

The Cathedral Times

St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral

Helena, MT November 2025



From the Dean

One of my “go to” closing lines for letters is “in Christ’s Service.” I used to interpret this as leading a “perfect” life. This is no longer my interpretation for the very practical reason that a perfect church, ministry, or family doesn’t exist. And the pursuit of such perfection is going to lead to some very cranky, exhausted people.

Instead, what if being a servant of Christ means being a servant of the crucified and resurrected One? Jesus came to Earth to get be fully human. What this means for us as Jesus’ disciples is we, too, are called to be present here and now. What does it look like for us to be fully present as Christ’s disciples known as St. Peter’s Episcopal Cathedral in Helena, Montana in 2025?

Being a servant of *Christ* also means not serving myself, which is a daily struggle. How do I recognize and renounce the temptations of this world? How do I/we relinquish the demands of my/our egos? How do we strive for faithfulness to Christ and not worldly success? As much as I want this tension to be resolved, this struggle is part of our journey. There is no point of arrival. The joy of discipleship is we get to journey together. We get to figure out what this means for us as individuals and a community together.

Being a servant of Christ ALSO means God is going to bring the answers. God promises to be faithful and show us the way. All we have to do is be open to the Spirit’s guiding. What might God be calling us to do and be? To begin to listen and look for this, I’d like to invite you to attend an informal conversation I’m calling “Listen and Learn” sessions. Bring your questions and wonderings and I’ll bring some too. You can also come just to get better acquainted,

- Sunday, November 2, 10:30: Guild Room
- Wednesday, November 5, 12:00, Staggering Ox
- Tuesday, November 18, 11:00: Wilson Hall
- Sunday, November 23, 10:30: Guild Room
- Monday, November 24, 6:30 pm, Shellie’s Cafe
- Monday, November 10, 6:00 pm, 1889 Coffee House

In Christ’s Service,

Dean Kendra

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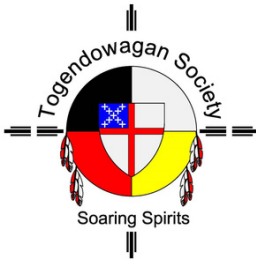
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Walking with Gratitude - A Reflection Footsteps of Resilience, Pathways of Joy

November is a month of gratitude and celebration. As the seasons turn and the land prepares for rest, we pause to honor the gifts that surround us: our families, our communities, our traditions, and the Creator's rich love.

During Native American Heritage Month (November), we celebrate the beauty of Native cultures that continue to flourish. In every song, every gathering, and each story we are reminded that our ways are alive and strong. When we *Rock Our Mocs* (Nov. 15), we walk with joy, carrying the prayers of our ancestors into the present, and leaving footprints of optimism for future generations.

And in this month, we also lift up *Red Shawl Day* (Nov. 19). As we wrap ourselves in red, we remember our sisters, mothers, daughters, and two-spirit people whose lives were taken too soon. Yet even here, we choose to stand in hope; believing that love is stronger than violence, that remembrance can lead to justice, and that our prayers can weave healing for future generations. The color red symbolizes the lifeblood, so wear it, and call attention to the stolen who can no longer speak for themselves.

We also pause for *Veterans' Honoring Ceremonies* (Nov. 11). Native communities have one of the highest rates of military service of any group in the United States, and we give thanks for the courage and sacrifice of our Indigenous veterans. At the same time, we honor all veterans; those who have served with bravery and devotion, carrying the weight of duty for the sake of others. Their service reminds us of the sacred teaching that to protect the people is to walk the good road. May their courage continue to inspire us to walk that road with gratitude and strength.

We also remember the story often told of the Pilgrims and the "first Thanksgiving." The truth is more layered than the simple tale: there was both mistrust and generosity, both hardship and hospitality. The Wampanoag people extended help that allowed the newcomers to survive, and together they shared a harvest feast. Yet in the years that followed, Native peoples endured loss, broken promises, and displacement. Still, our communities have carried forward resilience, faith, and the wisdom of our ancestors. To remember this fuller story is not to dwell in sorrow, but to honor the strength that has brought us here today.

This is a season of thanksgiving. We give thanks for the harvest, for the laughter of children, for the wisdom of Elders, and for the strength that comes when we walk collectively. In the words of a messenger, "*The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy*" (Psalm 126:3).

So let us step into this month with hearts lifted high. May our gatherings be filled with song and laughter, our prayers with gratitude, and our footsteps with purpose. May our feet carry us on the road to healing, our laughter hold us in unison, and our prayers rise with the Eagle as joy before the Maker.

Aho

-Darcy O'Dell

Worship News



Save the Date: The institution and induction of Dean Kendra will take place on Sunday, January 4 at 9:00. More details to follow.

AdventWord

AdventWord is a free inspirational online Advent calendar featuring a daily prompt word selected from the Advent Sunday Lectionary readings starting on November 30. Followers receive a daily meditation and image inspired by the day's word, and are invited to share their own personal reflections, art, poetry, or other creative expression. As we await the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we invite you to find daily moments of reflection to help you stay connected to your faith, to others, and to God.

Sign up for email updates and daily meditations at AdventWord.org

AdventWord is an offering of Forward Movement, a ministry of the Episcopal Church.

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. The Celebration Sunday in November we will give thanks for all of the faithful stewards of St. Peter's who offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure in grateful response to God's abundant grace. Through the whole month of November, we will show how we are able to live out our mission to "love God and our neighbor; and make disciples for Christ" due to you sharing your gifts. We are so thankful for the spirit of generosity in this community!

Love God
and Our Neighbor;
Make Disciples
for Christ

Worship News

Musikanten Montana All Souls Concerts



Musikanten Montana's Artistic Director Kerry Krebill announces two events commemorating the Feasts of All Souls and All Saints on November 1 and 2. Musikanten Montana will offer a candlelight memorial concert for All Souls on Saturday, November 1, at 7:30 pm, and featured guest artists contralto Anne Kania and baritone Bobb Robinson will present a duo recital on Sunday afternoon at 4. Both concerts are at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral.

Saturday evening's concert will feature Musikanten Montana with organist Wendy Yuen and Baroque recorders and viols in J.S. Bach's Cantata 106 "Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit" (God's time is the best time). Memorial candles will be lighted and cantors will chant the names of those we have lost this year. Soloists in the Bach cantata are soprano Evanne Browne, contralto Anne Kania, tenor Dan Hutchings, and baritones Bobb Robinson and Art Bumgardner, with Curtis Foster and Alex Shaffer, Baroque recorders, and Anne Kania and Sarah Graf, tenor and bass viols. Wendy Yuen will open the concert with the Andante Sostenuto movement from Widor's Organ Symphony No 9. Pianist Gerald Schafer will accompany featured soloists in works by Richard Strauss and Gerald Finzi, and the choir will sing a cappella selections from Brahms' last songs (Opus 104). Suggested donation is \$30 at the door. To add a name to the memorial list in the concert program, please text Kerry Krebill at 406-431-7462.

To complete the All Souls weekend, Sunday afternoon at 4 pm favorite guest artists Anne Kania and Bobb Robinson will sing solos and duets by Monteverdi, Bach, Purcell and others, accompanied by pianist Lee Hancock. A reception will follow in the St. Peter's Guild Room. Suggested donation for the recital is \$25. All are welcome to these celebrations.



November 2025

Legend of Locations
SPC: t. Peter's Cathedral Sanctuary
T: Touchmark
WH: Wilson Hall

G: Guild Room
UC: Undercroft
DH: Diocesan House
V: Virtual

SUNDAY	21st Sunday after Pentecost 2 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Flipper Sunday, UC 10:15 am- Listen & Learn w/Dean, G 4:00 pm Musikanten recital, SPC 25th Sunday After Pentecost 30 8:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, Choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am- Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC	22nd Sunday after Pentecost 9 8:15 am - Choir rehearsal, choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am - Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 12:30 pm - Holy Eucharist at Touchmark, Dean Kendra officiating.	23rd Sunday After Pentecost 16 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 7:00 pm- Family Promise, WH	24th Sunday After Pentecost 23 8:15 am - Choir Rehearsal, Choir room 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist, SPC 9:00 am- Sunday School, WH 10:00 am - Fellowship, UC 10:30 am - Listen & Learn w/ Dean Kendra, G
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	5 8:30 am - Morning Prayer, V 12:00 pm Happenings Deadline 4:15 - 6:00 pm - Serving dinner at God's Love, 533 N. Last Chance 5:00 Spiritual Social, Lewis and Clark 7:00 Helena Youth Collective, St. Peter's	12 8:30 am - Morning Prayer 4:00 pm - Committal for Joe Munzenrider, Memorial Garden 5:30 pm - Wonderful Wednesday & Potluck, UC 6:00 pm - Shower Ministries Presentation, UC 7:00 Helena Youth Collective, St. John's	19 8:30 am - Morning Prayer 5:00 pm - Spiritual Social 2, (TBA) 7:00 pm - Helena Youth Collective, New Life Lutheran 7:00 pm - Family Promise, WH	26 8:30 am - Morning prayer
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Ministries & Outreach



KITCHEN 10 Commandments

Our building--and especially our kitchen--get a lot of use. In order to continue to make using our kitchen an enjoyable experience for all, let's keep good care of this shared space. Here's "10 Commandments" to keep while using the kitchen:

- 1.) Please wipe off counter tops prior to usage and following use.
- 2.) Do not put anything on the windowsills.
- 3.) Please mark and date anything you put in refrigerator, unless you are using right away.
- 4.) If you spill something in refrigerator, please wipe it up.
- 5.) Be sure to turn off the ovens and the dishwasher. Directions for dishwasher use are on the cabinet door.
- 6.) Please put things away in their proper place. The tags on the cabinet doors should help you.
- 7.) Make sure all windows are closed when you leave and all the lights and fans are off.
- 8.) If trash is full, please empty it into dumpster next to YWCA.
- 9.) During cold weather, open cabinet doors under the sink, to keep pipes from freezing.
- 10.) Please leave the kitchen as clean or cleaner than you found it.

THANK YOU!

Christian Formation

What is in front of us? by Lizzie Carlson-Thompson

Tonight I looked out my window – there was the sun shining just perfectly in the golden hour of the evening on the tree in the boulevard. This ordinary tree was illuminated by a glow of warm radiant light. What caught my eye though were the tiny little gnats flitting around between the tree and my window. They looked like gold dust with shiny wings.



Normally, I couldn't have seen them; they are too small, too high in the air, and too camouflaged for me to notice them. It was a gift to catch this glimpse of them.

My change in perspective due to the sunshine's glow gave me pause. I wonder if this is how God sees us? He looks at us through the warmth and light of his love. We might be ordinary, overlooked, and invisible to others, but God sees us. And how God sees us is so very different than how we see ourselves – and how we see others. Seeing the light change how I looked at these “common” bugs and tree illuminated a deeper sense or longing in me. I want to see others and myself through God's eyes instead of my own clouded vision. Perhaps we can pray to wear God spectacles when we look at others and ourselves. We might just be surprised by unexpected beauty flitting in front of us.

Wonderful Wednesday

On Nov. 12, for the Wonderful Wednesday program, please join Lizzie Carlson-Thompson in the undercroft at 6pm. She will provide information and share about a local ministry, Showers for the Unsheltered, that began four years ago at St. Paul's Methodist Church and is continuing to grow. We will begin with pot-luck at 5:30. Please come and join us!

TUESDAY

SHOWERS

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING
FROM 8:30 TO 11:30
WELCOME CENTER AT THE
THE CRUSE ST. ENTRANCE.

ST. PAUL'S
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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GOOD SAMARITAN
MINISTRIES
THRIFT STORE

**DONUTS, COFFEE AND
CONVERSATION**

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO
CONNECT WITH OUR
UNSHELTERED NEIGHBORS**

VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME - ASK ABOUT DONATIONS

Christian Formation

High School (grades 9-12) and Middle School (grades 6-8) Youth



Our middle (6-8th) grade students for Confirmation University and high school (9-12th) grade students for PDQ (Present Day Questions) continue to meet for learning, fellowship, and service. St. Peter's will host the youth at Wilson Hall on November 5.



Our Confirmation students helped our Junior Warden move some items around in the basement of the Cathedral in October.

In October, the middle and high school students also assembled emergency packs of food for distribution through Helena Food Share.

HEART OF HELENA



An Opening Gala and kickoff event for the Heart of Helena Art Show and Auction will be held at St. Peter's Church Undercroft Saturday, November 15th, 2025, from 3:00 to 4:30pm. The opening Gala is free of charge, and will help to build momentum about our upcoming show and auction in April 2026.

The Heart of Helena Art Show and Auction is put on primarily by St. Peter's Cathedral as a way to raise money for church outreach into the greater community.

Artists will have items for sale at the Gala from which they will receive the proceeds. The Heart of Helena will also have pieces for sale to benefit their various activities. In addition, a free will offering plate will be available to help offset the costs of the event.

Come and meet artists, preview art, and enjoy complementary refreshments in a casual social atmosphere. There will also be several announcements about the upcoming auction. Don't miss it!

Our Story

Henrietta Brewer & St. Peter's Church and Hospital by Patty Dean

The Queen City was not quite twenty years old in March 1883 when St. Peter's vestry gathered in its stone church on Warren and Grand to discuss plans "for maintaining a hospital building to care for the many people who were brought to Helena for medical care."

A little over a year later, in June 1884, St. Peter's Hospital Committee elected its trustees: Missionary Bishop Leighton R. Brewer, St. Peter's rector The Rev. F.T. Webb, W.D. Smith, Treasurer; Dr. J.J. Leiser, Superintendent; and Sam Jones, Secretary. The other committee members included some of Helena's wealthiest men. The Independent Record reported: "Though under the auspices of the Episcopal church, the hospital will be open to applicants...of all creeds; and will be conducted under plans adopted by similar institutions in the eastern cities. Hospital accommodations, including nursing, medicine, and medical attendance[,] will be furnished at rates the lowest possible at which the institution can be sustained."

Within days, the women of the parish organized to furnish the hospital's needs soliciting bed linens, crockery, tableware and linens, pillows, carpets and a meat safe. Within six months, there was one, in a building adjacent to the Northern Pacific depot. By January 1885, St. Peter's Hospital had been relocated downtown to the corner of Jackson and Grand Streets, conveniently just one block downhill from St. Peter's Church.

1886 was a pivotal year for St. Peter's Church and its hospital. With \$400 donated by the Connecticut Episcopal Diocese women's auxiliary, the hospital hired Miss Nina Young and two other trained nurses who traveled from New York City to Helena, arriving with great fanfare. Miss Young was a friend of Dr. Maria Dean (pronounced Ma-rye-ah) already a well-respected Helena physician.

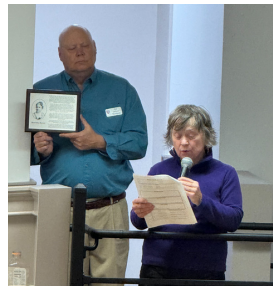
The second significant event to take place occurred on June 11, 1886, when Articles of Incorporation were entered into by Bishop Brewer, Reverend Webb, and others "for the erection of a new hospital in Helena, to be called St Peter's Episcopal Hospital." The men looked to architects Hodgson, Stem and Welter of St. Paul, who were in the process of constructing the Lewis and Clark Co. Courthouse, to draw up plans for the building. An April 1887 newspaper article extolled the "erection of a new and elegant structure...under the argus eyes of Rev. Webb, its founder and Mrs. Brewer, its builder..."

Henrietta Brewer & St. Peter's Church and Hospital, cont.

The mention of Bishop Brewer's wife, Henrietta Brewer, is significant as it is she to whom the existence of St. Peter's Hospital is due. The men of Helena might have founded the hospital, but it is she who brought their dream to reality. As a June 1887 newspaper article on the laying of the cornerstone recounted: "The interest and influence of the gentlemen have contributed no little to the upbuilding of this institution...but its success is due notably to the efforts of Mrs. L.R. Brewer, who has raised all the money thus far secured, besides getting the services of a corps of skilled nurses." Considering this is 1887, Henrietta's accomplishments were extraordinary.



*Above: St. Peter's Hospital, Jackson & Grand, 1885-1887,
Photo Courtesy, Kennon Baird Collection*



Left: Dan Carlson-Thompson and Patty Dean sharing the story of Henrietta Brewer

On October 19, we dedicated a plaque to the memory of Henrietta Brewer. We also reconnected with St. Peter's Health through Stephen Mason, who works for St. Peter's Health Foundation that day. St. Peter's Health's financial support helped us to make the undercroft accessible.

But, by 1901, St. Peter's facilities could no longer accommodate Helena's needs, so Henrietta began to fundraise for an addition. Unfortunately, she died suddenly of a heart attack on St. Patrick's Day in 1903. But death could not halt the momentum of her years of inspiring philanthropy and in May 1903 a society was formed to raise \$65,000 to build a new hospital on the southwest corner of Logan Street and 11th Avenue. Fundraising was slow but the new hospital, designed by St. Paul/New York City architect Cass Gilbert whose work was well known to Helenans, opened in 1910 for a cost of \$125,000. The entrance was adorned with a plaque reading: "THE HENRIETTA BREWER MEMORIAL BUILDING OF ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL" and Matthew 25:36: "I WAS SICK, AND YE VISITED ME."

Henrietta Brewer & St. Peter's Church and Hospital, cont.

The women of St. Peter's Church continued their close association with the hospital over the next six decades or so, organizing an annual charity ball as well as the Henrietta Brewer Memorial Tea. The tea was initiated in 1904 by Henrietta's close friend, Mrs. H.G. McIntire, who invited Henrietta's other close friends to her home for a linen and jelly shower—or gifts of cash—with the hospital the recipient. Upon Mrs. McIntire's death, her daughter and the newly organized Junior Cathedral Guild took up the tradition in 1929.

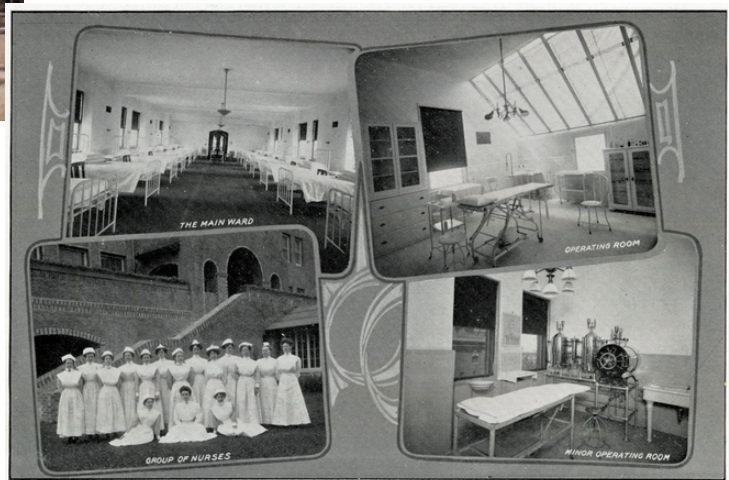
Over time, the Henrietta Brewer Memorial Tea expanded to include hostesses and guests of other religious denominations with St. Peter's nursery the beneficiary of the tea's proceeds. The last mention of the Henrietta Brewer Memorial Tea appears in a 1972 Independent Record article when it was hosted by Mrs. A.T. (Margaret) Hibbard whose home was just a couple of blocks from St. Peter's Cathedral.

None of this would have been possible, however, without one Henrietta Brewer “[who] undertook the work of establishing a hospital in Helena, a work which she carried from its very beginning with unselfish devotion, unflagging zeal and dauntless faith. In spite of many discouragements and drawbacks she saw her faith and zeal rewarded by fruition.”



Above: 1910 Henrietta Brewer Memorial Building, Cass Gilbert at left and St. Peter's Hospital at right. Kennon Baird Collection

Right: Interior views of 1910 Henrietta Brewer Memorial Building, Kennon Baird Collection



News from Around the Diocese

2025 Diocesan Convention News

Resolutions: All three resolutions were passed as they were presented on the diocesan website. Creating a permanent Commission on the Dignity of Every Human Being, Clarifying Leadership Roles of Deacons in Congregations, and Migration with Dignity - Not Hate, not Mass Deportation, Not Silence

St. Peter's Members Serving the Diocese

Starting service: Disciplinary Board: elected to the full three-year term is Melinda Schell

Concluding service: thanks to the following for serving on the various Diocesan Committees: Rev. Rick Johnson (Finance), Hope Stockwell (Commission on Ministry)



EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MONTANA
CURSILLO
“Lord, make us instruments of your peace...”
St Francis of Assisi

SAVE THE DATE!

EPISCOPAL CURSILLO # ???
APRIL 17-19, 2026
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The Very Rev. Steve Brehe appointed to the Commission of Ministry

Bishop Marty Stebbins has appointed the Very Rev. Stephen Brehe to the Commission of Ministry, which is an advisory body to the bishop that assists in the process of selecting and forming individuals for ministry, both ordained and lay. Its duties include developing training, overseeing recruitment and discernment, and affirming lay ministries, while also providing resources for spiritual growth and support for clergy. Before his retirement in 2010, he served as chair.

News from Around the Diocese



Montana 250

As is true for all states, Montana is celebrating that in 2026, the United States will mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Go to Montana250.org to read more about how Montana is gearing up to commemorate this significant milestone. The Montana 250th Commission has a clear goal: to foster civic engagement and raise awareness of both United States and Montana history, including the stories of Tribal nations.

Montana Reads: The Treasure State's Book Club

This is a monthly online book discussion that will cover topics and figures from United States, Montana, and Tribal history.

All “Montana Reads” events will be held by Zoom 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

The authors of each respective book have agreed to join the conversation live. To register for events, visit <https://mths.mt.gov/education/community-events>. Or, visit [Montana 250, Our Programs](#). You will then be sent a Zoom link for that individual event. You don't have to attend every event, and you don't even have to have read the book, though you might want to!

The schedule is:

- Nov. 13 – *"Founding Partisans: Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson, Adams and the Brawling Birth of American Politics"* by H.W. Brands
- Dec. 11 – *"The Boston Massacre: A Family History"* by Serena Zabin
- Jan. 8 – *"American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America"* by Colin Woodard
- Feb. 12 - *"The Remarkable Cause: A Novel of James Lovell and the Crucible of the Revolution"* by Jean C. O'Connor
- March 12 – *"A History of Montana in 101 Places: Sites and Stories from the Montana Historical Society"*
- April 9 – *"One Vast Winter Count: The Native American West before Lewis and Clark"* by Colin G. Calloway

Ministries and Outreach

Christmas at Bargain Basement



Our Christmas room will open on November 1st at 10:30. This is one of our biggest events of the year. We will accept Christmas items now, please make sure they are in good shape and clean. We can't accept large trees as we do not have the space for them. We hope that you will come in and see what wonderful items we have for you. Remember one box or one bag at a time please due to our small space. Thank you for your continued support.



Flippers Sundays – the 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.

Homeless children in our area

The following information is taken from a recent communication from Rex Weltz, Helena School District Superintendent: "We have started the school year with our highest ever number of students who do not have a permanent home address - 320. This is 110 more than last year at this point in time.

With the leadership of Michele Zentz, our district is working with community organizations to support the unique needs of these students and their families. When asked to weigh in on what was most needed at the moment, Michele indicated that donations of bath towels and rice cookers would be welcomed and that anyone interested in dropping off items could reach her at 406-324-1635. Folks who are interested in donating their time can contact Amy with local non-profit Amy's Mess (amys.mess@yahoo.com) to volunteer to help with home cooked meals for families living in places that don't have cooking facilities."

Ministries and Outreach



Social Concerns Meetings – Social Concerns Meetings – Come join us as we meet once a month, usually the 2nd Thursday at 5:15 p.m. 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. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 5:15 p.m.



Helping our YWCA neighbors – St Peter's will be collecting the food items on Sunday, November 2nd and 9, 2025 to help YWCA residents. The YWCA currently houses 14 women and three teenagers and are in the process of bringing in four more. The following items will be most helpful: bread, skim milk (qt and ½ gallons), spaghetti sauce, canned chili and soup, cup of noodles, K-Cup coffee pods, frozen items that are easy to prepare (fruit, waffles, lasagna, chicken pot pies, pizza, chicken patties, burritos, hot pockets, meatballs in packages of 6 with heating instructions), 1 lb packages of hamburger, grocery gift cards (any amount, any store)



Food Share

5:15 pm Monday, November 10, 2025 – Enter through the side entrance of 1282 Boulder Ave to help as we put together boxes of food for the mobile pantry. The boxes will be distributed by Food Share to places like (M.E. Anderson Apartments, Guardian Apartments, etc) where folks live that may not be able to make it to the pantry. Please put it on your calendar to help build kids packs on April 28, 2026.

God's Love Serving Ministry



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

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 4:15 – 6:00 p.m.

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Family 1 – Family 1 – Dad(45) and 2 sons (4 & 7). Dad has been doing odd jobs and is looking for work. He is working on a new parenting plan and time management skills.

Family 2 – Mom, Dad, son(6) and two daughters(4, 1)

are staying at First Christian Church (FCC) due to the children's high needs. They continue to work on getting the middle child into a pre K program since HeadStart does not have the resources available to meet her needs. The oldest is enrolled in school. The family has a vehicle. Dad is working through Express Employment. His resume has been updated, and he is applying for other work. Mom has been watching youngest daughter during the day while they try to find suitable childcare.

Family 3 — Dad and 4 year old son. Dad has purchased his own vehicle and is working on figuring out a more sustainable work schedule, while he saves for an apartment. Dad is working on enforcing the in place parenting plan and hoping for reunification in the near future. He recently had a job interview with a construction company which pays better. Dad's work schedule has decreased some so he will be able to be at First Christian by 9 pm.

Family 4 –We have a new family Mom and three children (7,5, & 4). Mom has children 50/50 split between her and their father, rotating ever Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Mom is working as an interior designer and personal trainer. She is currently without a vehicle but is working hard and utilizing lots of resources. The kids all have childcare.

Please continue to pray for FP families as they tackle some pretty tough circumstances, for FP volunteers, staff and Board.

Upcoming Family Promise events:

Winter Craft & Bake Sale - Family Promise will hold winter craft markets at First Christian Church on the following dates:

- November 1, 2025 9am-1pm
- November 15, 2025 9am-1pm
- December 13, 2025 9am-1pm
- January 10, 2026 9am-1pm
- February 7, 2026 9am-1pm
- March 7, 2026 9am-1pm

We are invited to bake and sell baked goods. If you are interested, please contact Donna Church (406) 439-6811.

St Peter's upcoming 2025 host week: November 16-23, 2025

December 7, 2025 – **Floridis Concert** St Paul's 4:00-5:30 pm

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

Donna Church (406)439-6811, Maggie Stockwell (406) 465-0707, Tammy Andridge at (406)465-5976

Chapter News



The dates for the November and December chapter meetings have been changed to accommodate holiday travel. The November meeting has been changed from November 25 to November 18 at 5:15 and the December meeting has been changed from December 23 to December 16 at 5:15.

2026 Annual Meeting Date Updated: Sunday, January 25th following the Service – note this is a week later than previously announced.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

The rear & side doors will be locked just prior to the start of our service at the Cathedral, all who arrive after that time will need to enter through the main front double doors (off Park Avenue).

Call for New Chapter Members:

This is a volunteer leadership position that serves with other Chapter members to deliver our Mission of “Loving God, and our Neighbor; And make Disciples for Christ” at St Peter’s Cathedral and within our broader community of Helena/Montana. We are in need of people to step forward and bring ideas and energy along with them. Please talk with the Dean, Wardens, or any of the other Chapter members if you have questions or are interested in stepping forward.

Cathedral Keepers:

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

Chapter News: Junior Warden

November is the month in which we gather together on Thanksgiving to enjoy our family/friends. As part of our Stewardship efforts, we will be giving thanks this month and showing how WE together make our Mission of “Loving God, and our Neighbor; And make Disciples for Christ” happen at St Peter’s Cathedral and within our broader community of Helena/Montana. Look for an area of our many ministries to be highlighted weekly that shows our Mission in Action and a special treat during our coffee hours after the service.

I would also like to highlight several aspects of our buildings and grounds for you:

Organ – the regular maintenance and repair of our trumpets has been completed.

Security – We continue to make enhancements to our buildings and safety practices as part of our activities. IMPORTANT REMINDER: rear & side doors will be locked just prior to the start of our service at the Cathedral, all who arrive after that time will need to enter through the main front double doors (off Park Avenue).

Service Streaming – We continue to enhance the technology that supports our Worship Service. We have been testing Zoom instead of Facebook Live for several Sundays to determine its effectiveness. Your continued patience and feedback are appreciated as we learn to make our in person and online viewing experience better for all.

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Thank you to the many people who helped with big and small projects this month – whether it was shoveling snow, trimming/hauling damaged limbs, installing a needed handrail, cleaning/dusting in areas that need TLC, reporting problems that need addressing, hauling materials from our storeroom, etc. Thank you for helping!

You are always welcome to discuss any and all building/property items with me.
Chris Boyce, JW

Birthdays

Ralph Kraayeveld, November 1
Helen Morrison, November 3
Walter Brewer III, November 4
Aubrey Curtis, November 4
Charlotte Eskildsen, November 6
Bill Olsen, November 7
Jeannine Juhnke, November 9
Jean O'Connor, November 9
Sara Argabright, November 11
Laura Brown, November 13
Scott Lockwood, November 14
Donna Church, November 16
Sara Johnson, November 16
Ken Liston, November 17
Hal Jacobson, November 19
Everett March, November 19
Vera Towery, November 20
Scott Leak, November 27

Anniversaries

Steven & Catherine Scott, November 6
Scott & Jeannine Juhnke, November 8
Jeff & Vicky Tiberi, November 17
Stan & Anne Wilmoth, November 24

Let Us Pray

The Church: for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Marty, our Bishop; for Kendra our Interim Rector; for the Togendowagan Society, Darcy and Dan, their Elders; and for St. Patrick's, Big Fork; Donnel O'Flynn, their Rector.

The Government: for Donald, our President; for Greg, our Governor; for Congress, especially Tim, Steve, Ryan and Troy. Also, for Kelly, Vickie, and Wilmot, 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, Ray, Kathy J., Dick, Bob D, Gene, Janet, Sarah,

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

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