

The Cathedral Times

St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

Helena, MT March 2026



From the Dean

From my earliest days at St. Peter's, people have been asking about me about the Sunday morning schedule. Are we going to keep to one service? Will we resume two? What time/s? I think it's time for us to have those conversations.

To that end, please join us following worship on either or both March 1 and/or March 8 in the Undercroft for Town Hall meetings focused on our Sunday morning schedule. Our Sunday morning schedule effects a lot of different groups and there's much to consider:

- When do we want to have worship?
- How does our worship time effect those who prepare for and serve in worship including the Altar Guild, Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, Ushers, Greeters, Choir, Organist, Virtual Worship Team and Celebrant?
- When do we want to offer Christian Formation for children and adults?
- How will the worship time effect the turnout for important congregational business meetings like the annual meeting?
- When do we want to have a time of Fellowship, including Flipper's Sundays and Celebration Sundays?

Not only does the outcome of these conversations matter, *how* we have these conversations matters. Please come prepared not just to give "my two cents," come prepared also to listen respectfully and be willing to be influenced by others. May St. Peter's be a model of compassionate and thoughtful conversation.

Dean Kendra

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An Ecumenical Lenten Journey on Thursdays

Because of the strong and joyful response to our ecumenical Youth Collective on Wednesday evenings for confirmation and high school students, this Lent, St. John's Lutheran Church (1000 Helena Ave, Helena) and Saint Peter's Episcopal Cathedral (511 N Park, Helena) invite you to journey together through the season as we worship, share meals, and grow in faith as one community.

Each Thursday offers two opportunities to gather in fellowship and prayer as we journey through the Stations of the Cross together. For more details about the ECW Lectures, see page 12 of the Cathedral Times. The schedule will be as follows:

March 5 - 11:45 am Midday Prayer, "Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin," St. Peter's
12:00 pm Lunch, St. Peters & ECW lecture by Corrie Williamson, American Prairie
5:30 pm Dinner, St. John's
6:30-7:00 pm Evening Prayer, "Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin," St. John's

March 12 - 11:45 am Midday Prayer, "Jesus is Denied by Peter," St. Peter's
12:00 pm Lunch, St. Peters & ECW lecture by Corrie Williamson, American Prairie
5:30 pm Soup Supper, St. John's
6:30-7:00 pm- Evening Prayer, "Jesus is Denied by Peter," St. John's

March 19 - 11:45 am Midday Prayer, "Jesus is Judged by Pilate," St. Peter's
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch, St. Peters & ECW lecture by John Tubbs
5:30 pm Soup Supper, St. John's
6:30-7:00 pm- Evening Prayer, "Jesus is Judged by Pilate," St. John's

March 26 - 11:45 am Midday Prayer, "Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns," St. Peter's
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch, St. Peters & ECW lecture by Bishop Marty Stebbings
5:30 pm Dinner, St. John's
6:30-7:00 pm Evening Prayer, "Jesus is Scourged and Crowned," St. John's.

Whether you join us at midday, in the evening, or both, we hope you'll walk with us through this Lenten season of reflection, community, and shared faith.

Worship News

St. Peter's Lenten Taizé

"Remaining in silence in God's presence, open to the Spirit, is already prayer."



We continue our weekly time of prayerful quiet, gentle candlelight, and simple melodic chanting as the workweek comes to a close.

You are welcome into St. Peter's worship space - Friday at 5:15 through March 27, for 30 minutes of Taizé music and prayer: an oasis of calm for the burdened, weary, and worn.

Join Katja Elias, Josh Loveland, Katie Loveland, Jean O'Connor and other musician friends for meditative songs from the Taizé tradition, each followed by a short spoken invitation into reflection or prayer, and a few minutes of silence. The mind calms and the soul opens. God speaks and the heart hears. Turn. Return. Return again.

Celebration Sundays

*in
loving
memory*

Celebration Sundays, held the third Sunday of each month, are an opportunity to celebrate God's gifts being used in and through our community. For the Celebration Sunday in March, we will give thanks for the keepers of our columbarium.

Questions about the Columbarium?

What is a columbarium? It is a structure designed to store cremated remains in niches. While the structure of a columbarium can look different in various settings, for St. Peter's, it is in two walls incorporated into the memorial garden to the north of the cathedral. It is sheltered in the shade of beautiful trees, surrounded by carefully tended flowers and grass, and within earshot of worship.

Who may have a niche at St. Peter's Columbarium? Any person may be interred at St. Peter's.

What is the cost for a niche? The cost of a niche is \$500 for parishioners and \$750 for non-parishioners. The cost for interment in the common columbarium is \$250 for parishioners and \$350 for others.

Worship News

Sunday Worship during Lent

Our Lenten worship patterns change in Lent as we invite the cathedral family into a season of turning and re-turning. (“Return again to the home of your soul,” is the refrain of a chant we sing each Sunday.)



The Alleluia remains buried in the Columbarium, where the children placed it on Shrove Tuesday. We do not say “Alleluia” again in worship until Easter Day - beginning at the Great Vigil at sundown on Saturday, when the liturgical day of Easter dawns. On Sunday morning, the children and friends will “resurrect” the Alleluia; look for the colorful banners decorating our walls through the Great Fifty Days!

Not only do we silence the Alleluia during Lent, we also withdraw the “Glory to God” hymn which we often use to open our Sunday Eucharist. We will replace this outburst of praise with the simple, spoken plea Kyrie, eleison or “Lord, have mercy.”

Sunday worship in general is a bit quieter, as we speak (rather than sing) portions of the Eucharist, such as the Sanctus. A cantor offers the appointed Psalm so the congregation can listen intently with the ear of their heart.

We have returned to the 1979 edition of Book of Common Prayer (BCP) for our Confession and The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer D). With its fourth-century roots, Prayer D, attributed to St. Basil - a champion of our Trinitarian understanding of God - gives a more complete recitation of Christ’s redemptive work than any other Eucharistic prayer in our BCP. It acknowledges that the scope of Christ’s salvation is not only for humans, but for all creation. Prayer D includes intercessions within its body, so there are no separate Prayers of the People during Lent.

On the first Sunday in Lent, our worship began with the Great Litany - whose lineage also dates to at least the fourth century - sung in Lent’s first procession. In 1544, it was the first component of the Book of Common Prayer to be published and spoken in the vernacular. It emphasizes our dependence on God’s mercy in every aspect of our lives.

We will enjoy more processions in these weeks: The Procession of the Palms during Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the start of Holy week; an individual journey to the foot of the Cross on Good Friday; and at the Great Vigil of Easter, the Deacon leads us in Procession at the Exultet as we bring the new fire, the Light of Christ, into our worship.

May these practices invite you into observance of a Holy Lent. —The Rev. Robin Biffle, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

Worship News

Holy Week Liturgies at St. Peter's Cathedral

March 29 **Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion** **9:00 am**
With procession of the palms, choir, special music, and children join the reading of Matthew's Passion Gospel

The Triduum: Three holy days, one drama unfolds

April 2 **Maundy Thursday.** Liturgy with Holy Eucharist, choir, and optional foot-washing **6:00 pm**

April 2 - 3 **Vigil of Repose.** Overnight watch with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels) **8:00 pm – 7:00 am**

April 3 **Good Friday.** Liturgy with veneration of the cross and Communion (Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels) **7:00 am**

April 3 **Good Friday.** Liturgy with veneration of the cross **12:00 pm**

April 3 **Good Friday.** Liturgy with veneration of the cross of the cross and Communion **6:00 pm**

April 4 **Holy Saturday Liturgy.** Prayers and short reading readings (Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels) **12:00 – 12:15 pm**

April 4 **Great Vigil of Easter.** Kindling of new fire, The Light of Christ! Candlelight, chanted Exsultet, choir, and Renewal of Baptismal vows **8:00 pm**

April 5 **Easter Day! Festal Eucharist.** Resurrect the "Alleluia!" Choir and special music **TBD**

Worship News

Revival of two traditional Lent and Holy Week practices



The Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (from the Book of Common Prayer, info concerning the rite is on p. 446 and the rite follows). This simple rite offers one-on-one unburdening and confession with a member of the clergy. If you carry a weight of sin for which you've not felt relief after the General Confession and Absolution on Sunday, Lent may be an apt time to avail yourself of this sacramental rite of the Church.

The secrecy of the confessional is “morally absolute,” and is broken under no circumstances. The content of the confession is not normally a matter of subsequent discussion between the penitent and the clergy. To learn more, please be in touch with Dean Kendra at dean@spchelena.org or 406-442-5175. Or with Mother Robin: robin.biffle@gmail.com or 208-310-0895 (text or call).



The Vigil of Repose (sometimes called the Gethsemane Watch) offers holy time when any friend and follower of Jesus may heed his plea from the Garden of Gethsemane to watch and pray with him during his spiritual trial. After the Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist—when bread and wine are consecrated for the “gifts of the pre-sanctified” Communion on Good Friday—the body and blood of our Lord repose in the Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels. We watch and pray with him.

The Evangelists' accounts of Jesus' struggle relate that three times Jesus asked his friend to stay awake and pray with him, and they did not. In this ancient practice, Jesus is not left to struggle alone in the Garden of Gethsemane. If you would like to share this sacred, prayerful time with Jesus—please schedule at least an hour—from 9:00 pm on April 2 (Maundy Thursday) until 7:00 am on April 3 (Good Friday) please be in touch with Mother Robin for details: 208-310-0895 (text or call) or robin.biffle@gmail.com.

Christian Formation



Join us for Wonderful Wednesday on March 11 at 5:30 for our usual potluck meal followed by some very special guests: Anastasia, Mariia and Asiye, three Ukranian refugees who have made Helena home. Katie Loveland will also share about her work with the Helena Literacy Council and other groups in the Helena area that support immigrants and refugees.

Christian Formation

ECW LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Women will again host their popular Lenten Luncheons held on Thursdays at noon through Thursday, March 26. The focus this year is "Stewards of our Land and Environment".



- March 5 - Corrie Williamson of American Prairie is the speaker and will discuss their work in land acquisition and provide public access to it, rewilding the shortgrass prairie ecosystem, restoring bison and leasing land to local livestock producers who run approximately 7,000 head of cattle.
- March 12 - Upper Missouri Waterkeeper Board President John Tubbs will discuss the evolution of Montana's water and property rights, the public trust, and how we can meet the growing demand for water while restoring our rivers.
- March 19 - Family rancher, co-founder and CEO of Old Salt Co-Op, Cole Mannix will talk about building a marketplace that supports stewardship.
- March 26 - Bishop Marty Stebbins will conclude the series talking about theology, stewardship and the environment

These series have proven to be quite popular and are open to the public. There will be sign-up sheets near the kitchen in the undercroft. We need three soups for each time, at least one bread and two cookies. Please sign up!

Stewardship: How to leave a Legacy



A simple bequest in your will—whether a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate—is a powerful act of stewardship. It's an easy way to support St. Peter's without impacting your current finances. To learn more about including the church in your estate planning, please contact your financial advisor.

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Legend of Locations

SPC: St. Peter's Cathedral Sanctuary
DH: Diocesan House
G: Guild Room
MR: Music Room
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T: Touchmark

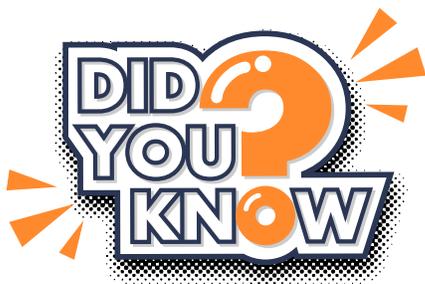
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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

<p>1 Second Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:15 am - Choir rehearsal, choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 10:15 am - Town Hall on Sunday Schedule, UC 10:15 am - Flipper Sunday</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH 5:00 pm - Taizé rehearsal (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 am - Men's Fellowship, V 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V (6:30 pm - Women's AA, G)</p>
<p>8 Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 1:15 pm - Holy Eucharist at Touchmark</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH 5:00 pm - Taizé rehearsal (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 am - Men's Fellowship, V 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist, Bishop Marty Stebbins presiding, DH (6:30 pm - Women's AA, G)</p>
<p>15 Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 10:15 am - Celebration Sunday, UC 11:00 am - Chapter Meeting</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH 5:00 pm - Taizé rehearsal (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 am - Men's Fellowship, V 8:30 am - Morning prayer 12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist, Bishop Marty Stebbins presiding, DH (6:30 pm - Women's AA, G)</p>
<p>22 Fifth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 10:15 am - Strategic Planning, WH</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 9:00 am - Cathedral Times due 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH 5:00 pm - Taizé rehearsal (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 am - Men's Fellowship, V 8:30 am - Morning prayer, V 12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist, Bishop Marty Stebbins presiding, DH (6:30 pm - Women's AA, G)</p>
<p>29 Palm Sunday</p> <p>8:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00 am - Men's Fellowship, V 8:30 am - Morning prayer 12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist, Bishop Marty Stebbins presiding, DH (6:30 pm - Women's AA, G)</p>



St. Peter's has a PO Box?

Direct all mail to:
 PO Box 819
 Helena, MT 59624

St. Peter's recycles?

We have bins for recycling paper, plastic (types 1 and 2), cardboard, and tin/aluminum in Wilson Hall (and aluminum/tin in the Undercroft). We do not recycle glass.

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>4</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm - Happenings Deadline 4:30 pm - Serve dinner at God's Love (2125 N Last Chance) 5:00 pm - Spiritual Social 1 (Lewis & Clark Brewing Co - 1535 Dodge Ave) 7:00 pm - Youth Collective, New Life</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 11:45 am - Lent Midday Prayer, SPC 12:00 pm - Lent Lunch & Speaker, UC 5:15 pm - Heart of Helena, WH 5:30 pm - Lent Soup Supper, St. John's 6:30 pm - Lent Evening Prayer, St. John's</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V (2:30 pm - Helena Music Teacher's Assoc., SPC, G, MR, N) 5:15 pm - Lenten Taizé</p>	<p>7 Set clocks forward an hour for Daylight Savings Time</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning prayer (8:30 am - Helena Music Teacher's Assoc., SPC, G, MR, N)</p>
<p>11</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm - Happenings Deadline 4:30 pm - Serve dinner at God's Love 5:30 pm - Wonderful Wednesday, WH 7:00 pm - Youth Collective, St. John's</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 11:45 am - Lent Midday Prayer, SPC 12:00 pm - Lent Lunch & Speaker, UC 5:15 pm - Social Concerns, WH 5:30 pm - Lent Soup Supper, St. John's 6:30 pm - Lent Evening Prayer, St. John's</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:15 pm - Lenten Taizé</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning prayer 5:30 pm - Togendowagan Spirit Society, SPC 6:30 pm - Togendowagan Potluck, UC</p>
<p>18</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm - Happenings Deadline 4:30 pm - Serve dinner at God's Love 5:00 pm - Spiritual Social 2, 2856 Jeannette Rankin Dr.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 9:30 am - Prayer Shawl Ministry, WH 11:45 am - Lent Midday Prayer, SPC 12:00 pm - Lent Lunch & Speaker, UC 5:30 pm - Lent Soup Supper, St. John's 6:30 pm - Lent Evening Prayer, St. John's</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:15 pm - Lenten Taizé</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning prayer 4:00 pm - Youth Collective and Family Potluck</p>
<p>25</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm - Happenings Deadline 4:30 pm - Serve dinner at God's Love 5:30 pm - Wonderful Wednesday, UC 7:00 pm - Youth Collective</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 11:45 am - Lent Midday Prayer, SPC 12:00 pm - Lent Lunch & Speaker, UC 5:30 pm - Lent Soup Supper, St. John's 6:30 pm - Lent Evening Prayer, St. John's</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:15 pm - Lenten Taizé</p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning prayer 11:00 am - Episcopal 101, V 5:30 pm - Togendowagan Spirit Society, SPC 6:30 pm - Togendowagan Potluck, UC</p>

Family Fun Night



Who: Families & kids of all ages, capybaras also welcome
What: Potluck at 5:00 pm followed by s'mores and play
When: Saturday, March 21, 5:00 - 10:00 pm
Where: St. Peter's
Why: For fun!



Christian Formation



New to St. Peter's Cathedral? New to the Episcopal Church? Been around a while and want to review basics?

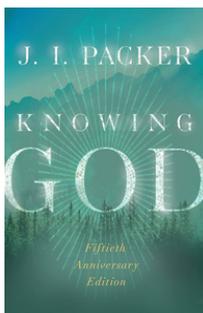
Father Steve Brehe, our canon for formation and dean emeritus, invites you to a workshop on March 28 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. to learn about and reconnect with our church's unique identity, spirituality, and history, whether you're new or a long-time member. Call the cathedral office at 406-442-5175 (leave a message if our administrator is out of the office) to let Father Steve know if you can take part. She will give you the Zoom link so that you can take part. Insights, aha moments, and a few smiles guaranteed. Father Steve enjoys adding occasional humorous tidbits to liven up topics. This is the first of two workshops. Watch for details on the second one, an in-person event led by Dean Kendra Wilde. Together, the two workshops will lead to an official welcoming to St. Peter's Cathedral or the opportunity to renew your baptismal vows when Bishop Marty Stebbins is with us on Pentecost Sunday, May 24.

Cross-section of St. Peter's Cathedral



All are welcome!

I love this graphic because it displays why I love the Episcopal Church, and St. Peter's Cathedral in particular. We're hardly perfect, but we work hard to proclaim that God's love excludes no one. Whether you are a lifelong seeker, a curious skeptic, or looking for a spiritual home where you can be your authentic self, you are welcome here. We are an affirming congregation that celebrates the diversity of all people—regardless of background, identity, or journey. -- Father Steve



Wonderful Wednesdays

For March 25, April 8, and April 22, we'll be discussing Part One of KNOWING GOD, by J.I. Packer. The book itself is inspiring and thought-provoking, and discussions are expected to be lively. Copies are available for purchase from Melinda Schell. A donation of \$13 per book is acceptable, if your budget can manage. Amazon also has Kindle copies available. Get a copy and read Part One by March 25. (Yes, we'll discuss Part Two and then Part Three in sessions two and three.)

Ministries and Outreach

St. Peter's Social Concerns



You are invited to journey with us as we come alongside organizations that help those less fortunate in our community. We assist them through volunteer services, financial support, and prayer.

Social Concerns Meetings

Come join us as we meet once a month, usually the second Thursday of the month at 5:15 pm, in Wilson Hall. Watch the Happenings for Social Concerns meeting schedule. Contact Hank Hudson (406)459-8561 or Kim Wilson (406)439-9056 for more information.

God's Love Serving Ministry

St Peter's folks are teaming to serve meals each Wednesday at God's Love. Food is prepared by other churches or God's Love staff. All we have to do is show up, lend a helping hand, and share an encouraging word to those we serve. Please reach text/call Sioux (406) 439-1267 or Donna (406)439-6811, if you are interested in helping serve.



Food Share

April 28, 2026 - 5:15 pm

Help Food Share do some repackaging in their kitchen. Anyone 12 years old or older is welcome to help.

Flippers' Sundays

**first Sunday of every month
from September until May.**



Come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast in the fellowship hall prepared by Saint Peter's Flippers Group. Funds placed in the donation tin are designated for St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee to provide outreach and support to local nonprofit service agencies in our community. Thank you for your generosity and commitment so that we can continue this community outreach ministry.

Ministries and Outreach

Thank you volunteers for being a wonderful community of care during our recent host week.



Thank you!
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Special thanks to our overnight hosts who provided a welcoming smile, encouraging word, and compassion to our guests. Mark Kelley, Hank Hudson, Beth Demmons, Marj Clark, Gretchen Hibbard, Theresa & Jon Metropoulos, Andrea Towery, Katie Loveland, Chris Boyce, Chris Stockwell, Lorri Schneider, Maggie Stockwell and Donna Church.

By your efforts our guests knew they could rest soundly. Supplies and snacks were provided by Karen Mulvaney, Jennie Eckwortzel, and Donna Church. Groceries to sustain and nourish our families were provided by Darien, team Hoag, Marlene, and Maggie. Wholesome and nutritious dinners were provided by Jean O'Connor, Kim Kurokawa, and Donna. Together our team showed holy hospitality to our guests. We are so grateful for the many hands and hearts that work together to serve our neighbors.

Family Updates:

Family 1 - Mom, Dad, son(6) and two daughters(5, almost 2) are staying at First Christian Church (FCC) due to the children's high needs. All three children have various physical, speech and skill needs. The parents stay incredibly busy running the kids to their much-needed services. Together this couple is working very hard to provide the best life possible for their children. Dad is working as an assistant manager at the Town Pump Express Car Wash, working a split shift early in the morning, and evenings. Mom cares for the kiddos.

Family 2 - Mom and daughter (6). They are number one on the Helena housing waiting list. FP staff is working very closely with mom to help get her back on track. Mom is an avid reader and enjoys music. She is currently without a vehicle.



Please continue to pray for FP families past, present and future as they tackle some pretty tough circumstances, for FP volunteers, staff and Board who work together in support of this ministry.

Ministries and Outreach



Upcoming events in support of their mission:

Trivia at the Brewhouse – Third Thursdays of each month. Grab a table for your group or join in with a group. Table service provided for food and drink.

- March 17, 2026 - 6:00 pm
- April 21, 2026 - 6:00 pm

Comfort Food Challenge – Sunday, April 19, 2026 at Carroll College Cube, lower level. Tickets \$20 person, or \$45 family (2 adults with 4 kiddos). Tim & Tammy Andridge will lead St. Peter's efforts to make and serve pork sliders with coleslaw this year. We need volunteers to help set up and serve. Maggie and Donna will be selling tickets to this years event Sundays during coffee following service or you may text or call them. Tickets will also be available in the church office.

Raffle Basket items for Comfort Food Challenge – donations of items that can be used to build baskets (rolling pins, household goods, gardening tools, plant pots, etc) most items are welcome. For questions, please reach out to Donna Church (406)439-6811.

St Peter's upcoming 2026 host weeks:

- April 26 - May 2, 2026
- August 9 - 15, 2026
- November 15 - 21, 2026

Shelter Update – The 14 room overnight shelter construction is well underway. Family Promise is seeking partners for construction funding, programming and operations support. Their plan is to be serving those in need by Spring of 2026. Please contact them if you are interested in helping achieve this goal with your time, treasure, and talent.

To learn more or to find out how you can help, please contact:

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Donna3439@msn.com

Maggie Stockwell (406) 465-0707

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Tammy Andridge at (406)465-5976

tammyandridge@aol.com

Ministries and Outreach

Heart of Helena Tickets Go On Sale March 1

Heart of Helena Art Show and Auction tickets will go on sale beginning March 1. Look for Dan Carlson-Thompson and Dave Gallik at Flipper Sunday breakfast to purchase tickets. The price is \$25 each (\$5 off the \$30 price at the door on Auction day), with proceeds going to benefit our recipients for this year, Project Warmth, Family Promise and Habitat for Humanity, as well as St. Peter's Capital Campaign, to help insure we can keep these types of outreach activities going. Tickets will also be available on our website www.HeartofHelena.org, or in Wilson Hall Offices from our bookkeeper, Dcn. Roger, Monday - Wednesday, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event is April 9, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Helena Civic Center Ballroom.

This is our third annual event, and we have chosen to focus on "A Heart for Housing" as our theme.



Project Warmth is an Ecumenical effort that raised \$12,830 in 2025, which translated into: 95 sleeping bags, 50 mats to get sleeping bags off of the ground, 55 tarps and 40 tents. This is Shelter at the most basic level, for those on the street, often with no other choice.



Family Promise is focused on helping children and their families overcome homelessness and become sustainably housed.



Helena Area Habitat for Humanity is an organization dedicated to building affordable, decent, and safe housing units as well as performing critical repairs on existing homes when needed.

We need Volunteers! If you can help out on Auction Day, we have a variety of tasks. We need setup help in the morning from 8:00 am to noon, folks to help monitor during the preview hours from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, event monitors and "runners" during the actual auction, and finally a group to help clean up and pack out any art that was not sold, from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm. You can register to help on our website, or email us for more info at heartofhelenaart@gmail.com.

Stories of Faith in Action

Stitching a Legacy: The Heartbeat of Knitters for Peace

Since 2008, a dedicated group has been proving that a few balls of yarn and some steady needles can truly change the world. Founded by Cindy Holcomb and others, Knitters for Peace began with a simple mission: to keep hands moving and hearts open.

A Global and Local Reach

From the local community to international borders, this group has "clothed their families several times over" and is now dressing the world. Their impressive resume of service includes:

- International Care: Crafting items for Lutheran World Relief baby care kits and over 200 hats for the Tibetan Children's Education Foundation.
- Regional Support: Sending care packages for children and infants in Hardin, Montana, and specialized items to the psych unit at Harborview Hospital in Seattle.
- Serving Those Who Serve: Knitting wool beanies designed specifically for the National Guard to wear under their helmets.
- Community Warmth: Providing items for the St. Helena Cathedral Giving Tree, the VA Hospital, "Melt the Ice" hats, and heartfelt scarves for foster care graduates.

More Than Just a Hobby

For the members, the group provides as much peace to the knitters as it does to the recipients. Member Linda Nelson shares that "knitting is something that helps me slow down," while Peggy Collins points out that the practice is even proven to lower blood pressure. It's a space to encourage one another, learn new techniques, and find a sense of peace in a busy world.

Passing on the Craft

Knitters for Peace is also invested in the next generation. They share their expertise with 4th and 5th graders at Broadwater Elementary School and previously mentored students at Capital High School, ensuring the art of knitting continues to thrive.

How You Can Help

The group is always looking for new members to join their circle. If you aren't a knitter but want to support their mission, they gratefully accept donations of:

- Superwash wool yarn
- Natural wool yarn
- Cotton yarn

Whether you have a local need that requires some knitted warmth or you're looking for a place to sit, stitch, and slow down, Knitters for Peace welcomes you with open arms.

You can catch up with the Knitters for Peace at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church on Tuesdays from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at 3580 N Benton Ave, Helena and on Saturdays from 12:00-2:00 pm at Pastimes at 1410 Birch St, Helena.



Chapter News: Senior Warden

Greetings all,

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. Our new Chapter begun our year together with an extended meeting to undertake the same process – reflecting on our role as Chapter members individually along with our collective purpose together as a united Chapter. I would like to thank Dean Kendra and our Chapter for your support of me to move into the Senior Warden position.

I am taking this time to reflect upon my new role as Senior Warden and am working to renew my efforts to support our Dean and deliver our mission of “Loving God, And Our Neighbor, Make Disciples for Christ” together. The areas that I will be concentrating on initially are empowering our new Junior Warden, Nick Jaynes to continue our building projects in progress, build our communications/engagement efforts with our members, and develop our Stewardship plan beyond an end of year campaign.

Look forward to more to come as we move forward together into 2026!

Chris Boyce
Senior Warden

Cathedral Keepers:

If you have abilities and interest in small projects around our buildings such as painting, organizing, dusting, etc. please let me know – any job or effort is appreciated to help us deliver our Mission and serve God! Please talk with Chris Boyce, Senior Warden, on how you can help.

AV tech/Video Editor:

Do you like technology or video editing? We are in need of more AV techs and a video editor to help with our online worship efforts. We will train you in all that is needed to know. Please talk with Chris Boyce, Senior Warden, on how you can help. Our Sunday Service video is viewed over 150 times on Facebook every week!

A Gentle Reminder from our Bookkeeper



When writing a check for church related matters, make out checks to St. Peter's only. A designation for Togendowagan, Social Concerns, Heart of Helena, etc. may be made on the memo line. Our bank will only allow us to deposit checks made out to St. Peter's or St. Peter's Episcopal, or St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral. Thank you!

Birthdays

Craig Towery, March 2
Peggy Collins, March 4
Hannah Diveley, March 5
Anne Wilmoth, March 7
The Very Rev. Steve Brehe, March 8
Brynlee Butler, March 9
Smithe Docktor, March 11
Susan Bouse, March 12
David Gallik, March 12
Rudy Jaynes, March 13
Shelly Harkins-Kortkamp, March 14
Gretchen Hibbard, March 14
Peggy Kude, March 16
Margaret Bowles, March 20
Jacqueline Brehe, March 20
Sara Medley, March 20
Matthew Shuler, March 20
Elijah Hunsaker, March 21
Cole Scott, March 21
Brearley Driggs, March 22
Kerry Krebill, March 23
Vicky Tiber, March 23
Renee Lemon, March 26
Karyl Beattie, March 27
Gerald Willett, March 29
John Moran, March 31
Jane Trahan, March 31



Anniversaries

Donna & Robert Church, March 13
John & Sharron Moran, March 24



Let Us Pray

The Church: for Sarah, our Archbishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for Kendra, our Dean; for the Togendowagan Society, Darcy and Dan, their Elders; and for Deacons Doug & Judy Anderson, Dorcie Dvarishkis & Anita Rognas, and Terri Ann Grotzinger & Gretchen Strohmaier, co-rectors of Holy Spirit in Missoula.

The Government: for Donald, our President; for Greg, our Governor; for Congress, especially Tim, Steve, Ryan and Troy. Also, for Kelly, Vickie, and Emily, our area mayors.

The Community: for the staff, volunteers, and beneficiaries of God's Love, Good Samaritan Ministries, Family Promise, Helena Food Share, Friendship Center, Head Start, and YWCA.

Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Kevin, Janet, Sarah, David, Charlotte, Jennie, Hannah, Kathy J., Stephanie, Jeannie, Jim.

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: for David Emineth, Shane Medley, Charles Lewis, Kenneth V Liston, and Parker Jones.

Chapter Members

Senior Warden: Chris Boyce
Junior Warden: Nick Jaynes
Clerk of the Chapter: Sandy Gumbert
Treasurer: Ron Gumbert

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The Rev. Dcn. John Board
The Rev. Dcn. John Moran
The Rev. Dcn. Rick Johnson

Contact information for Chapter members may be found in our new church directory. Pick up yours today!



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