

**HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY**

7:30 AM Rite I
9:00 Bible Study
10:00 AM Rite II

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**HEALING SERVICE**

Tuesdays -10:00 AM  
In the Chapel

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**MORNING & EVENING
PRAYER**

Monday – Friday
8:15 AM & 4:00 PM
In the Chapel

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**VESTRY MEETING**

3rd Wednesday of each month  
5:30 PM

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RED DOOR

Thursdays 10:00 – 3:00

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**MUG & MUFFIN**

2nd Saturday each month  
10:00 - 11:30 AM



August 2019

The Crossed Keys

Fr. RJ Johnson

In my sermon last Sunday, I used the phrase Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (MTD). A couple of people asked me for a further explanation of that phrase, so I am guessing I did not do a great job of explaining it in the sermon. Fortunately we have a news letter, so I can explain this religious system a little better.

MTD is probably the most common conception of God in our culture, particularly among those who do not have a strong faith affiliation. The term was first used in the book, *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*, which published the research of the “National Study of Youth and Religion.”

If you watch most television shows that portray a theology, you will probably recognize MTD. One of the most popular is the comedy, *The Good Place*. Every act by every human is assigned a point value. If you do good things, you are given positive points. If you do something bad, you are given negative points. If you die with positive points, you go to the Good Place. If you die with negative points you go to the Bad Place.

Deism, as used in the book, understands God as the prime mover who created the universe, and watches it as history unfolds. God does not ordinarily get involved with creation. He has given us a set of principles that He expects us to follow, and that should be sufficient.

The moralistic component means that God wants people to be good. He expects us to be kind and fair, and to take care of those who cannot take care of themselves. Good people will go to heaven when they die. There is not a consensus on exactly how good you have to be.

The therapeutic component means that religious practice is there to make us feel good. It helps us understand that we are basically good people. If we are feeling down, we can always go to church, or pray, or listen to some good religious music, to be uplifted.

MTD is not a Christian theology. Christian theology teaches that God is intimately involved with our lives. We may not always perceive His involvement, however, the Holy Spirit is given to every Christian. The Holy Spirit is at work in us to transform us and guide us. The Holy Spirit is at work in the whole church so that we can bring God’s love to the world.

Christian theology is not moralistic. Certainly Christian faith does have a moral effect in our lives. However, we are not judged on a sliding scale.

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If we had to be good enough to earn God's favor, there would be no hope for any of us. Instead, the Christian is judged through the merits of Christ. Through Christ we have been forgiven for all of our sins, past, present, and future. Our good works are the result of our redemption, not the cause of our redemption.

Finally, Christian theology is not necessarily therapeutic. Certainly, we find hope and joy in the Christian faith, but the point of faith is not to make me feel better about myself. I can find relief from guilt and shame through the experience of God's forgiveness. I can find security in the promise of eternal life. I can find a sense of significance through my relationship with God through Christ. All of these come through God's grace and are not the result of my efforts.

It can be difficult when we are surrounded by a culture that practices MTD not to allow some of it to rub off on us. I find that I have to examine the practice of my own faith frequently to see if some elements of the religion of our culture have crept into my theology. When I find them, I have to repent and remember that I need God's grace. As the Collect for Proper 12 reminded us, without God, nothing is strong, nothing is holy.



## Parish Training for Intergenerational Life Long Faith Formation

Each session will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone who plans to attend should either call or email the office to register.

### Leif Kehrwald

Re-envision faith formation for children and youth in order to develop "intentional disciples" for generations to come.

*We've grown accustomed to equating **faith formation with a graded level, schooling model that teaches faith content primarily to children and youth. We seek to shift the paradigm to a new (actually ancient) model that focuses more on adults than children, more on the community than the individual, more on key relationships than catechetical content, and more on learning to love God (and neighbor) than learning about God.***

When parishes make this shift they don't abandon all catechetical content, but they build an intergenerational foundation where the content has traction.

### Training Session #1 (September 14) Empowering Household Faith

We seek to raise the bar for congregational leaders, as well as for families and households, to make a stronger commitment to exploring faith at home. This day will help participants learn how to guide families through a simple, clear reflection process for connecting life and faith. They will come away with a myriad of practical ideas and strategies for conducting their programs and ministries in a manner conducive to family faith growth and family well-being. The day will conclude with a preview of Training Session #2 focused on intergenerational faith formation.

## **Training Session #2 (October 19) Lifelong, Intergenerational, Event-centered Faith Formation for the Whole Community**

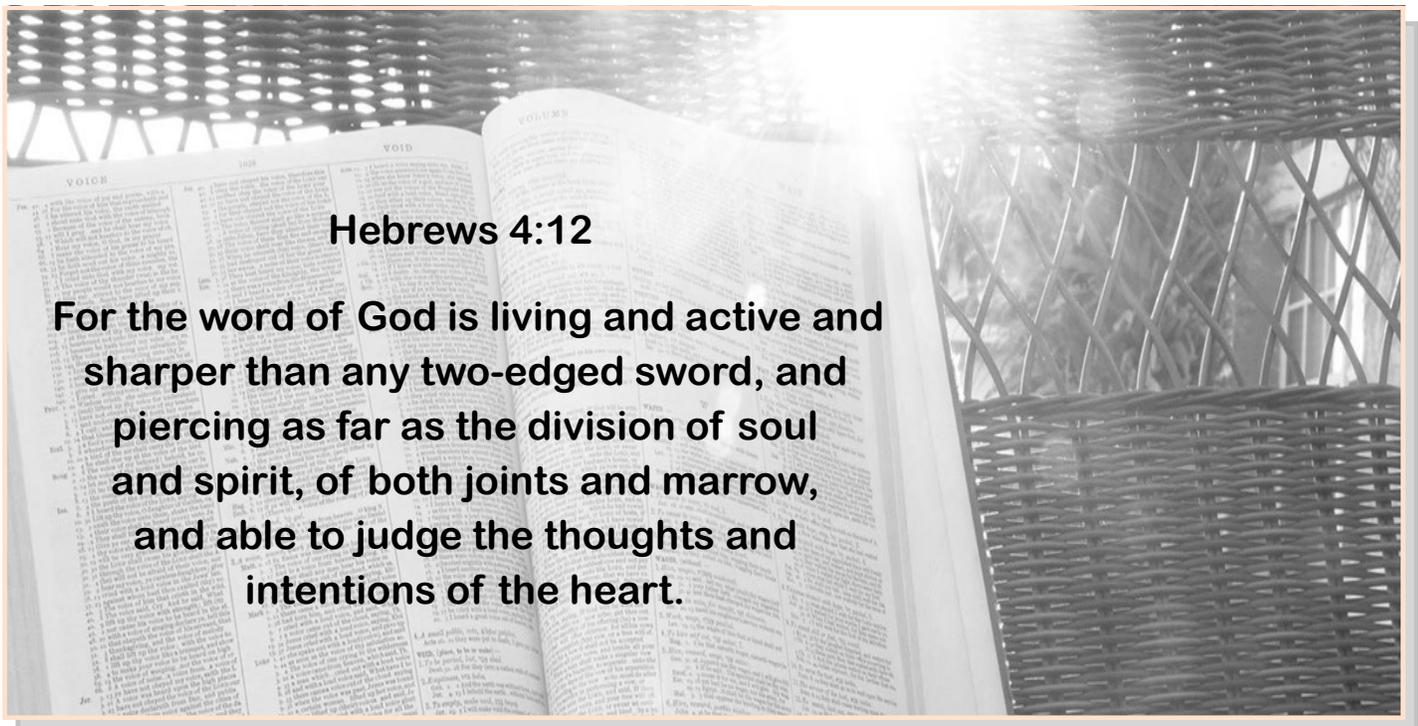
This session will address the context and urgency for effective faith formation in the Church today, and make a compelling case for intergenerational learning as one of the ways in which people can best learn and grow in faith. We will then explore the necessary elements, strategies, and best practices for implementing effective multigenerational faith formation in the congregation.

**Who Should Come?** Staff, Children's Ministry Team, Small Group Ministry Team, Adult Formation Team, Sunday School Teachers, Council/Vestry, Young Families "Core Team", other interested leaders, ministry leaders and teams from neighboring congregations

**Optional Consultation/Coaching** Follow-up coaching sessions with the parish faith formation team to assist in the effort of fulfill their specified goals and objectives for lifelong intergenerational faith formation. These sessions are conducted using an online meeting service.

**Presenter / Facilitator Leif Kehrwald.** Leif is a Roman Catholic and has worked in family ministry and faith formation on the local, regional, and national levels for more than thirty years. On 2016 he became Pastoral Administrator at St. Charles Church in Portland, OR.

Prior he was program coordinator for Vibrant Faith @ Home, a service of Vibrant Faith and Vibrant Faith Training Services. He has authored numerous publications, and has traveled the country offering presentations and workshops on family faith development. A native son of Sheridan, WY, Leif and his wife, Rene, have two young adult sons and live in Portland, Oregon.



### **Hebrews 4:12**

**For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

In June, I attended a two day conference/retreat to explore Celtic Spirituality. At the depths of who we are as human beings, we all share a birthplace in God. Within Celtic spirituality there is a strong emphasis on practicing meditation as one of many ways to draw us closer to God. The prayers are simple, filled with beautiful imagery and creative power. Combined with Scripture readings, the Celtic prayers can help us escape the frantic pace of our world and leave space for God to break into our daily lives.

The following is a sample of an evening meditation for you to experience. Please set aside a few moments from your hectic day for a bit of quiet time with your Father, to feel His loving Presence. If you do not have time to finish every portion of the meditation, just do what you can. This is not a test, it is about strengthening your relationship with God.

Saturday Night Prayer from *Sounds of the Eternal, A Celtic Psalter* by John Philip Newell.

"The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind,  
your lightnings lit up the world.  
Your path was through the mighty waters,  
yet your footprints were unseen." -Psalm 77:18-19

### **Silence**

**Be still and aware of God's presence  
within and all around**

### **Opening Prayer**

Un-seeable we have seen you this day in the lights of the skies, in the greening of the earth, in flowing waters. Untouchable we have felt you this day in the warmth of the sun, in the wildness of wind, in the touch of another. In and beyond our senses, in taste and touch and sound your mystery has been made known. At the ending of the day, in the darkness of the night, in and beyond our senses let us know your presence, O God, let us know your everlasting presence.

### **Scripture & Meditation**

"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God." - Psalm 42:1

"The mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you."  
- Isaiah 54:10

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession**

In our mother's womb you knew us, O God. In our father's birth and in the birth of his father were our beginnings. At the inception of time and even before time began your love conceived of our being. As you have known us so may we come to know you. As you prepared our birth so may we make way for fresh birthings of your Spirit. As you sowed all things in love so may your love for all things be born in us, so may your love be born again in us.

*Recall the events of the day and  
pray for the life of the world.*

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### Closing Prayer

The rhythm of life is yours, O God, the changing of the seasons, the busyness of the day and the night's stillness, youth's energy and age's measured pace. For daylight followed by hours of darkness, for the time of letting go and taking off the clothes of the day, for the time of lying down for the overlapping of the seen and the unseen, heaven and earth, flesh and angels, body and spirit, rest and dying and new life all part of your rhythm, O God, thanks be to you.

Dear St. Peter's family,

My family and I are so grateful to everyone who contributed to the welcome Barbecue for us. It was wonderful to enjoy such good food, and to get to spend the afternoon with you. We feel blessed to be called to St. Peter's and to Sheridan. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we carry on the mission that God has entrusted to us.

Peace be with you,

*Thank you*

RJ+ and Family

We are hoping to finalize the list for the Leadership Workshop on August 9 and 10 with Steven Tomlinson. If you and folks from your congregation have registered already--**Thank you!**

To register please go to the diocesan website <https://www.diowy.org/>

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Workshop for lay and clergy leaders. Dr. Steven Tomlinson, Associate Professor of Leadership and Administration at the Seminary of the Southwest, will facilitate the Workshop.

1:00pm Friday - 3pm Saturday

## Leading with Dialogue: Critical Conversations for Church Leaders

Recruiting,  
equipping and  
empowering  
leaders



Engaging in  
productive (if  
sometimes difficult)  
conversations



Differences of  
roles between  
lay and clergy  
leadership



Leadership  
and  
hierarchy



August 9th & 10th  
Ramada Plaza  
Casper, Wyoming

# 2019 August.

## St. Peter's Event Calendar

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| <b>HE I-Holy Eucharist 7:30 am</b><br><b>BCP Study, Sunday 9:00 am</b><br><b>HE II-Holy Eucharist 10:00 am</b><br><b>HS-Healing Service 10:00 am (Tuesdays)</b><br><b>MP-Morning Prayer-8:15 am (M-F)</b><br><b>EP-Evening Prayer -4:00 pm (M-F)</b><br><b>Bible Study in the Library 8:45 am</b> |                                                  |                                                                 |                                                                   | 1<br><b>MP -8:15am</b><br><b>Bible Study 8:45 am</b><br><b>Red Door 10-3 pm</b><br><b>EP 4pm</b>  | 2<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 3                                                                                                                                           |
| 4<br><b>8 PENTECOST</b><br><b>7:30 HE I</b><br><b>BCP Study 9am</b><br><b>10:00 HE II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 5<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>  | 6<br><b>MP -8:15am</b><br><b>HS-10 am</b><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>  | 7<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>                   | 8<br><b>MP -8:15am</b><br><b>Bible Study 8:45 am</b><br><b>Red Door 10-3 pm</b><br><b>EP 4pm</b>  | 9<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>         | 10<br><b>10:00-11:30 a.m.</b><br><b>Mug'n Muffin</b><br> |
| 11<br><b>9 PENTECOST</b><br><b>7:30 HE I</b><br><b>BCP Study 9am</b><br><b>10:00 HE II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12<br><b>MP -8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 13<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><b>HS-10 am</b><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 14<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>                  | 15<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><b>Bible Study 8:45 am</b><br><b>Red Door 10-3 pm</b><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 16<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>        | 17                                                                                                                                          |
| 18<br><b>10 PENTECOST</b><br><b>7:30 HE I</b><br><b>BCP Study 9am</b><br><b>10:00 HE II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 19<br><b>MP -8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 20<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><b>HS-10 am</b><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 21<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><b>EP 4pm</b><br><b>Vestry 5:30 pm</b> | 22<br><b>MP -8:15am</b><br><b>Bible Study 8:45 am</b><br><b>Red Door 10-3 pm</b><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 23<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>        | 24                                                                                                                                          |
| 25<br><b>11 PENTECOST</b><br><b>7:30 HE I</b><br><b>BCP Study 9am</b><br><b>10:00 HE II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 26<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 27<br><b>MP -8:15am</b><br><b>HS-10 am</b><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 28<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>                  | 29<br><b>MP- 8:15am</b><br><b>Bible Study 8:45 am</b><br><b>Red Door 10-3 pm</b><br><b>EP 4pm</b> | 30<br><b>MP -8:15am</b><br><br><br><b>EP 4pm</b>        | 31                                                                                                                                          |



# Ministries

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## August 2019 Calendar

### 7:30 GREETERS

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| <b>August 4</b><br>Lois Hall | <b>August 11</b><br>Janet Holcomb | <b>August 18</b><br>Sharon Bedard<br>Jim Bedard | <b>August 25</b><br>Carol Clark<br>Peter Clark |
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### 10:00 USHERS

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| <b>August 4</b><br>Sarah Mentock<br>Karen Ferguson<br>Lisa Wells<br>Jeff Wells | <b>August 11</b><br>Gina Thoney<br>Mark Thoney<br>Mary Dailey<br>Anne Vaughan | <b>August 18</b><br>Joe Goe<br>Cara Nicholls<br>Stand Peddicord<br>Sandy Tharaldson | <b>August 25</b><br>Laura Galloway<br>Chris Galloway<br>Brandi Bilyeu<br>Chris Bilyeu |
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### 10:00 ACOLYTES

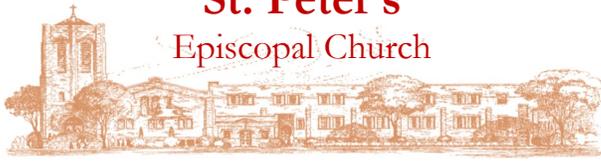
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| <b>August 4</b><br>Nate Haworth<br>Ian Gale<br>David Standish | <b>August 11</b><br>Alicia Thoney<br>David Standish<br>Adriane Andrews | <b>August 18</b><br>Phil Dorsch<br>Adriane Andrews | <b>August 25</b><br>Sydni Bilyeu<br>Ella Bilyeu<br>Chris Cruz Lillegard<br>Wyatt Cruz Lillegard |
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### LAY READERS

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| <b>August 4</b><br>7:30 Forrest Asmus<br>Sandy Asmus<br>10:00 Mike Evers<br>Mary Beth Evers | <b>August 11</b><br>7:30 Sharon Bedard<br>10:00 Linen Greenough<br>Lynne Outland | <b>August 18</b><br>7:30 Peter Clark<br>Carol Clark<br>10:00 Isabel Wallop<br>Shari Peddicord | <b>August 25</b><br>7:30 Laura Galloway<br>10:00 Paul Haworth<br>Christina Haworth |
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### ALTAR GUILD

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| <b>August 4</b><br>Ann Ernst<br>Karen Nicolarsen<br>Jaynie Spell | <b>August 11</b><br>Sandy Asmus<br>Georgia Boley<br>Roberta Thompson | <b>August 18</b><br>Debbie Ebia<br>Karen Ferguson<br>DuAnne Diers | <b>August 25</b><br>Sally LaBore<br>Liz Swanson<br>Carmen Rideout |
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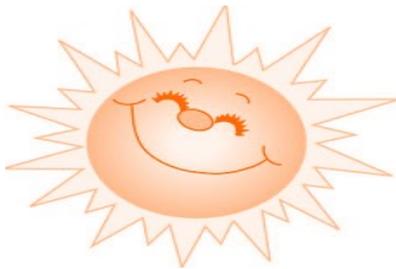


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