



Hope Beyond Performance

Leader: Rev Joseph Yoo, Episcopal Priest

Place: Heritage Room

Description: What does it mean to be people of hope in a world that constantly rewards fear, outrage, performance, and power? Using Romans 12:9–13 as a guide, this conversation will explore the everyday temptations to prove ourselves, perform for others, and cling to control, and how the way of Jesus invites us into something freer, deeper, and more human. Together, we'll talk honestly about love, exhaustion, faith, community, and the quiet hope that forms when we stop trying to be impressive and start learning how to actually love well.

Hope Growing Through Coaching: Listening for What is Coming Alive and Other Emmaus Moments

Leader: Jill Beverlin, Program Director, ELCA Coaching Ministries

Place: 3 Crowns Room

Purpose: To experience coaching as a Christ-shaped practice of listening that helps hope grow by noticing identity, giftedness, and God's invitation already at work in leaders and communities.

Taglines: *Hearts still burn when stories are heard; Coaching as a resurrection practice of HOPE; Beloved, gifted, and still becoming; Listening for what is coming alive.*

Conversation with the Bishop Dee Pederson (a.k.a. Dish with the Bish')

Leader: Rev Dee Pederson, Bishop, Southwestern Minnesota Synod

Place: ST Peter Room

Description: One of the most energize parts of serving as bishop is the opportunity to in conversation with people across our congregations. In a territory this large, there's never enough time to sit down with everyone. Consider this an open invitation to gather for an informal time of connection and conversation. Come and share how your congregation is grounded in hope. Where has that hope taken root? Where do you see God at work today? What questions are you carrying? What are you wondering about? How is the Holy Spirit moving in ways you did not expect? *Come and talk. The bishop is ready to listen.*

Fireside Conversation: Strong Connections in the Virginia Synod

Leader: Rev Dr Phyllis Blair Milton, Bishop, Virginia Synod

Place: President's Dining Room

Description: God's words to Joshua are God's words to us in the Virginia Synod. What is the vision, the mission, and the ministry of the VA Synod? It is found in the same command that God gave to Joshua, to be Strong, to be Courageous, to be Fearless, for God is with us. Come and engage in conversation about the VA Synod's journey to live into this passage.

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged for the Lord your God is with you where you go." Joshua 1:9 (NIV)