

**HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY**

7:30 AM Rite I
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  
5:15 PM

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL

1st Wednesday 9:00 AM
Parish Hall

St. Nick's Crafters

Weekly Wednesday 9:00 AM

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**RED DOOR**

Thursdays 10:00 – 3:00 PM

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MUG & MUFFIN

No meeting this month.

Saturday, Sept 28th
Ladies Retreat
At the Barn in Big Horn
See page 5 for details.



September 2019

The Crossed Keys

Fr. RJ Johnson

I heard two pastors addressing the issue of mass shootings on the radio recently. One supported new gun control measures. The other was opposed to any new gun control laws. What struck me was not the difference in policy proposals of these two pastors. What struck me was that they attributed evil motives to each other. The pastor who supported new gun control measures said the other pastor did not care about the violence that we have seen in recent decades. The pastor who opposed new gun control laws said the other pastor was just repeating talking points to bolster his preferred political party.

I do think both pastors are concerned about violence. I also think both pastors are concerned with civil liberties. The difference between the two is a policy difference rather than a moral difference. However, they could not acknowledge that. Instead, they attributed evil motives to each other.

This phenomenon is called motive attribution asymmetry. There is something in the fallen human nature that prompts us to attribute evil motives to those with whom we disagree. We assume that those with whom we agree are motivated by love and benevolence. Those with whom we disagree are motivated by hate and malevolence. If you listen to the political discourse between now and November 2020, you will hear more than enough of that.

What if those with whom we disagree are motivated by love and benevolence? What if our differences are not a difference between good and evil, but a difference in opinion about how to bring about the good that we all seek? Would that mean that we have to take them more seriously? Would that mean that we need to take more time to hear and understand what they have to say?

One of the things I remind people with whom I am doing premarital instruction is to remember they are on the same side.

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They both want their marriage to succeed. It's easy to remember that as newlyweds. When the going gets difficult, when there are financial pressures, difficulties with a child, career stresses or other causes for anxiety in the relationship, all too often husbands and wives forget they are on the same side.

There may be differences of opinions regarding how to move forward as a family, but both spouses want to move forward. If they forget this, it is easy for them to start viewing the other partner as a competitor. It is easy to start thinking the other spouse does not care about the marriage, or is motivated by something other than love.

When we, as Christians, disagree with one another, one of the most important things to keep in mind is that we all want what is best for the church. There may be disagreements about how the church will grow. There may be disagreements regarding programming, the location of the altar, or the best color for the carpet. However, each person is motivated by a desire to see the church thrive. We are motivated by love and benevolence. When we remember that, we can engage in discussions about how we are to move forward as a church with open hearts and open minds.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor"

– Luke 2:52

Increasing in wisdom is an essential aspect of all Christian discipleship. If our Lord Himself saw the necessity for growth in Godly knowledge (a good working definition for "wisdom"), then we too should recognize the importance of this particular piece of the faith puzzle. To that end, we will begin again our communal studies. On Sunday mornings we will gather in the community hall (downstairs), to engage the Old Testament book of Daniel - beginning Sept 15, at 9:00. Likewise, we will commence our study of the Letter to the Hebrews on Thursday Sept 19, at 8:45, in the library.

No time spent in God's Holy Word is ever wasted – especially when it is also spent in fellowship with other members of Christ's Body. And no one – including myself and Fr. RJ – is beyond the need to increase in wisdom of, and relationship with, God. So, please give some serious, prayerful consideration to participating in one, or both, of these studies.

Daniel Study: Sunday (beginning 9/15); 9:00 AM; Community Hall.

Hebrews Study: Thursday (beginning 9/19); 8:45 AM; Library.

Blessings!

Your Servant in Christ,
Fr. Andy

WHERE FAITH IS FOUND

Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you. Luke 8:39

Typically when Jesus called disciples to leave home and follow him, they weren't planning on doing anything like that. They had settled lives, with families and businesses to run. In order to follow him they were going to have to leave everything they valued. It was the only way they could discover faith in their Lord. Once they discovered faith, however, they lost their fear. And without fear, these disciples could turn the world upside down.

By contrast, after Jesus healed a man driven crazy by demons in Gerasene, the man begged Jesus to take him with him when he left. Refusing this request, Jesus told the man to stay in the city and simply declare how much God had done for him. This was asking a lot, because the people of Gerasene had banished the man to live in a cemetery while he was crazy with demons. Staying in that town would not be easy for him.

It seems that the guiding principle for Jesus' decisions about who should leave and who should stay is that he always sends us to the place where we are most dependent on a Savior. If your demon is the fear of change, that means you will be hitting the road more than you want. Yet, if you are tormented more by the thought of settling into a difficult place, it means you will be staying right where you are. In either case, your hope will come not from where you are, but from whom you find mercy.

*An Extravagant Mercy, M. Craig Barnes
Submitted by Rev. Juanita Smith*



Date: Saturday, Sept. 28
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm
Location: The Barn at Big Horn
Topic: True Christian Community
(Sign up in the parish hall)

(No fee)

Agenda: Light breakfast, pizza lunch from the Merc-with dessert, A prayerful enriching time to focus on our relationship to God and to each other.
All women are welcome! Please join us and bring a friend.

St. Peter's Women's Appreciation Brunch

If you are the "Helping Hands" of St. Peter's in any capacity, please join us! Saturday, September 21st, at 10:30 am to noon in the Parish Hall, with great food and fellowship!

Please RSVP to: **Roberta Thompson** or **Gail Boyer** for questions.

(751-8894)

(674-7655)

A Signup sheet is also available in the parish hall.



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.

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. In 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.

The 2nd Session is scheduled for Saturday, October 19, 2019.

(Both Sessions will be from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.)

Bell Choir at St. Peter's

We invite folks worshipping at St. Peter's to consider joining us to prepare music to be played during a worship service. Each of us will have two bells on a regular basis; occasionally an added bell or two; honestly it all works out!

Gary McKnight has agreed to serve as director. We're hoping to fill the ranks with interested people from our congregations.

Previously the weekly practices were Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30; we will pick a time suitable for the majority of the choir. Rehearsals will begin mid October. Contact Gary at: **CB Music (673-19188)** or mail: **clarin1918@gmail.com**.



Spiritual Eldercare

Hello!

It is with great pleasure that I announce and invite everyone to our first Dementia Friendly Worship Service, Sept 8th at 11:30AM in Memorial Chapel. We are offering caregivers the opportunity to join Coffee Fellowship for some socialization while their loved one is in church. Loved ones will be taken to Parish Hall after the service to catch the tail end of Coffee Fellowship.

Dementia Friendly Worship Service is in desperate need of musician's willing to offer their talent and time. As you may know Dementia Friendly Wyoming and St. Peters has been in partnership and preparation for over a year to provide and offer a fellowship service in our chapel for individual suffering from cognitive changes / dementia. This is a great opportunity to give folks a chance to attend church service in a safe environment.

It has been shown that music (especially old hymns) connect to those suffering from dementia in a positive way. We are asking that you consider giving of your time and talents once a year for 30 minutes to one of the monthly Dementia Friendly Worship Services in St. Peter's Memorial Chapel.

No offers will be refused, duets, voice, & or instruments. Instruments of all kinds are welcome, just to mention a few, guitar, flute, saxophone, clarinet, piano (Casio), harmonica, fiddle, violin and the list goes on and on. We welcome any college student who is taking lessons and needs a safe place to perform.

Dementia Friendly Worship Services are held the 2nd Sunday of the month starting September 8th at 11:30AM in Memorial Chapel (small chapel). This is right after the 10:00 service in St. Peter's sanctuary. You will still make the last 20 minutes or so of coffee fellowship.

Please call Jodene Prusak to sign up 307-461-7591. Fr. RJ really does not want to lead acapella.

September Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Satur.
1 12 PENTECOST 7:30 HE I 10:00 HE II	2 Labor Day Offices Closed	3 MP-8:15am HS-10 am EP 4 pm	4 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	5 MP-8:15am Red Door 10-3 pm EP 4 pm	6 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	7
8 13 PENTECOST 7:30 HE I 10:00 HE II	9 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	10 MP-8:15am HS-10 am EP 4p m	11 MP-8:15am EP 4pm	12 MP-8:15am Red Door 10-3 pm EP 4 pm	13 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	14
15 14 PENTECOST 7:30 HE I 10:00 HE II	16 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	17 MP-8:15am HS-10 am EP 4pm	18 MP-8:15am Vestry 5:30 pm EP 4 pm	19 MP-8:15am Red Door 10-3 pm EP 4 pm	20 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	21 Women's Appreciation Brunch 10:30 in the Parish Hall
21 15 PENTECOST 7:30 HE I 10:00 HE II	23 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	24 MP-8:15am HS-10 am EP 4 pm	25 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	26 MP-8:15am Red Door 10-3 pm EP 4 pm	27 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm	28 Women's Retreat 10 am-4 pm At The Barn in Big Horn
29 16 PENTECOST 7:30 HE I 10:00 HE II	30 MP-8:15am EP 4 pm			HE I-Holy Eucharist 7:30 am HE II-Holy Eucharist 10:00 am HS-Healing Service 10:00 am (Tuesdays) MP-Morning Prayer-8:15 am (M-F) EP-Evening Prayer -4:00 pm (M-F)		



Ministries

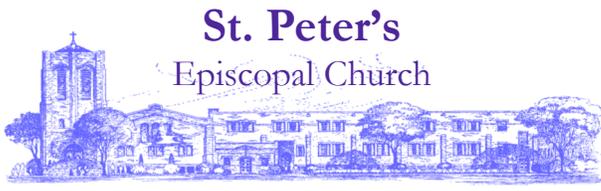
For ministry schedule changes, contact
 Juanita Smith at 673-4928 or email:
rev.juanitadsmith@gmail.com

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7:30 GREETERS	10:00 USHERS	10:00 ACOLYTES	LAY READERS
<p>September 1</p> <p>Jeannene McKnight</p>	<p>September 1</p> <p>Pam Standish John Standish Cara Nicholls</p>	<p>September 1</p> <p>Phil Dorsch Wyatt Cruz Lillegard Chris Cruz Lillegard</p>	<p>September 1</p> <p>7:30 Forrest Asmus Sandy Asmus 10:00 Mike Evers Mary Beth Evers</p>
<p>September 8</p> <p>Roxanne Darnell</p>	<p>September 8</p> <p>Laura Galloway Chris Galloway Stan Peddicord Sarah Mentock</p>	<p>September 8</p> <p>Maya Fritz Isaac Fritz Adriane Andrews</p>	<p>September 8</p> <p>7:30 Laura Galloway 10:00 Lynne Outland Shari Peddicord</p>
<p>September 15</p> <p>Sandy Asmus Forrest Asmus</p>	<p>September 15</p> <p>Brandi Bilyeu Chris Bilyeu Lisa Wells</p>	<p>September 15</p> <p>Ella Bilyeu Sydni Bilyeu Xavier Bishop</p>	<p>September 15</p> <p>7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Linen Greenough Roberta Thompson</p>
<p>September 22</p> <p>Carol Clark Peter Clark</p>	<p>September 22</p> <p>Ruth Morton Carl Morton Gina Thoney Mark Thoney</p>	<p>September 22</p> <p>Alicia Thoney Isaac Fritz Maya Fritz</p>	<p>September 22</p> <p>7:30 Sharon Bedard 10:00 Anne Vaughan Isabel Wallop</p>
<p>September 29</p> <p>Lois Hall</p>	<p>September 29</p> <p>Sandy Tharaldson Karen Ferguson Dorothy Goodwin Frank Smedley</p>	<p>September 29</p> <p>Nate Haworth Bailee Mentock David Standish Xavier Bishop</p>	<p>September 29</p> <p>7:30 Carol Clark Peter Clark 10:00 Christina Haworth Paul Haworth</p>

ALTAR GUILD

<p>September 1</p> <p>Vesta Gale Cara Nicholls Tina Mediate</p>	<p>September 8</p> <p>Sandy Tharaldson Linda St. Clair Shari Peddicord</p>	<p>September 15</p> <p>Ann Ernst Carmen Rideout Wendy Gale</p>	<p>September 22</p> <p>Ann Ernst Karen Nicolarsen Jaynie Spell</p>	<p>September 29</p> <p>Sandy Asmus Georgia Boley Roberta Thompson</p>
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