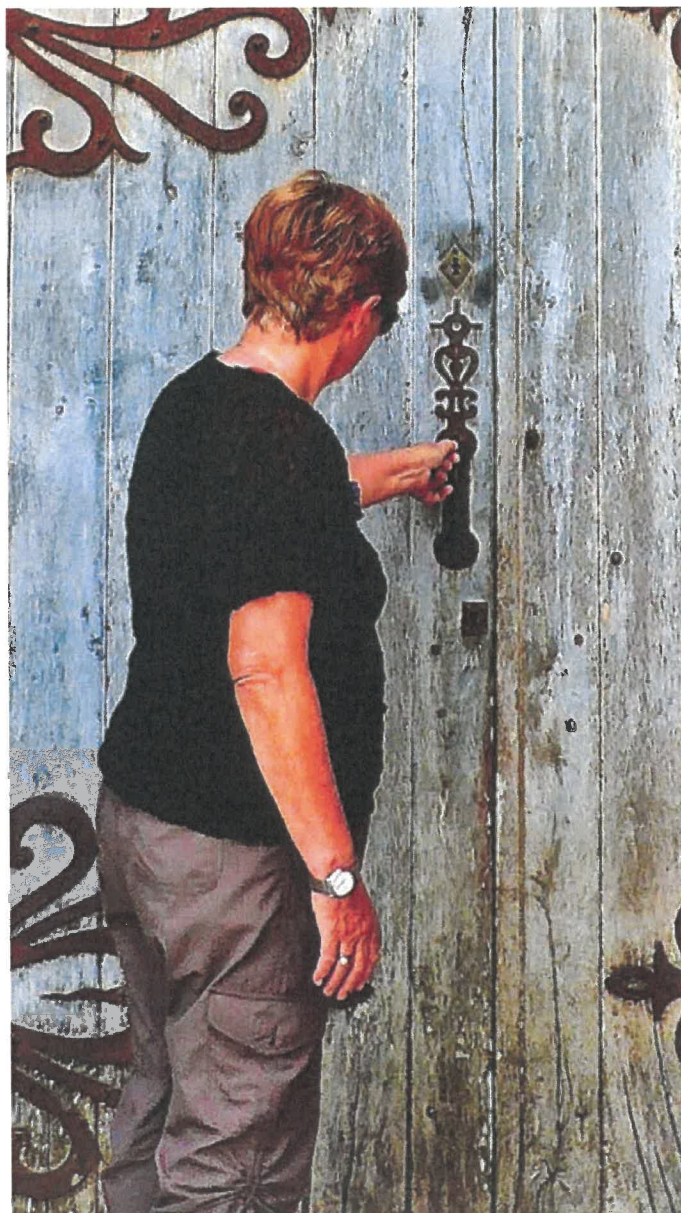


# The Knock on the Door...



The passage, “Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you” from the Gospel of Matthew: 7:7 is familiar to most of us. It has been a favorite of mine from childhood and I am beginning to discover its power. As we reach toward the life that we want, the “unseeing hand of God” is helping us.

Sometimes we show up and don’t realize that we are “knocking” on the wrong door. We may also find that doors close, and we can’t understand why. We may feel broken-hearted and remain standing stubbornly knocking at that door. And yet, God in his grace and love, calls us to move in a bold new direction. This may show up in encouragement from our friends and family. There may be a gentle “nudge.” For some of us, it may come with an unexpected catastrophe that brings us to our knees.

What we may not realize is that God is calling us to a bigger life. I will admit, I have not always been a willing student. I have learned lots of lessons the hard way. I am now trying a gentler approach. Elizabeth Gilbert encourages us to “follow the breadcrumbs of joy.”

At Pax Christi we are preparing, **A Call to Leadership**. We will have two information nights and a commitment night to explore the “calling” to council leadership at Pax Christi. This is an opportunity to pray, to reflect, and to learn about our nine councils from our leadership. You may attend one of the information nights on April 14 or 16. The commitment night is on May 6. We are knocking at your door.

You may wonder if you are qualified. If you are baptized and a member of Pax Christi, you have the qualifications you need. You may grapple with whether you are ready. You may have a restless heart. You may be seeking more meaning and purpose in your life but are uncertain what to do. You may want to make a big impact, but don’t know how. You may be looking for a deeper sense of community. If these describe you, you may be “called” to leadership. You may also feel deeply convicted and know that you are ready to step into a bigger role. Council leadership at Pax Christi is inclusive. You may nominate yourself. If you know someone talented, you may nominate them. You can fill out a nomination form online at our Pax Christi website, or use a paper nomination form at Mass. The forms can be dropped off at the front desk or in the office.

Pax Christi is passionate about the lay leadership model. We are all stakeholders in our beloved community. By sharing your gifts and talents, you can be part of building the vision and mission of Pax Christi. Our leadership will be here to guide you every step of the way.

Our Catholic faith, Pax Christi core values, prayer, and a spirit of collegiality guide all of the work here. Complete details are on the Pax Christi website at [www.paxchristi.com](http://www.paxchristi.com). If you have questions, please contact Maura Schnorbach, Director of Development and Engagement, [mschnorbach@paxchristi.com](mailto:mschnorbach@paxchristi.com), or 952-405-7220. The door is open for you.

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