

## Jan = Christmas, Feb = Montana, Apr = Holy Week

2025 started out with us being snowed-in for our first worship service of the year! Between bad weather and illness, our family Christmas celebration was postponed to January 25, just days before we got in the car and drove to Montana for Nate to officiate a member's wedding.

Back at home, Nate has been preaching through the minor prophets (see our [website for the commentary](#) he's writing) and teaching new-member classes and men's discipleship studies for our church, as well as Artios seminars and Biblical language studies for church leaders in the area.

Meanwhile, Paula got re-certified in neonatal resuscitation and has been teaching [childbirth classes](#) to lots of local couples – when she's not hosting married kids and church groups and community dances!

Holy Week was a highlight for us as we performed a short classical concert of Easter music for a homeschool group, hosted a Passover-themed church dinner, and helped with a special evening service for Resurrection Day. That week we also produced a recording of a new Easter hymn composed by our children. Look for "[Carol of Christ](#)" by the Kansan Celts on YouTube! (While you're at it, also queue up "[You Are](#)" by Grace Anne – her best song yet, born out of the painful struggles surrounding "Baby Jane's" health journey – also available on Spotify and iTunes.)

Please pray for new church members to integrate well, for spiritual growth among those we are discipling, for fruitfulness in raising up church leaders, and for guidance as we plan a mission trip to Africa (details TBA).



Nate & Paula on their  
35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



Nate officiating a  
wedding in Montana



Church dinner on Good Friday



Alé, Grace, & Peter accom-  
panying Easter hymn-sing

## June = Wedding!

Things have been hopping on the family front, too. The top news is that Ty Peterson asked our daughter Hope to marry him, and their wedding is June 7. If you haven't gotten an invite but would like to attend the wedding, please let us know! (See <https://withjoy.com/ty-and-hope>) Ty is the brother of Hope Peterson, who married our son Peter several years ago, so our families already knew each other well. Now we are looking forward to confusing everyone with a new Hope Peterson! Hope also totaled her car in a highway accident, but walked away without a scratch. Praise God for His protection!



Ty Peterson & Hope Victoria  
engaged! Wedding June 7



The house that Ty  
is building for Hope



Paula & Maggie say goodbye to  
Mom Shetter after 4 month visit  
recovering from hip surgery



Jed shows off his  
learner's permit!



Nate gets to know new  
granddaughter Thia

## Kid's Corner: Betsy

This past year has come with lots of change and new responsibility, but it's been great! The big highlights were playing multiple seasons in the Manhattan Youth Symphony and Manhattan Symphony Orchestra, enjoying time with nieces/nephews (25 and counting!), taking a plane ride for the first time (by myself!) after staying with Josh & Jandi to help out when their youngest was born, and getting my full driver's license! I took over the role of church administrator for our church, which has taken up a lot of my time outside of school, but I enjoy it and have been learning lots of helpful skills! Besides that, in my spare time I have really enjoyed getting to be

more involved in Hope and Ty's relationship than I had been with any of my other siblings' engagements. It's been super fun to help them build their house and just get to hang out and get to know Ty better! Another cool experience this year was when Aletheia, Jed and I did Teenpact this spring! It was super interesting to be in our capitol actually talking with our representatives and judges; I really enjoyed learning more about how government works and making new friends! Please pray for me as I learn how to have a good balance of school, work, and socializing with friends, and for me to continue to grow closer to the Lord and seek Him fully.



- Praise God for the birth of Thia to Beni & Rachel! Please pray for our 3 daughters/daughters-in-law who are currently expecting, and keep praying for Baby Jane (and her parents, Grace Anne & Brian), as she continues to struggle with her genetic disorder.
- Praise God for healing Nate's jaw so he can eat normally again, and praise God for a good recovery after Paula's mom's injury (she is back at home in NC). Could you pray now for healing for Paula's foot that is suffering from plantar fasciitis?
- The Hispanic church plant didn't work out, and our church building expansion is on hold, but keep praying for the discipleship of young believers and the development of church leadership.
- Pray for God's blessings on Betsy (see Kid's Corner)!

**Our household at Mount Rushmore.**

