

# The Cathedral Times

St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

Helena, MT May 2026



## From the Dean

One of the findings of the CAT survey we took in January is St. Peter's has what is called a "Paraclete Culture." First, what's a Paraclete? The word is Greek and is translated as a helper, advocate, or comforter. It is used in scripture to describe the work of the Holy Spirit, for example, in John 14, Jesus says he will send a *paraclete* or a *helper* to the disciples.

The *gifts* of having a paraclete culture means we are generally welcoming, we are often a place of healing or recovery, and we are a supportive community.

The *potential pitfalls* of having a paraclete culture is a tendency to overcommit which can lead to burnout among ministry leaders and poor attendance of events--basically, we are trying to be too many things to too many different people.

The task for us is not to change who we are, after all we have the gifts through the Holy Spirit! The tasks for us to stay healthy are:

- give ourselves permission to stop doing what has become burdensome or activities that feel like they have "lost their spark,"
- make room for new people and their ideas,
- get curious about who the Helena community, the Diocese of Montana and the world need us to do and be,
- and align *everything* we do with our mission.

How do we figure out what *our* mission is? I'm glad you asked! Come be part of the "Strategic Planning" conversations to discern our mission every fourth Sunday in Wilson Hall after worship. **On May 24 and June 28, we will be exploring what we are passionate about and gifted for. On July 26 and August 23, we will explore our curiosity about the community, Diocese and world. Starting on September 27, we will be doing the work toward a new mission statement.** Please join us!

In Christ's Service,

*Dean Kendra*

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# Worship News

## Stand Up and Rejoice!

During Easter, in our Sunday leaflets, you'll see a rubric—the italicized “stage directions”—which invites the congregation to remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving. On most Sundays, after the Sanctus (“Holy, holy, holy ... Hosanna in the highest”), we're invited to “stand or kneel”—why not during Easter? Glad you asked...

Lent's 40 penitential days give way to 50 days of Easter jubilation when the Church emphasizes joy, in light of Jesus' resurrection. To embody this new reality, many Episcopalians (and our Orthodox and Roman Catholic siblings) don't kneel during Easter. Instead, we stand as one with our Resurrected and Glorified Lord, who has removed all barriers, making us one Body on earth and uniting us to Christ. In rejoicing at Christ's victory over sin and death, we celebrate the Resurrection so completely that even our bodies express joy!



Standing was the Church's earliest posture during Eucharistic Prayer. It was about five centuries after Jesus' death that kneeling became a common posture during corporate worship. Modeled first by monasteries—where kneeling signified a penitential life—and then under the pope—who elevated the church as mediator between human sinfulness and Jesus' redemption—the practice was mainstreamed. As descendants of the Roman Church, Anglicans continued these practices (“Sit to listen, stand to sing, and kneel to pray”—we were taught from early childhood!).

It wasn't until the 20th century that we Episcopalians—and other denominations in the apostolic tradition—learned (from newly unearthed worship accounts of the Church's first centuries) that standing was the early norm for corporate prayer. We began to recover the practice of standing for prayer—not only during Easter, but during most of the Eucharist, year round. In the current editions of the Book of Common Prayer, standing is given as the preferred option for most prayer—the Confession is excepted.

As always, individual piety and the limits of your own body dictate your posture for prayer and all other elements of our worship together—regardless of suggestions in the leaflet. Stand, sit, or kneel—it's between you and the God who loves you! The Episcopal Church will not tell you what you must do—it will invite you into particular postures as a way of enriching our experience together in worship.

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### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

May 3: 10:00 a.m.

May 10: 10:00 a.m.

May 17: 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.

May 24: 10:00 a.m.

May 31: 10:00 a.m.

June 7: 9:00 a.m.

June 14: 9:00 a.m.

June 21: 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

June 28: 9:00 a.m.

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# Worship News

## Pentecost, the Church, and Baptism!



This month, the Feast of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. Pentecost is the fitting fulfillment of resurrection joy on earth as we celebrate the outpouring of Christ's Holy Spirit upon the disciples, the followers of the resurrected Jesus. Historically, the Church views this as the moment when Jesus reminds us—as he leaves the earth to take his place with the Father—that we now become the Body of Christ on earth: “Jesus Christ is the Head and ... all baptized persons are members” (from the Catechism, Book of Common Prayer, 845). As St. Teresa of Ávila (d. 1582) reminds us, “Christ has no body now but yours, no hands or feet now but yours.”

Our Catechism reminds us that all baptized members are part of the Body of Christ; hence, the Feast of Pentecost is one of the great baptismal Sundays of the Church. Within the Anglican Communion, this day is sometimes called “Whitsunday” in reference to the white garments of those baptized on this day. This year, we celebrate the baptism of Blake Thomas’s grandson Carter into the Body of Christ.

The Bishop will join us in celebration that day on her annual visitation—the presiding member of the Body of Christ in this Diocese will welcome, with us, this body’s newest member! We will renew our own baptismal promises on that day, and the Bishop will ritually receive four new members who will affirm their commitment to Christ in the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. New members are Livonne Engelbrecht, Andrea Homier, and Pat and Tom Walker. We welcome them!

Pentecost lays the groundwork for the season that follows—we are not only to be Christ’s Body in the world (the Church), but Christ’s hands for the world (the Church’s work!). We have our marching orders.

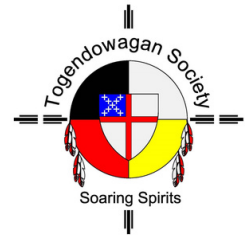
So much to celebrate on a single day in the Cathedral’s life. The liturgical color for the day is red—associated both with the “tongues of fire” that descended on those gathered that day in Jerusalem, and with the Holy Spirit that filled them (Acts 2:3-4). In observance of a long-standing tradition at the Cathedral and throughout the Episcopal Church, you are invited to wear red—or another “flame-related” color—that day. Should you forget, we’ll have red ribbons at the door so that you can bedeck yourselves!

Please join us at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, May 24, let the Spirit move within you, and “fire you up” into new ways to serve as Christ’s hands in the world he so loves.

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# Worship News



## **Togendowagan Society Reflection: The Potawatomi Story of Nêkmesnak Gizesêk and Mkedewenêk**

Carrying the Ember Through the Storm  
A Reflection for Living Through Uncertain Times

There are seasons when faith feels bright and effortless; when the path is clear, the world feels steady, and hope rises like a warm fire, flames dancing and flickering in the center of the lodge. And then there are seasons like the one we are living in now.

A season when the winds of fear blow turbulently. When trust in our foundations, our neighbors, and even ourselves feels thin. When the racket and noise of politics try to drown out the quieter truths that make us human. When many people whisper, sometimes only to themselves: "I don't know what to believe anymore."

In times like these, I am reminded of the Lakota story of The Fire Carrier.

Long ago, when winter storms separated the people, a young woman was given a single glowing coal and told to carry it across the frozen plains to a distant camp whose fire had gone out. The journey was long. The blizzard was biting. More than once, she nearly lost the ember. She sheltered it with her hands, her breath, her prayers.

By the time she arrived, the coal was barely alive; a thin thread of red nestled deep in a bed of ash. But it lived. And from that coal, the people rekindled their fire.

The elders said: "Sometimes faith is not a flame. Sometimes it is a coal you refuse to let die."

And I think that's where many of us stand today. Not with a roaring fire of certainty. Not with the bright confidence we once carried. But with a small ember, fragile, flickering, buried deep and protected, yet still alive. And maybe that's enough for now.

Because this is the season of rekindling. The season when the ember we carried through Lent begins to glow again. Renewal rarely arrives as a blaze. More often, it begins as a faint warmth returning to cold hands. A quiet rousing. A coal catching a breath, returning to a bright glow.

Maybe faith in this season looks like choosing compassion when outrage is easier. Listening when the world rewards shouting. Refusing to let cynicism take root. Tending the small, steady practices that keep our spirits warm. Believing that community can still be healed, even when the dark storm clouds assert otherwise.

The Fire Carrier reminds us that the storm is not the point. The carrying is. Faith isn't proven in comfort. Faith shows itself in the seasons that try to freeze us.

And here's the deeper truth: she didn't carry that coal for herself. She carried it for the whole camp.

In the same way, the ember you protect, your faith in Creator, your stubborn willingness to keep showing up; might be the very thing someone else needs to rekindle their own fire.

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So, if your faith feels small right now, take heart. Small things have saved people before. A single coal once saved a whole village.

And it can happen again, and again, and again....

May the ember you carry be enough for this day.

May the warmth returning to your hands return also to your spirit.

May the ancestors who kept their fires alive through harder winters lean close and whisper courage to your heart.

May your small ember meet another, and another, until the circle glows again with shared light.

And may the rekindled fire of this season,

the stubborn fire of hope,

the communal fire of love,

guide your steps, warm your lodge,

and remind you that no storm lasts forever.

Aho

-Darcy



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## Pentecost bonus: Holy noise!

Luke tells us that when the Holy Spirit was given, (Acts 2) Jesus' followers heard the word of God spoken in many tongues—and it was understood by all.

The Lord's Prayer is a prayer we know, heard in our own language, and offered during each Eucharist. Maybe this prayer dwells in your heart in a version other than the traditional "prayer book" version that we say each Sunday. Or maybe you'd like to say or hear it in another language. You'll have the chance on Pentecost.

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In the pew racks that day will be a booklet with the Lord's Prayer in several languages: Norwegian, Latin, and Spanish, for example. Darcy O'Dell, our Togendawagan elder, has included his own favorite — Potawatami! There's Swedish, French, Xhosa (the language Archbishop Desmond Tutu prayed in)—and the language Jesus spoke most often with his disciples: Aramaic. And more—including a ringer! (Can you find it?)

We'll send the booklets out electronically before that Sunday so you can preview the languages offered—or bring a copy of the prayer in another tongue. Let us make a joyful noise so bystanders will say, "they are filled with new wine!" (Acts 2:13).

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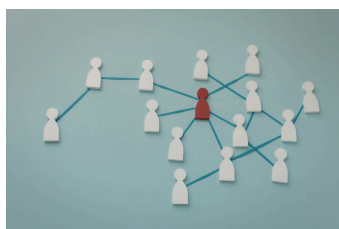
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# Worship News

## Town Hall Meetings on Worship: How shall we worship?

You helped the Dean craft a Sunday worship schedules, and we thank you! Now we have another task together. *How* shall we worship? We are offering these Town Hall meetings to hear one another reflect on what makes worship meaningful and moving for you. (The word “liturgy,” after all, in a church context means “the work” [or offering] of the people to the larger body.) For example, the music planners would like to hear about the music that rings your liturgical chimes, so to speak. We get it ... your favorite hymn may be one your pew-mate dreads when it pops up –that’s what happens when we worship in community, but we’d like to hear your stories!

We need your help to enrich our prayer and praise at St. Peter’s. And remember, Sunday is not the only day we can come together for worship. Let’s put our worship hearts and minds together as we craft a new chapter in the cathedral’s worship life together? We will meet on Sunday, May 3, 11: 15 in the Guild Room; Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Undercroft; and Sunday, June 7, 10:15 in the Guild Room.



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## Celebration Sundays

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 May, we will give thanks to God for our worship streaming team--those who set up the cameras, computer, and post online. Did you know that every Sunday, we have regular online worship attendance? And the recordings of worship which are subsequently posted to our Facebook page are viewed many times (even 100+ views!).

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## Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

### Funerals

Janet Kirkland - April 11, 2026

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# May 2026

## Legend of Locations



**SPC:** St. Peter's Cathedral Sanctuary    **UC:** Undercroft  
**DH:** Diocesan House    **V:** Virtual  
**G:** Guild Room    **WH:** Wilson Hall  
**MR:** Music Room    **FCC:** First Christian Church  
**N:** Nursery    **T:** Touchmark

Events in ( ) are listed for facility planning reference only.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

<b>3 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>  9:00 am - Flipper Sunday, UC 9:00 am - New Member Gathering, G 9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir stalls 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 10:00 am - Sunday School - WH 11:00 am - Fellowship 11:15 am - Town Hall on Worship, G	<b>4</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)	<b>5</b>  7:00 am - Men's Fellowship, V 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:05 pm - Morning Prayer, DH (6:30 pm - Women's AA, G)
<b>10 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>  9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir stalls 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 10:00 am - Sunday School, WH 11:00 am - Fellowship, UC 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist at Touchmark	<b>11</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)	<b>12</b>  7:00 am - Men's Breakfast, 1510 Illinois Ave. 8:30 am - Morning prayer 12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist, Bishop Marty Stebbins presiding, DH (6:30 pm - Women's AA, G)
***** Family Promise Host Week - May 10-16 *****		
<b>17 Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>  8:00 am - Holy Eucharist (Spoken), SPC 9:00 am - Fellowship, UC 9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir stalls 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 10:00 am - Sunday School, WH 11:15 am - Celebration Sunday 11:30 am - Chapter Meeting	<b>18</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)	<b>19</b>  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)
<b>24 The Day of Pentecost</b>  9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir stalls 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 10:00 am - Sunday School, WH 11:00 am - Fellowship, UC 11:15 am - Strategic Planning, WH	<b>25</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 9:00 am - Cathedral Times due 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)	<b>26</b>  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)
<b>31 The First Sunday after Pentecost</b>  10:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 11:00 am - Fellowship, UC	<b>Pets of St. Peter's</b>   	

Brown Family

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### Wednesday

### Thursday

### Friday

### Saturday

		<b>1</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 2:00 pm - Art Center Board, WH	<b>2</b>  8:30 am - Morning prayer 12:00 pm - Art Center Fellowship, UC
<b>6</b> 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, Headwaters Crafhouse - 2125 N. Last Chance	<b>7</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V	<b>8</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V	<b>9</b>  8:30 am - Morning prayer 5:30 pm - Togendowagan Spirit Society, SPC
<b>13</b> 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm - Happenings Deadline 4:30 pm - Serve dinner at God's Love 5:30 pm - Town Hall on Worship, Wonderful Wednesday, UC	<b>14</b> 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:15 pm - Social Concerns, WH	<b>15</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V	<b>16</b>  8:30 am - Morning prayer 12:00 Art Center Fellowship, UC
***** Family Promise Host Week - May 10-16 *****			
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<b>27</b>  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	<b>28</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V	<b>29</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V	<b>30</b>  8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V



Weebles & Wobbles, Scamp & Tom Cat  
 Humans: Kathy Johnson

Send a photo of your pet to Lori at  
 Admin@spchelena.org

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# Christian Formation

**Curious about becoming part of the St. Peter's community?**

**We'd love to get to know you!**

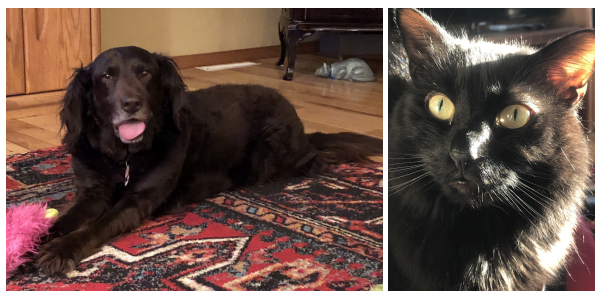
Join us for a New Member Gathering on Sunday, May 3 at 9:00 a.m., in the Guild Room. This relaxed and welcoming time is a chance to connect, learn more about who we are, and explore what it means to be part of St. Peter's.

Whether you're just beginning to explore or ready to take the next step, come as you are and bring your questions—we're excited to meet you!

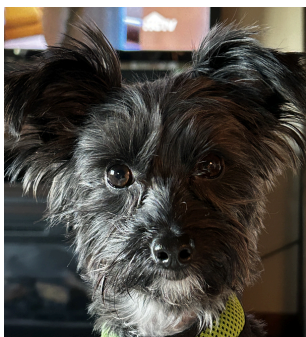


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## Pets of St. Peter's



Gracie & Ruger  
Human: Bishop Marty Stebbins



5 ½ lb. Lulu Human:  
Sharon



Carol Ann's mini  
Goldendoodle, Poppy.



Duke, 11-year-old  
Chocolate Lab, a  
GENTLE giant at 112 lbs.  
Human: Ken

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# Christian Formation

## The Trinity: Solving the Christian Math

By Canon Stephen Brehe

I've never quite recovered from my high school days when I asked my pastor to explain the Trinity. He leaned back in his chair and sighed: "Steve, it's a big mystery."

That felt like a cop-out. True, it's a mystery. But I wanted to know how "Christian math" worked. How do we reconcile  $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$ ?

Trinity Sunday is May 31. Let's get to the heart of the Christian math. We believe God is one. This most basic of beliefs comes from Deuteronomy 6:4: "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God; the LORD is one!" Jesus prayed these words every morning and evening. Jews still affirm the oneness of God every morning when they put their feet on the floor.

So do Christians when we come to church on Sundays. Yet some are perplexed about the language about three persons. What's going on here? One God? Or three? Put simply, we affirm God's oneness, but experience God's presence in a triune way: Creator, Redeemer, and Life-giver.

The word "Trinity" isn't in the Bible. It was coined by Tertullian, an African church father writing in the early 200s. To explain how one God could be experienced in three ways, he looked to the Roman theater. In those days, actors held up masks to play different roles. The Latin word for these masks was *persona*, from which we get the word *person*.



In the great drama of salvation, Tertullian suggested that the same "Actor"—the one God—performs three principal roles:

- The Father who creates.
- The Son who redeems.
- The Holy Spirit who empowers.

Behind each mask lies one reality. God.

This wasn't just academic hair-splitting. Early Christianity was a wild frontier. Some groups believed there were two gods (one mean, one nice); others believed in 365 gods!

The brilliant minds of the early church fought for the Trinity because they insisted that God is personal and relational. There is nothing mechanical or remote about God. From Genesis to Revelation, God chooses to be revealed in personal ways. They wanted to ensure we knew that the God who made the stars is the same God who walked the dusty roads of Galilee and the same God who stirs in our hearts today.

You may have noticed that in our liturgy, the Nicene Creed follows the sermon. Just in case the preacher jumps the rails, the church gets the last word. No divine committees. No spiritual hierarchy. Just one God, revealed in three beautiful persons.

Canon Steve is Dean Emeritus of St. Peter's Cathedral. He served as Dean from 1991 to 2010.

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# Christian Formation

## Wonderful Wednesdays & Spiritual Social

Wednesday, May 6: Spiritual Social, a casual gathering for faith and fellowship, Headwaters Crafthouse (2125 N Last Chance Gulch), 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13: Potluck followed by Town Hall meeting on worship with Dean Kendra, St. Peter's Undercroft, 5:30-7:00 p.m., see article on page 6 of *The Cathedral Times*

Wednesday, May 20: Spiritual Social II, a casual gathering for faith and fellowship, Melinda Shell's house (2856 Jeannette Rankin Dr.

Wednesday, May 27: Potluck followed by Wondering Wednesday with Mother Robin, St. Peter's Undercroft, 5:30-7:00



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# Ministries and Outreach

## Greetings from the Bargain Basement

Spring is in the air and in full swing at the Bargain Basement. We have had a great start to the new year and are looking forward to the changing season.

We are both heartened and grateful to all who volunteer, contribute and/or shop with us. Some of our best customers are those who volunteer and donate.



Did you know that when you support the Bargain Basement by volunteering, donating, shopping, or all of the above, you are supporting St. Peter's Cathedral and the greater community? Proceeds from sales help support our parish life and allow us to contribute to the local organizations who rely on our sustainable support to provide important safety net services.

The Bargain Basement is in the basement of Wilson Hall. We are open for sales and to accept donations Tuesday - Friday 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We are accepting spring/summer items at this time. Please keep us in mind when spring cleaning out your garage, closet, or wondering where to put that old lamp (insert your own household item) that works great but you replaced it with something new.

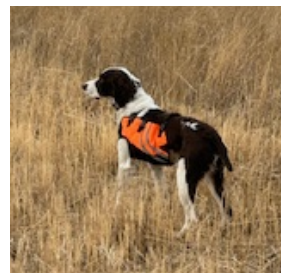
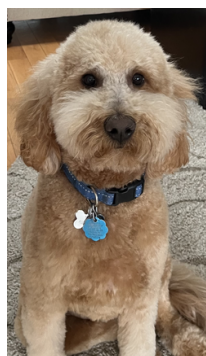
In addition to spring/summer clothing and household items, we are in need of small household furniture and electronics, sporting goods items, and garden and yard items. Please make sure all donations are clean and in good working order.

If you're looking for an opportunity for fun and fellowship, we are looking for you. Yes guys, you too can join the team! Your volunteer commitment is up to you. Most of our volunteers work one day a month. Not here in the winter (lucky you) or travel? No problem. We can work around your schedule. To sign up or find out more, contact Laura Brown (406-431-1253) or Grace Berger (graceberger55@gmail.com).

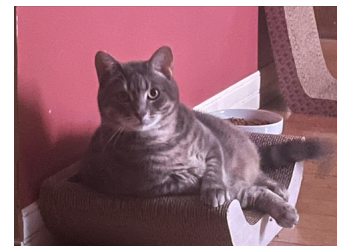
Blessings,  
Laura Brown  
Grace Berger



Patty's dog, Nicholas



Bob's dog, Riley.



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# 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.

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### Social Concerns Meetings –

Please join us as we meet once a month, usually the second Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in Wilson Hall. Our next meeting will be May 14 at 5:15 p.m. Contact Hank Hudson (406)459-8561 or Kim Wilson (406)439-9056 for more information.

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### God's Love Serving Ministry –

St Peter's folks and team Roth have been blessed with an abundance of help to serve meals each Wednesday from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Sioux would like to thank folks for helping but asks that folks call or text her at (406) 439-1267 in advance and she will communicate who she needs to help serve.

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### Flippers' Sunday

Delicious pancakes served the first Sunday of the month from October through May.

May 3, 9:00 a.m. – come early, before church, to enjoy a spring pancake breakfast in the fellowship hall. Gluten-free and regular pancakes, sausage, and eggs will be served. 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.



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## Middle and High School Ministries



We have had a fun year of learning, serving, and fellowship with St. John's Lutheran Church and New Life Lutheran Church. April 29 was our last gathering for the spring and we will resume in September.

It was a gift to share teaching and hosting responsibilities with other churches and ministers.

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# Ministries and Outreach



## Heart of Helena Art Show and Auction Nets Over \$15,000 in Sales and Donations

The Heart of Helena Art Show and Auction took place on Thursday, April 9, at the Civic Center Ballroom. A wide variety of art was on display, with many pieces up for silent auction. The event was emceed by Helena's own Curtis Grevenitz of KTVH.

The highlight of the evening was the live auction segment, with several exciting pieces up for bid. The premiere piece was a stainless steel sculpture by local artist Henry Hoovestal. This single item ended up going for more than \$5,000.

As was the case last year, Great Falls artist Holly Pickens was live painting on the ballroom floor. She finished her piece just before the end of the show, and it was auctioned off for \$350.

This year's show was also enhanced by the presence of a number of artists from The Art Center, who were set up on the mezzanine level. While their sales were independent of the Heart of Helena sales, a portion of their proceeds did go to benefit Heart of Helena efforts.

Proceeds from the event will go to benefit three local organizations, Project Warmth, Family Promise and Habitat for Humanity. In addition, some funds will go to St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral, the event organizer, so that they may be able to continue their extensive activities in social outreach to the greater Helena community.

Select items not sold at the auction will be on display for sale at St. Peter's Cathedral offices in Wilson Hall, directly behind the church at 511 N Park in Helena, and can be viewed during normal offices hours. They will also be available for sale on our website [www.heartofhelena.org](http://www.heartofhelena.org).



Left: Henry Hoovestal sculpture and painting from Holly Pickens

Right: Holly sets up for the evening painting session.

Photos courtesy of Heart of Helena staff

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# Ministries and Outreach



Thank you St Peter's for your continued dedication to helping, supporting, and serving children and families experiencing homelessness. Your compassion is truly making a meaningful difference in the lives of our guests.

## St. Peter's upcoming 2026 host weeks

- **May 10-17, 2026** – We are currently seeking volunteers to help with our upcoming host week. You may partner with a friend for any of these opportunities:
  - o Serving as overnight host
  - o Shopping for groceries for our families
- **August 9-15, 2026**
- **November 15-21, 2026**

## Family Updates:

**Family 1:** Mom, Dad, and their sons(6,2),and daughter(5) are staying at First Christian Church (FCC) due to the children's high needs. All three children have various physical, speech and developmental challenges, and their parents work tirelessly to ensure they receive the necessary services. Dad is employed as an assistant manager at Town Pump Express Car Wash, working split shifts during the week (early mornings to open, and evenings from 4:00 – 9:00 pm) and weekends from 7:00AM – 2:00 PM. Mom and Dad are exploring resources which may be able to them find housing. The family is currently working on short term goals with Family Promise's intern, Megan.

**Family 2:** Mom (35), is currently first on the Helena Housing wait list and has visitations with her 6 year old daughter. She faces some mental health challenges, but seems to be stabilizing. Mom is on disability, does not have a vehicle, and enjoys reading and music. Megan, a Family Promise intern, meets with mom weekly to help build life skills.

**Family 3:** Dad (46), along with his two sons (ages 6 and 3),recently rejoined the program. He is navigating a difficult custody battle and is currently on workers' compensation following a shoulder injury from construction work. He helps pay for his lawyer by working DoorDash and doing odd jobs. He is working toward stability by attending parenting classes, medical appointments and financial counseling, and is working with Family Promise staff to put together a new parenting plan.

**Family 4:** Mom (25), Dad, and 5 month old daughter entered into the program a few weeks ago. Mom is pregnant and unable to work due to health concerns. Dad works most days of the week as a cook. They have their own transportation. A family member has offered them housing, and the family is exiting the program. Family Promise staff said that this move will be good for the family.



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.

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## Family Promise, Cont.

**Shelter Update** – Construction of the new 16 room overnight shelter, located near Taco Bell and Arby's, continues and inside work is about to begin. Family Promise continues to seek partners to support construction funding, programming and ongoing operations. To get involved, please call (406)465-9467. Northwest Energy is unable to hook up services until late July, delaying the planned opening.

**Comfort Food Challenge** – A special thanks to Tim & Tammy for cooking and all who helped serve, support and attend this event!

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

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## Important Warning about Email and Text Scams

The good news? People assume St. Peter's people are generous (you are). The bad news? Some of those people are bad actors attempting to scam you into contributing to gift cards.

Here's some things to know:

- Dean Kendra, church staff, or other lay leaders in the church will NOT contact you via email or text to ask you for gift cards.
  - You learned it was polite to respond to messages and scammers take advantage of this. You are under NO obligation to respond to calls, emails or texts from a stranger. How do you know? Examine the email address carefully:
    - Look for small differences: Scammers may change one letter, symbol, or number (e.g., dean@spchelena.com instead of dean@spchelena.org)
    - Check for homoglyphs: Some attackers use characters that look similar but are different in code (e.g., Cyrillic letters that resemble Latin ones)
    - Tend your contact list regularly: add your family, friends, doctors and other important numbers into your address and contact lists. Their name will come up when THEY contact you.
  - Trust your instincts. If something doesn't sound right, run it by someone you trust and take extra time to think about it. If you are unsure, you can always call the church to double check if a message is truly from us.
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# News from around the Diocese & Parish

## Registration is open for Summer Camp at Camp Marshall



- **Grace Camp**, June 29-July 3, 2026: A free camp for kids who have experienced parental loss, whether to incarceration or otherwise.
- **Junior Camp**, July 14-17, 2026: A camp for grades 3-6, Price: \$450 per camper Scholarships available, Sibling discounts available
- **Middler Camp**, July 20-July 24, 2026: A camp for grades 6-8, Price: \$500 per camper, Scholarships available, Sibling discounts available
- **Senior High Camp**, July 27-August 1, 2026: A camp for grades 8-12, Price: \$525 per camper, Scholarships available, Sibling discounts available
- **Family Camp**, July 6-11, 2026: A camp for family groups of all shapes and ages, Price: Adult - \$525, Child - \$250, Family Cap: \$1600, Scholarships available
- **Alumni Camp**, (Celebrate Camp Marshall), August 14-16, 2026: A less structured weekend celebrating our camp family. Price: \$150 per camper
- **Sensory-Friendly Family Camp**, August 10-13, 2026: For those who would like to enjoy camp at a slower, quieter pace. Price: Adult - \$525 Child - \$250 Family Cap - \$1600, Scholarships available
- **Family Adventure Camp**, August 3-7, 2026: Send your senior high kids on an adventure or join them in more off-camp excursions! Price: age 13 to adult - \$525, age 12 and under - \$250 Family Cap - \$1600 Scholarships available

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## Thank you!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mother Robin, the musicians, and readers who, with their kindness and dedicated efforts, provided the weekly Taize services during Lent. Each week I found that the candlelit aura, ethereal music, scripture readings, and stillness effectuated a very special spiritual experience. Again, many thanks to all of you who made this service possible.

Blessings to you,  
Marlene Campbell



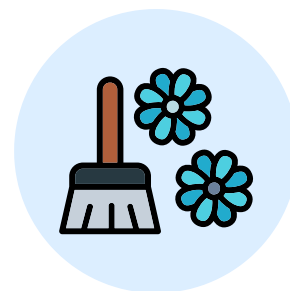
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# Chapter News

Spring is in the air and at St. Peter's Cathedral! Our new trees have returned to life and began to bloom this week, meaning they made it through their first winter!

**Spring Clean Up:** St. Peter's Cathedral Spring Clean - Saturday May 30, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.!

Please join us for a spring cleaning of the church grounds on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. Cleaning supplies and a list of items that need to be completed will be provided. Afterward, everyone is invited to a barbeque and potluck in the undercroft.



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**Chapter News:** We continue to work together to support our Dean's efforts and the many ministries across SPC.

## At our April Meeting:

We approved a project to replace the roof on Wilson Hall, reviewed finances, received a preliminary report on the Heart of Helena's success, and discussed youth formation.

Our meetings take place on the third Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m., in Wilson Hall – you are welcome to attend.

## Upcoming Projects:

- Wilson Hall – Roof replacement (later May/into June). There should be little disruption to normal activities.
- Storage Shed – Roof replacement.
- SPC Kitchen Hood – Replace range hood and install make-up air unit to add fresh air (required by Helena FD). The project will take place in June and the Kitchen will be offline during the project – approximately 7-10 days.
- Floors – the carpet and tile within the Cathedral and Wilson Hall will be professionally cleaned – 5 days in later June/July.

## Thank you:

- Heart of Helena planning committee for your efforts to raise funds and continued support of SPC and area social service organizations.
- Livonne Engebrecht for your work to add our new outdoor sidewalk sign that welcomes everyone to our Sunday Worship service.

Your Wardens are here to serve.

Chris Boyce  
Senior Warden

Nick Jaynes  
Junior Warden

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## Birthdays



<u>Tim Roth</u>	<u>May 1</u>
<u>Matthew Jaynes</u>	<u>May 5</u>
<u>Nick Jaynes</u>	<u>May 5</u>
<u>Keri Jaynes</u>	<u>May 7</u>
<u>Robbie Olsen</u>	<u>May 8</u>
<u>Ida Robison</u>	<u>May 9</u>
<u>Sandra Moore</u>	<u>May 10</u>
<u>Caitie Butler</u>	<u>May 12</u>
<u>Ida Jaynes</u>	<u>May 14</u>
<u>Jill Sallin</u>	<u>May 14</u>
<u>Rick Harden</u>	<u>May 16</u>
<u>Meredith Anderson</u>	<u>May 19</u>
<u>Claire Jaynes</u>	<u>May 21</u>
<u>Rory Fox</u>	<u>May 25</u>
<u>Lizzie Carlson-Thompson</u>	<u>May 27</u>
<u>Maggie Stockwell</u>	<u>May 28</u>
<u>Barbara Hoag</u>	<u>May 30</u>



## Anniversaries

<u>John &amp; Janet Fine</u>	<u>May 9</u>
<u>Mark Kelley &amp; Laura Stafford</u>	<u>May 14</u>
<u>George &amp; Loretta Day</u>	<u>May 25</u>
<u>Craig &amp; Andrea Towery</u>	<u>May 26</u>
<u>Ken &amp; Julie Liston</u>	<u>May 28</u>



## 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.

**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 Comfort, Healing & Hope: for Charlotte, Claudia, David, Dick and Billie, Hannah, Kathy J., Kevin, Loy, Meredith, Noelle, Skylee.

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

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## Chapter Members

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