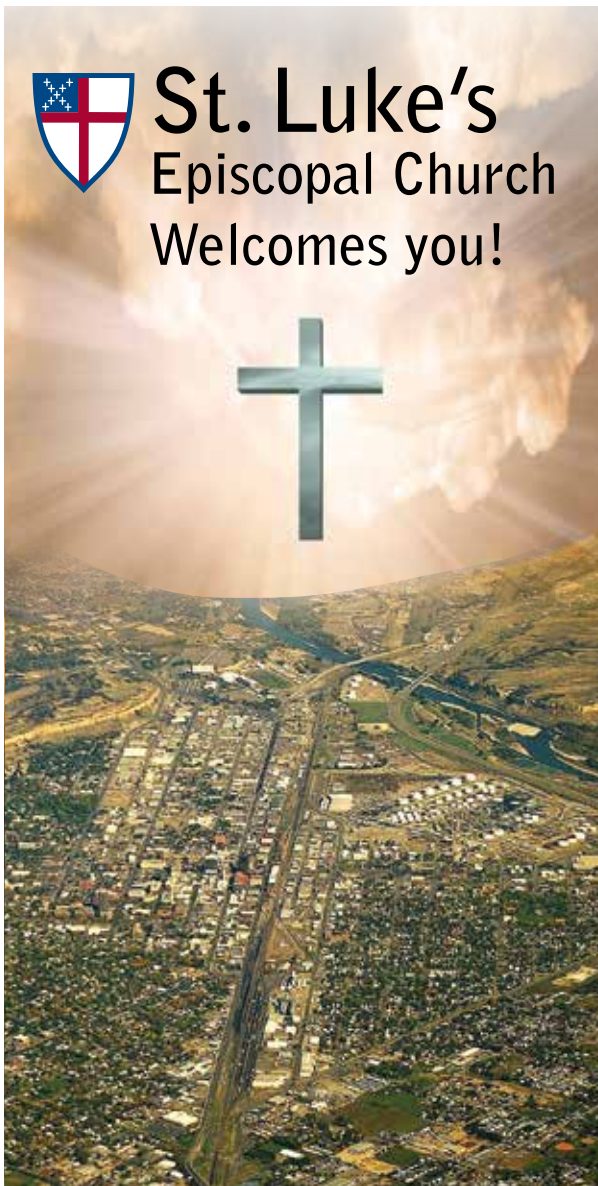




St. Luke's Episcopal Church Welcomes you!



BILLINGS + MONTANA

St. Luke's is the oldest existing church building in Billings. A traveling priest conducted the first Episcopal service in the fall of 1882. From the original wooden structure built in 1886 to our present stone building, St. Luke's has had a presence in downtown Billings.

- The cornerstone for our present building was laid in October 1905.
- Cardwell Hall was added to the church in 1941 and the first floor of Memorial Hall, where the offices, chapel and library are located, was completed in 1964.
- A second floor education area was finished in 1966.
- We renovated the second floor in 2003 to open a preschool, St. Luke's Child Enrichment Center.
- St. Luke's is replacing the roof and working with architects to make our building handicapped accessible.



We celebrate our faith through the beauty and mystery of the liturgy. We are open to a variety of liturgical styles and practices. We offer a midday Eucharist on Wednesday, a Saturday evening Eucharist and a Sunday morning Eucharist that includes music.

Our congregation is diverse and includes doctors, lawyers, business leaders, engineers, teachers and retirees. We seek to be a place where people of all ages and from all walks of life feel valued and find a spiritual home.



We honor our past, and seek to meet the challenges of being a downtown church in a growing community, and to share the good news of Christ.



Above: Chapel time for preschoolers
 Left: Sharing the Gospel during Sunday Eucharist
 Right: Fellowship while making sandwiches for the Montana Rescue Mission



Billings as seen 100 years ago. Since then the city has grown to be the largest in Montana and home to 10 percent of its population.



Billings, Montana, is a destination city with the amenities of a large metropolitan center, but surrounded by beautiful landscapes. We are roughly equal distance (a day's drive) from Minneapolis, Seattle, Calgary and Denver. Rapid growth is providing a unique opportunity for the church to minister to the expanding community.

Billings is accessible. It sits at the junction of I-90 and I-94 and our airport is served by several airlines. The downtown area is bordered by striking sandstone cliffs (the Rims) on the north side and the Yellowstone River to the south. Billings is a shopping hub with many national chain stores and a variety of local business shopping options. We are close to mountain ski resorts, camping and hiking areas, hot springs, Yellowstone National Park, historical sites and many fresh water fishing opportunities. Camp Marshall, our diocesan camp, is located on Flathead Lake, not far from Glacier National Park. Montana's diverse landscape offers High Plains to forests and mountains. Billings sits in the "banana belt" of southern Montana. Snowy periods are often followed by warm chinook winds and sunny skies. Our low humidity makes for pleasant summers.

You understand the meaning of "Big Sky Country" by being able to look from horizon to horizon. On a crisp day you can see six mountain ranges.

Montana State University Billings, Rocky Mountain College and City College offer great educational opportunities. We have the Yellowstone Art Museum and many smaller museums, a new library, a semi-pro baseball team and new baseball field, along with a recently renovated arena and fairgrounds that attract nationally known entertainers. The Alberta Bair Theater hosts traveling musicals, comics, the Billings Symphony and variety shows. Other cultural attractions include the Nova Center for the Performing Arts, and several live theater companies. Billings has a summer blues festival, farmers' market and a huge classic car parade and show each fall. From rodeos to ballets, Billings has something for everyone. ✚

Below left: Stained glass in the Sanctuary representing St. Luke. Below middle: Many generations count St. Luke's as their home church like this grandmother and granddaughter.



BILLINGS, MONTANA ✚ FAST FACTS

Demographics

Population estimate	109,059
Persons under 5 years	7.0%
Persons under 18 years	22.6%
Persons 65 years and over	15.0%
Female persons	51.7%
White alone	89.6%
Black or African American alone	0.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	4.4%
Asian alone	0.7%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander alone	0.1%
Two or More Races	2.9%
Hispanic or Latino	5.2%
Living in same house 1 year & over	80.0%
Foreign born persons	1.8%
Language other than English spoken at home	4.4%
High school graduate or higher, age 25+	92.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher, age 25+	30.5%
Veterans	9,530
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.3
Housing units	46,317
Homeownership rate	63.3%
Housing units in multi-unit structures	25.8%
Median value of owner-occupied housing	\$180,900
Households	44,134
Persons per household	2.39
Per capita income in past 12 months (2013)	\$27,544
Median household income	\$48,908
Persons below poverty level	4.1%

Business Fast Facts

Total number of firms	11,697
Manufacturers shipments (\$1000)	10,638,145
Merchant wholesaler sales (\$1000)	2,225,969
Retail sales (\$1000)	2,406,272
Retail sales per capita definition	\$23,638
Accommodation and food services sales (\$1000)	335,832

Geography Fast Facts

Land area in square miles	43.41
Persons per square mile	2,399.5

Affordable housing, a growing school system and many city parks make Billings family friendly. With two major hospitals, a veterans hospital, cancer treatment centers, heart centers and many medical specialists, our medical corridor serves a three-state area.



Above: Billings from the Rimrocks, looking east. Katherine Welles © Thinkstock, a division of Getty Images.