

The Cathedral Times

St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

Helena, MT April 2026



From the Dean

Re-Membering, Re-Creating, and Reflective Worship

Occasionally as a child, I would sleep-over at my grandparents' ranch where ice cream followed dinner every night and frequently there were baby animals to visit. Yet, the mornings were...well, slow. I remember wondering as my grandparents made their way through a pot of coffee, "how many cups does a person need to wake up?" What I didn't understand then was the debilitating arthritis that really caused those slow mornings. This made me sensitive to the effects of age on our bodies. So, when I heard a significant number in our community struggled to get to worship at 9 am, I took those comments to heart. So, we're going to gather for worship at 10 am from September-May. It's our way of saying to those who have slow mornings, we remember you, so we are shifting our schedule so that you may be re-membered as you rejoin us in worship.

I also heard comments from others who need time to recreate, especially during our long summer days. Taking this Sabbath time to recreate allows us to be re-created by God so that we can return renewed to face the demands of life. So, we're going to gather for worship at 9 am from June-August. It's our way of saying to those who want to soak in a summertime sabbath, we will shift our schedule to allow you to be re-created.

And I heard from a number of you who appreciate an efficient, simple, and quiet service. For these folks, every third Sunday we will have spoken worship at 8 am. We will also periodically worship in the evening and continue to offer online Morning Prayer, worship at Touchmark once a month, and Togendowagan.

Life in community calls us to see one another's needs and to accommodate one another as best as we can. Life in community is also, always, changing as the needs of people change--what works now may not work in a year. We can always adapt. Thank you for your gracious listening to one another through this process and for seeing one another.

Dean Kendra

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Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

April-May 2026 - 10 am every Sunday; 8 am & 10 am every 3rd Sunday

April 5: 10:00 am
April 12: 10:00 am
April 19: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
April 26: 10:00 am
May 3: 10:00 am
May 10: 10:00 am
May 17: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
May 24: 10:00 am
May 31: 10:00 am

June-August 2026 - 9 am every Sunday; 8 am & 9 am every 3rd Sunday

June 7: 9:00 am
June 14: 9:00 am
June 21: 8:00 am & 9:00 am
June 28: 9:00 am
July 5: 9:00 am
July 12: 9:00 am
July 19: 8:00 am & 9:00 am
July 26: 9:00 am
August 2: 9:00 am
August 9: 9:00 am
August 16: 8:00 am & 9:00 am
August 23: 9:00 am
August 30: 9:00 am

Sept-December 2026 - 10 am every Sunday; 8 am & 10 am every 3rd Sunday

Sept 6: 10:00 am
Sept 13: 10:00 am
Sept 20: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Sept 27: 10:00 am
Oct 4: 10:00 am
Oct 11: 10:00 am
Oct 18: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Oct 25: 10:00 am
Nov 1: 10:00 am
Nov 8: 10:00 am
Nov 15: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Nov 22: 10:00 am
Nov 29: 10:00 am
Dec 6: 10:00 am
Dec 13: 10:00 am
Dec 20: 8:00 am & 10:00 am
Dec 27: 10:00 am

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Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection!

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2: 6 pm Holy Eucharist with optional foot-washing (and choir). (See article about Maundy Thursday elsewhere in this issue.)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3: (no music)

- 7 am: The Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion (from the reserved sacrament)
- 12 pm: The Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross
- 6 pm: The Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion (from the gifts of the pre-sanctified)

This day is marked by solemnity, devotion, and prayer, acknowledging the “wondrous Love” Jesus shares in giving his life for us. The liturgy invites us into practices that, in their power, have endured for centuries. The passion gospel—from John—and prayers for the church and the world (the “solemn collects”) have been part of the liturgy since at least the fifth century, reflecting Jesus’ love for the world and the church, which is his Body in the World. The Veneration of the Cross (a Good Friday rite for more than a millennia) brings our focus onto the humanity of Jesus’ death, and the power of the divinity of his sacrifice for us. We don’t celebrate Eucharist on the day we observe Jesus’ crucifixion and death, but we find solace and strength in Communion from the holy gifts consecrated on Maundy Thursday.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4: NOON: The Holy Saturday Liturgy (in the Chapel)

When Jesus’ body is at rest in the tomb, we offer short readings and prayers. This liturgy takes approximately 10 minutes, with time for personal devotion before and after.

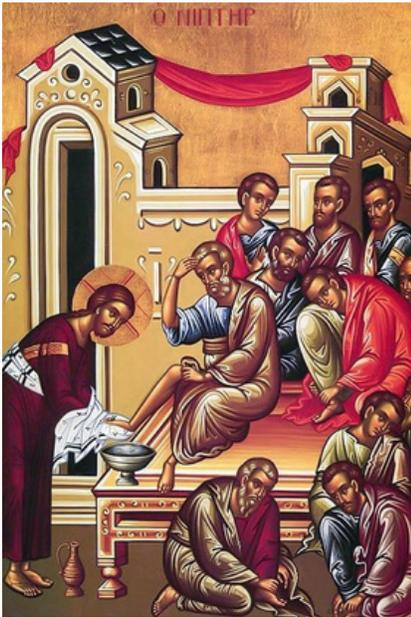
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4: 8 pm: THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER (with choir) The first Easter Mass begins at sundown, the liturgical beginning of Easter Day itself. In quiet, we kindle new fire (“The Light of Christ!”), and by candlelight we recount the story of salvation, proclaiming that the God revealed in Hebrew scriptures as the life-giver, ruler, and liberator of all creation is the same God disclosed to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah. In the Eucharistic feast, we welcome the resurrected Jesus back into our lives—the lights are switched on, bells are rung, drums beaten, the organ trumpets, and we proclaim the good news: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

EASTER DAY, APRIL 5: 10 am: FESTAL EUCHARIST (with choir and brass)

We proclaim the triumphant song of resurrection in our Easter celebration with resounding brass and exuberant singing. We bedeck a cross in colorful flowers: a sign of our hope and faith in the gift of new life, as we celebrate Holy Eucharist with our risen Lord! After worship, with our guests from the YWCA, the children gather in a traditional egg hunt. Easter joy lasts for 50 days—longer than Lent. The Great Fifty Days conclude with the gift of the powerful Holy Spirit on Pentecost, May 24. (Pentecost means, literally, “the fiftieth day.”)

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What is Maundy Thursday?



Those of “a certain age,” who grew up (like me!) in The Episcopal Church with the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, had no knowledge of Maundy Thursday liturgies. That was a “new-fangled” innovation of those zany editors of the “new” 1979 prayer book ... right?! Well, no. Not exactly. Turns out it was a liturgy already more than 1600 years old!—when it was added to our prayer book more than 45 years ago. And here we are today!

By the 4th century (our earliest documentation of worship practices after the Epistles), evening celebrations of Eucharist on Holy Thursday were on the rise. Paul’s account of the institution of the Eucharist (our Epistle reading on Maundy Thursday), and John’s account (John 13:1-17) of Jesus washing his friends’ feet were read, as they will be for us.

By the 7th century, ceremonial and liturgical reenactments of foot-washing grew more common. Also, on this day enough bread and wine were consecrated for Good Friday communions, since no Eucharist may be celebrated on that day. Ceremonial stripping of the altar concluded the liturgy, followed by a washing of the altar by the sacristans.

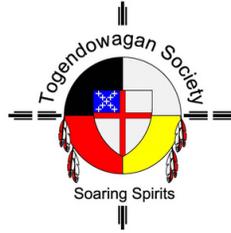
“Maundy Thursday” comes from the word “mandatum” (commandment) from the gospel: “A new commandment I give you, that you love one another even as I have loved you” (John 13:34). It became the tradition for Abbots to wash the feet of simple monks, for example, and landlords to wash their tenants’ feet. But, the first Church of England Prayer Book (1549) retained only the Lord’s Supper and the Paul’s Epistle reading, although outside the church, the tradition of “maundy” continued. In the “royal maundy,” on this day (common into the 18th century), the reigning monarch washed the feet of poor people.

In the 1979 Prayer Book revision, a “Proper Liturgy” is provided; ceremonial foot-washing is restored as an option. Provisions are made for stripping the altar, a ceremonial removal from the worship space of all decorative furnishing. The church is left dark and empty, save for the Reserved Sacrament for Good Friday’s “Mass of the Pre-Sanctified.” The sacrament is placed on an “altar of repose,” (in our chapel of St. Michael and All Angels) and the faithful remain with it until the first Good Friday service.

This “Gethsemane Watch” provides opportunity for “watching and praying” with Jesus (usually in shifts or watches) during his night of trial in Gethsemane. Our Maundy Thursday worship begins at 6 pm.

—The Rev. Robin Biffle, Canon for Liturgy and Worship

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Togendowagan Society Reflection: The Potawatomi Story of Nêkmeshnak Gizesêk and Mkedewenêk

Some time ago; not in the homelands of the Three Fires, but in far-off land (Wiyetnam Shkote-éya bmadzewenêk — where the fire-air (heat/humidity) lives) where the fire-air lives, where the winds spoke with a strange tongue, there was an encampment of warriors. They had traveled far, and they had fought long, and their bodies carried the marks of many battles. Their lodges stood apart from the main village, for warriors must sometimes keep their own company. Among them was a young man called Nêkmeshnak Gizesêk, Stands in the Sun. He was strong in body, quick in spirit, and his heart was still soft enough to remember the teachings of the old ones.

One evening, when the sky was turning the color of embers, Stands in the Sun felt the pull of the village. He wished to hear laughter again, to see faces not hardened by war, to walk among the people as young men do. So, he left the warrior camp and followed the path toward the village lights. The night air carried the scent of wet leaves and distant cooking fires. When he arrived, he found a circle of warriors from another camp. Their voices were sharp like broken flint.

Curious, Stands in the Sun stepped toward them, thinking to share words, to make relatives, to pass the time in a good way.

But as he drew near, he saw that their sharpness was not from humor. They were harassing another young brave called Mkedewenêk (Black Earth Man), a man whose skin was dark, like rich earth after rain. He stood alone, surrounded, their words stinging like rain drops driven by strong words. Stands in the Sun watched, and in his watching he felt the old teachings settle in him like a stone dropped into still water; the teachings spoken by the elders when he was still small enough to sit at their feet.

He remembered the story of Earthmaker, the First Worker, who shaped the world and all that live upon it. He remembered how Earthmaker scooped clay and twigs from the riverbank and formed the humans, how he built a fire and placed the small figures within it.

He remembered:

- the first figure, baked too little, who became the white people;
 - the second figure, baked too long, who became the black people;
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*The Potawatomi Story of Nêkmeshnak
Gizesêk and Mkedewenêk continued*

· the third figure, tended with care and patience, who became the red people, the ancestors of the Potawatomi.

And he remembered the teaching that followed: that none were made better, none were made lesser. That all were shaped from the same clay, all given breath from the same Creator. That the differences on the outside came only from the fire, from the heat of the world, from the conditions of their becoming.

As these teachings filled him, anger rose in Stands in the Sun, not the anger that clouds the mind, but the anger that clears it, the anger that comes when a teaching is being broken before your eyes.

He stepped forward. He did not shout. He did not boast. He simply moved, the way a storm moves when it has decided to break.

The warriors who tormented the dark-skinned brave did not expect him. They did not expect his speed, nor the strength in his arms, nor the fire in his heart. One by one, he subdued them, not to destroy, but to stop the harm they were doing.

When the dust settled, the circle was broken. Black Earth stood free. The others lay humbled; their pride scattered like leaves in wind. Stands in the Sun looked at them and spoke the truth he carried, and those words hung in the air, heavy and true, the way teachings do when they come from a place deeper than memory.

And so, the people remembered what Stands in the Sun had done, for his actions carried the weight of the old teachings: that all who walk this Earth are shaped from the saume dust and bear the breath of the same Creator.

And now, in the Lent season when the Church hears how Creator chooses not by outward appearance but by the heart, and how Christ opens the eyes of the blind so that all may walk as children of light, the people saw that same truth in Stands in the Sun.

As the Scriptures say, "From one ancestor He made all nations to inhabit the whole earth," and "Creator shows no partiality." In that light, we understand that Stands in the Sun's strength was not in his fists, but in a heart that could see clearly; seeing Black Earth not as others judged him, but as the Creator made him. And when he stepped into that circle, he walked in the way of the One who calls us out of darkness into light, who commands us to seek justice, rescue the oppressed, and defend the one who stands alone. In this way, his story became a teaching of its own, reminding all who hear it that though Creator's fire shapes us differently on the outside, His breath and His light make us one people upon the sacred Earth.

Aho. -Darcy



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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 April, we will give thanks to God for our lectors who are not just readers of God's Word in worship--they are ministers who proclaim God's Word with clarity and conviction. A steady diet of hearing and studying our story of faith is vital to our identity formation as God's people. We give thanks to God for you, our lectors, and for Grace Berger who leads you.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Funerals

Rev. Dcn. John Board - March 28



Bread for Holy Eucharist

Many thanks to our bread bakers for worship during this season of Lent: Ben Spiger, Jeannine Juhnke, Smithe Docktor, Sioux Roth, Loretta Day, Anne Wilmoth, and our Confirmation University youth.

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 can use your input in planning the services themselves. (The word "liturgy" 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, time TBD; Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 pm; and Sunday, June 7, time TBD.

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Legend of Locations

SPC: St. Peter's Cathedral Sanctuary **UC:** Undercroft
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
5 Easter Sunday 9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir stalls 9:15 am - Fellowship, SPC 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 11:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt, outside, weather permitting	6 Easter Monday - Office Closed 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)	7 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)
12 Second Sunday of Easter 9:00 am - Flipper Sunday 9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir stalls 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 10:00 am - Sunday School, WH 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist at Touchmark	13 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH 12:00 pm - Staff Meeting, WH (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)	14 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)
19 Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist (Spoken), SPC 9:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, choir stalls 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 10:00 am - Sunday School, WH 11:00 am - Celebration Sunday 11:30 am - Chapter Meeting	20 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)	21 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)
26 Fourth Sunday of Easter <i>Family Promise Host Week</i> 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	27 <i>Family Promise Host Week</i> 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:15 am - Lectionary Study Group, WH (6:00 pm - Gamblers Anon, WH)	28 <i>Family Promise Host Week</i> 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)

Pets of St. Peter's



Zerby (short for Zerubbabel) named for one of the most famous persons in the Bible you don't know.

Humans: Steve and Jackie Brehe

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

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>1</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 (Headwaters Crafthouse, 2125 N Last Chance Gulch)</p>	<p>2 Maundy Thursday</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:15 pm - Heart of Helena, WH 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday worship, SPC 7:00 pm - Vigil of Repose, Chapel</p>	<p>3 Good Friday-Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 am - Good Friday liturgy with Communion, Chapel 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm - Good Friday liturgy, SPC (5:15 pm - Heart of Helena Committee Meeting, WH 6:00 pm - Good Friday liturgy with Communion, SPC</p>	<p>4 Holy Saturday</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning prayer (12:00 pm - Art Center Fellowship, UC) 12:00 pm - Holy Saturday Liturgy, Chapel 8:00 pm - Great Vigil of Easter</p>
<p>8</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>9</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 5:15 pm - Social Concerns, WH</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning prayer 5:30 pm - Togendowagan Spirit Society, SPC</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm - Endowment Committee, WH 12:00 pm - Happenings Deadline 4:30 pm - Serve dinner at God's Love 5:00 pm - Spiritual Social 2, 2856 Jeannette Rankin Dr. 7:00 pm - Youth Collective, SP</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 9:30 am - Prayer Shawl Ministry, WH</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Last Chance PowWow Planning, UC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning prayer</p>
<p>22</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 (New Life)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V</p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V</p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:30 am - Morning prayer (10:00 am - Set up PEO luncheon, UC) (12:00 pm - PEO luncheon, UC) 5:30 pm - Togendowagan Spirit Society, SPC</p>
<p>29</p> <p><i>Family Promise Host Week</i></p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm - Happenings Deadline 4:30 pm - Serve dinner at God's Love 7:00 pm - Youth Collective Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Family Promise Host Week</i></p> <p>8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V</p>	<p><i>Family Promise Host Week</i></p>	<p><i>Family Promise Host Week</i></p>

Christian Formation

My first Easter as a priest

A remembrance by our Dean Emeritus and Canon for Christian formation, Fr. Steve Brehe

The Church of the Atonement in Chicago sponsored me years ago. Atonement, on the north side, was high church. I mean, really high. I kidded that our mission statement was to prove that the Pope was a Primitive Baptist. We had smells, bells, rosary, confession—the whole works. Members of the Chicago Lyric Opera would sing there on high holy days. Worship was truly uplifting and beautiful, if not a bit complicated. And, as some of you have probably noticed over the years, there's still a bit of the Atonement in me.

I was ordained a priest on March 24, 1980, at St. Mary's Church in suburban Park Ridge, which I dubbed "Our Lady of Middle America." It was quiet and proper, with middle-of-the-road worship. There I was, newly minted and ready to go "all out" for my first Easter just two weeks later. The rector, knowing my high church tendencies, suggested I celebrate the Easter Vigil. A dream come true! I threw myself into it with the unbridled zeal only a "brand-spanking-new" priest can possess.

The liturgy begins with the kindling of the new fire. Since it was too cold to be outside, I decided to bring the outdoors in—specifically, a charcoal grill. I fashioned a couple of dozen petroleum-soaked fire starters into a pyre. It wasn't just a fire; it was a launchpad. Flames shot up three feet toward the darkened rafters. I felt like Elijah on Mount Carmel.

It was glorious, right up until the point where I forgot the fire didn't just "go away." While we sang the Exsultet and read the lessons for an hour, the grill became an unauthorized smoker, blanketing the church with sooty ash.

When it came time to proclaim "Christ is risen!" I noticed black specks dancing in the candlelight. At Communion, the congregation looked like they had just finished a double shift in a coal mine; nearly everyone had soot on their fingers. Then I got it. The smoke from the "new fire" had drifted through the nave, coating the church and the faithful in greasy black dust. My Lutheran colleague, who happened to walk by that night, told me later he saw smoke billowing from the clerestory windows. "I thought you'd turned the parish into a South Chicago steel mill," he said.

The Altar Guild chair met me at the sacristy door afterward. If looks could excommunicate, I would have been gone. "We spent a week cleaning this church," she hissed. I didn't think I was celebrating the Resurrection; I thought I was celebrating the death of my career—perhaps the shortest tenure in church history.

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My first Easter as a priest, *continued from page 6*

Enter Jackie and the lovely Vietnamese refugee family that St. Mary's had sponsored. Together, we wiped down every pew, every prayer book, and every hymnal. We even wiped the soot off the Easter lilies—talk about gilding the lily. Tran, the family's father, proclaimed that the church should be renamed "Mary Khói" (Smokey Mary).

Easter morning came, and the church sparkled. The rector laughed out loud. The Altar Guild was mollified. I was exhausted. But I did not get a pink slip.

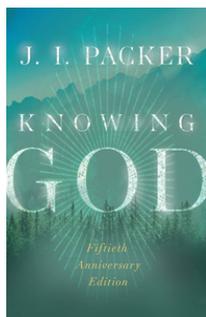
Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Steve+



Christian Formation

Wonderful Wednesdays



For 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. We'll discuss Part Two and then Part Three in sessions two and three.



Spiritual Socials

Spiritual Socials are casual gatherings on the on the first and third Wednesdays for faith and fellowship. On the first Wednesday, the group meets at Headwaters Drafthouse (2125 N Last Chance Gulch). The social begins at 5:00 with food we bring to share and at 6:00,

the group participates in a Lectio Divina from 6-7 pm (a contemplative Bible study). On the third Wednesday, the group meets at Melinda Shell's house (2856 Jeannette Rankin Dr.) also for food, sharing, and study. Please join us!

Strength in Community: Hearing the Voices of Ukraine

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How We Can Walk With Them

When asked how we can help, the women highlighted several vital needs:

- English Tutoring: Supporting programs like the Helena Literacy Council.
- Driving Lessons: A driver's license is essential in a city with limited public transit.
- Career Connections: Helping refugees find employment that matches their professional skills.
- Paperwork Assistance: Navigating the mountain of government forms required for resettlement.

Katie Loveland (St. Peter's) spoke to the joy found in this work through the Helena Literacy Council, Helena Area Refugee Resettlement Team and Hands On Global. She also highlighted the Migration with Dignity movement within The Episcopal Church, which calls us to see the face of Christ in every displaced person.

We are so grateful to these women for their vulnerability and strength. May we continue to be a community that offers more than just a "safe place," but a true sense of belonging.

Ministries and Outreach



THIRD ANNUAL Heart of Helena Art Show and Auction

Coming up on April 9th from 5pm to 9pm at the Helena Civic Center Ballroom.

*Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided by Chili O'Brien's,
and bid on a wide variety of art, with proceeds benefiting local non-profits.*

*See our Bookkeeper Roger Reynolds for more Information
and to buy tickets in person. Credit Cards accepted!*

Get your tickets now!

**More info at:
www.heartofhelena.org**



We need Volunteers!

The Heart of Helena Art Show is looking for volunteers:

Thank you if you have already signed up. We still need people for the Thursday April 9, 2026 event:

- 1-4:00 pm 6 people needed to monitor the pre event art viewing
- 5-9:00 pm 6 people to close tables, and coordinate with the accounting volunteers.

To volunteer please contact Dan Carlson-Thompson 406 465 2022.

Thank you. We couldn't do it without you.

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 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. 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 or older is welcome to help. The best place to enter the building is through our Donation Door off of Boulder Ave and please wear closed toed shoes for safety reasons. Please contact Marsha Baumeister to volunteer or learn more (406-403-4481).



Flippers' Sunday

On April 12, come enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast at 9:00 am 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 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.



Volunteers needed – We are currently seeking additional volunteers to help sustain this important ministry. You may partner with a friend for any of these opportunities:

- Serving as overnight host
- Preparing a comforting meal
- Shopping for groceries for our families

If you would like to get involved, please contact Maggie (406)465-0707 or Donna(406)439-6811

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. The family is currently working with a budget expert to help strengthen their financial stability. Dad is employed as an assistant manager at Town Pump Express Car Wash, working split shifts during the week and weekends.

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, and Family Promise is providing additional support prior to each new rotation. Mom is on disability, does not have a vehicle, and enjoys reading and music. Megan, a Family Promise intern, meets with her 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 supplements his income through DoorDash and is working toward stability by attending parenting classes, medical appointments and financial counseling.

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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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– food and drinks are available with table service. \$5 to play. The next Trivia night is 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. Tim & Tammy Andridge will lead St. Peter's in preparing pork sliders with coleslaw. Other churches and restaurants will provide small portions of other yummy comfort foods. Diners vote with \$ for the food they enjoyed the most. Please join us! Tickets are available from Maggie, Donna, or from Lori in the Cathedral 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 – Shelter Update – Construction of the new 16 room overnight shelter, located near Taco Bell and Arby's, is well underway. Family Promise is seeking partners to support construction funding, programming and ongoing operations. The goal is to begin serving families at this location by June 2026. To get involved, please call (406)465-9467.

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

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Stories of Faith in Action

Strength in Community: Hearing the Voices of Ukraine

At Wonderful Wednesday on March 11, our fellowship hall became a space of profound storytelling and witness. We were honored to host five Ukrainian refugees—Mariia, Anastasiia, Lydiia, Anzhela, and Veronica—who shared their journeys from the front lines of war to the mountains of Montana.

Stories of Resilience

Mariia opened the evening reflecting on how her life changed overnight when the war began. Now married and balancing roles at a local law firm and at On Broadway, Mariia expressed deep gratitude for her new home. "The United States gave me a safe place to rebuild," she shared, "the ability to continue my education, and hope for the future."

Anastasiia and her mother, Lydiia, both hail from Donbas, an area under Russian occupation for 11 years. Anastasiia arrived in the United States by walking across the border at the beginning of the war when they were temporarily allowing Ukrainian refugees to enter from Mexico. She was given temporary humanitarian parole (all of the others arrived through the now-suspended Uniting for Ukraine program). She recalled the surprise of officials when she chose Montana over a major city; today, she is thriving as an interior designer at SMA Architecture. While Lydiia has found safety here and works as a housecleaner—a humble shift from her former career as a bank CFO—her heart remains with her people. "I yearn to return home," she said, though she knows it remains unsafe to do so.

The Human Cost of War

The evening was a stark reminder of the personal toll of displacement. Many of the women have not seen their families or homes in years. Anzhela shared the bittersweet reality of having a two-year-old brother in Ukraine whom she has never met. With a grace-filled wit, Anzhela also noted how the term "alien" is often used for refugees. "Sometimes it feels like we are coming from a different planet!" she joked.

Our fourth guest, Veronica, shared how support from Carroll College allowed her to complete a BA in Sociology. She now serves our community through the Department of Health and Human Services. *continued on page 12*



News from around the Diocese

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

Chapter News

A Message from the Senior Warden

Greetings all, The 100 Days between Christmas and Easter for us has been an incredible time together. We have installed our Dean, brought on new staff (welcome Lori and Bill), and shared many activities to enrich our lives through song, service to others, and time together. Our lives shared in community will again see a change – this time in our Sunday worship schedule. Sundays at 10am during the regular year and 9am in the summer beginning on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your continued support and reflections on how we can make St Peter's Cathedral welcoming to all! As always my ears and email are available as you have need to make your voice heard. May the miracle of Easter fill your heart with love and faith!

Chris Boyce, Senior Warden

News from around the Parish



Welcome to our new Administrator, Lori Walter and our new Sexton, Bill Mackin!

As Administrator, Lori can help you with scheduling an event at St. Peter's, updating the church calendar, adding notices to the Happenings or Cathedral Times, among other day-to-day tasks of ministry! You may reach her at admin@spchelena.org or by calling the Cathedral.

Our Sexton is a familiar face to many of you! Bill is a long-time member of St. Peter's and we are so thankful to have him serving as Sexton. For those of you unfamiliar with that term, he is custodian of our buildings and grounds. Bill's work days will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, generally in the morning and early afternoon. He is "just Bill" on Sundays!

Thank you from Robin Ericksen

Dear St. Peter's Family, I want to offer my heartfelt thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls following the loss of our beloved Cortney.

Also thank you for the support during my illness. My sincere thank you to all of you.

Blessings to you all,

Robin & John Ericksen



Chapter News

Junior Warden: Kitchen Hood Update

The Chapter recently received a set of final plans and a quote from American Sheet Metal, Eagle Electric and Fire Guys for the kitchen hood replacement. The Senior and Junior Wardens will hold a project kickoff meeting with the project estimator on Tuesday March 24th, 2026. The new hood installation is tentatively planned for late April to early May 2026. If you have any question or concern about the project or how the installation may affect church events, please contact your Chapter members.

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER...

St. Peter's "Financial Quick Look" as of 15 March 2026

1. Income:

- a. Actual YTD - \$101,000
- b. 2026 Budget- \$436,500
- c. Income is tracking to estimates.

2. Expenses:

- a. Actual YTD - \$99,970
- b. 2026 Budget - \$477,340
- c. Revised budget due to increased personnel costs - \$490,140

3. 2026 Projected Deficit:

- a. Initial projected deficit - \$40,840
- b. Revised projected deficit - \$53,640
- c. The revised deficit is the result of increased costs related to filling the positions of Office Administrator and Sexton.



Your financial gifts to St. Peter's Cathedral are of vital importance to support our ongoing ministries, our many outreach efforts, and to address important church maintenance and safety concerns. Please continue to offer your faithful gifts by:

- Mailing your check to the church office (PO Box 819, Helena, MT 59624)
 - Hand delivering checks to the church office in Wilson Hall, or placing in the collection plate. Thank you!
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Birthdays



Elena Jaynes, April 2
Ed Mangis, April 3
Annalee Curtis, April 5
Dwight Bernard, April 7
Ken Demmons, April 7
Peyton Cottrell, April 10
Carter Cottrell, April 11
Larry Nielsen, April 12
Tyrrell Hibbard, April 13
Scott Hibbard, April 20
Kathy Johnson, April 20
William Mackin, April 21
Marlene Campbell, April 22
Thomas Driggers, April 24
Duke Demmons, April 25



Anniversaries

Chris & Maggie Stockwell, April 19
John & Robin Ericksen, April 21
Sara & Herb Argabright, April 21



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 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
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The Rev. Dcn. Rick Johnson

Administrator: Lori Walter
Sexton: Bill Mackin

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

