

CANTERBURY FELLOWSHIP

2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Meet our leadership team!



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Who we are



Canterbury Fellowship is a community of young adults dedicated to exploring and deepening our faith together. While our roots are in the Episcopal tradition, we welcome individuals from all backgrounds to join us on this journey. We are a community of seekers, new believers, and lifelong Christians. For us, the deep questions about life, death, and God are not only welcome but encouraged. We seek to encounter and embody God's love - sharing the Good News to Laramie and living out our faith in meaningful ways, especially by building community, prayer, and service to others.

We gather Tuesday evenings to share a meal and to worship God through conversation, prayer, song, and the practice of hospitality. On Thursday's we meet for "Under Construction" a small group where folks are safe to deconstruct and reconstruct their faith. Many of us attend church on Sundays at St. Matthew's Episcopal Cathedral in downtown Laramie. About once a month, we meet at other times for service projects, game nights, hikes, and so much more! Stay connected on our socials for updates.

We are committed to the belief that God loves everyone, no exceptions. All of us are made in God's image, our diversity reflects God's universal love. People of all genders, sexual orientations, and backgrounds are welcome at Canterbury Fellowship. We hope that you'll join us!

Testimony from Students & Young Adults

“**Canterbury is a really special place that just brought and has continued to bring a lot of joy into my life, and I hope that anybody who comes here feels that same way, the community and the love, and seeing Christ in a different light than maybe you've seen in the past, and to be open to those types of experiences.**

— Myra F.

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“**I feel like God's working through Canterbury [Fellowship] by helping us create a place where everyone's welcome. Regardless of someone's background, sexual orientation, gender, or just even personal beliefs, everyone is welcome here, and I think that's super rare... [At Canterbury] I don't feel like an Outsider**

— Calla S.

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A Year in Numbers



17.4

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
AT PRIMARY GATHERING
(DURING SCHOOL YEAR)



7

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
AT PRIMARY GATHERING
(DURING THE SUMMER)



4

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
AT BIBLE STUDY



1000+

MEALS SHARED
TOGETHER



81+

OF EVENTS
HOSTED



7

NUMBER OF
CONFIRMATIONS



1

NUMBER OF
ORDINATIONS



1

NUMBER OF
WEDDINGS



1

FALL RETREAT WITH
OUR MINISTRY PARTNERS
IN COLORADO
(AT CU BOULDER,
UNC GREELEY, AND CSU)



11

NUMBER OF PEOPLE
THAT SURVIVED A
HISTORICAL FLOOD
IN HAWAII



15

KIDS IN NEED THAT RECEIVED
CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM
CANTERBURY FELLOWSHIP



350+

POUNDS OF TRASH
COLLECTED ALONG
LARAMIE RIVER



805

OF MEALS PROVIDED
TO CHILDREN IN
PALESTINE



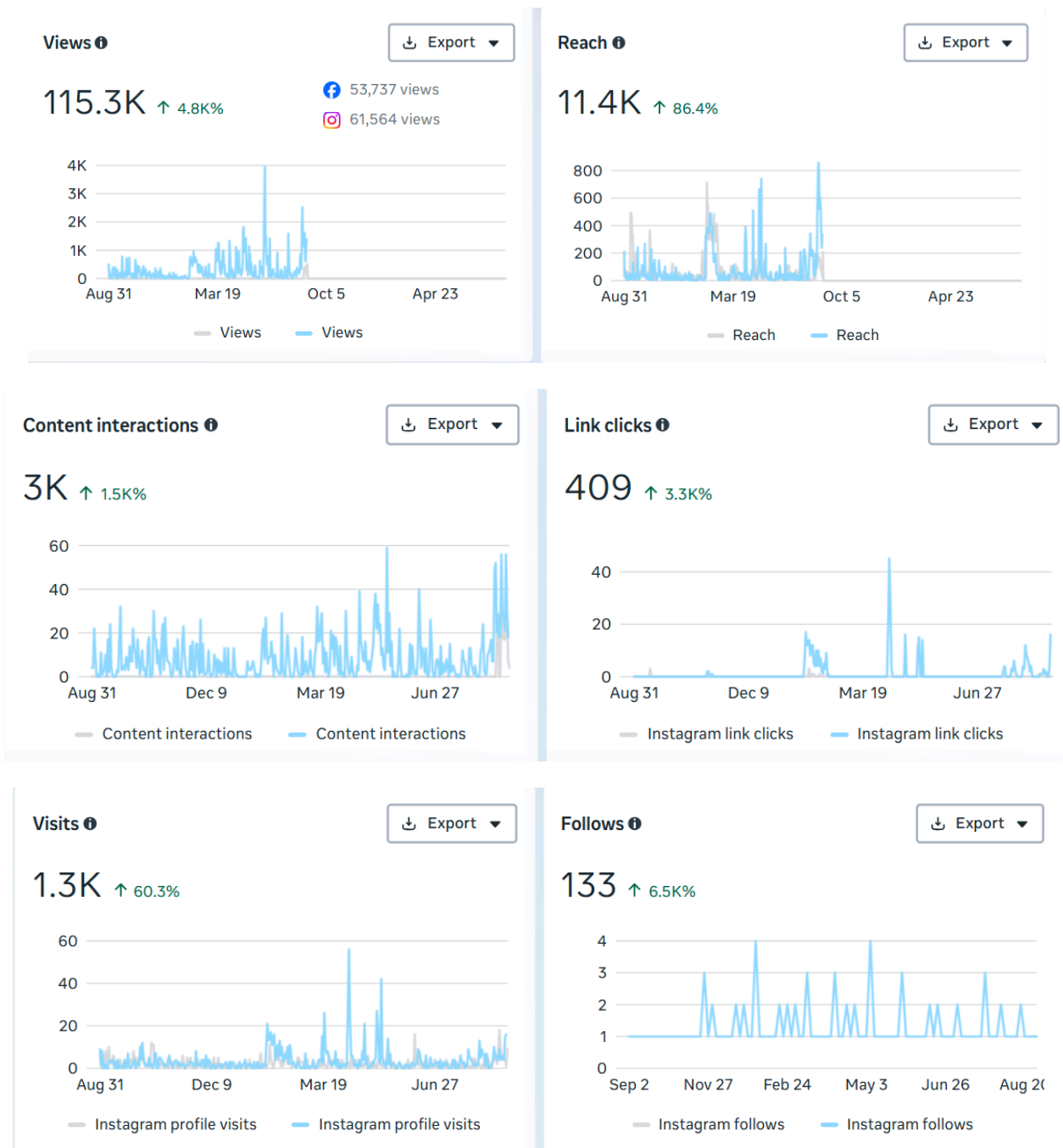
\$5,000

DOLLARS GIVEN TO
THE POKES FOODSHARE
PANTRY

Social Media

Below you will see data from Meta Business Suite comparing our social media engagement from August 2024–August 2025 with August 2025–August 2026. As you can see, Canterbury has experienced exponential growth in both views and followers, along with growth across every other major engagement metric.

While social media remains one way that we connect with students, we are also seeing more and more students go a off-the-grid when it comes to social media. Because of this, we are beginning to think about the purpose of our social media presence a little differently. Increasingly, it is a avenue for telling the story of Canterbury to the wider Diocese, letting people know what is happening here, and inviting them to share in the life of our community.



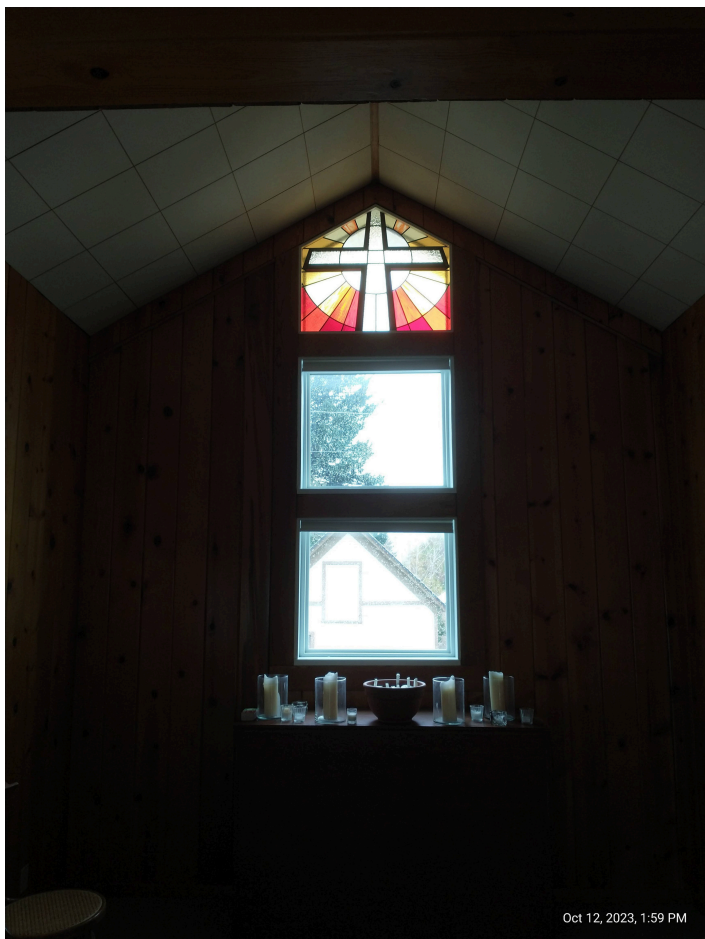
Building Updates

For many years, the stained-glass window behind the altar at Canterbury House remained unfinished. When we recently reached out to a stained-glass artist in Northern Colorado, we were surprised to learn that she had actually completed the glass panes for Canterbury House years ago. Somewhere along the way, through various leadership transitions, the project had simply been forgotten.

We are deeply grateful to the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming for helping cover the cost of the labor that had already been completed. We also extend a very special thank-you to Dave Bray and Taimi Kuiva, who provided the seed funding needed to bring this project to completion and, even more generously, who personally installed the windows themselves!

After 75 years, the vision for the stained glass at Canterbury House is finally complete. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who played a part in bringing this long-awaited project to fruition and helping us complete this beautiful piece of Canterbury House's history.

Before



After



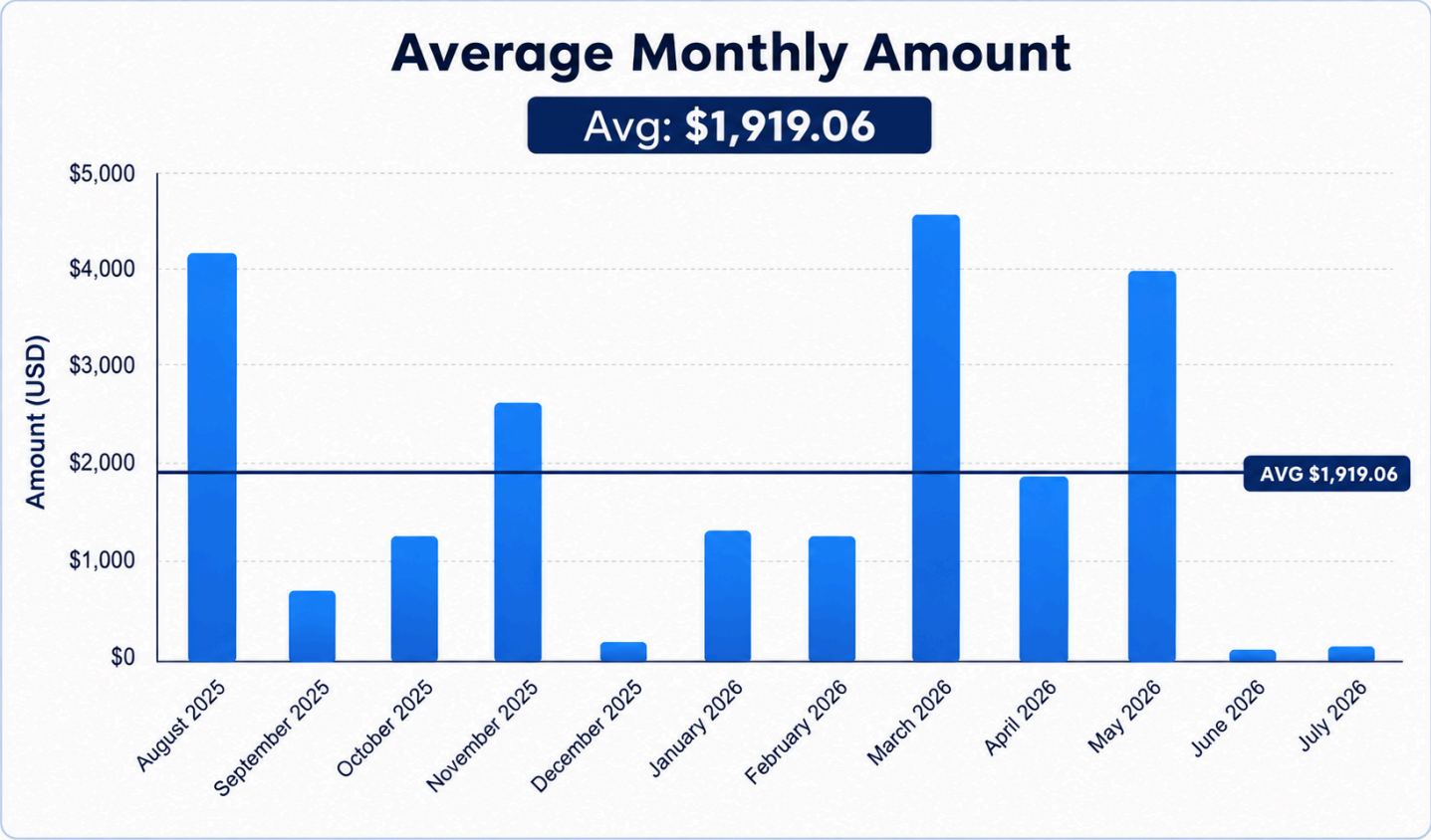
Financial Report by Category

(Please note that these figures reflect only expenses charged to the Canterbury Fellowship credit card. Other expenses, such as staffing and utilities, are not included in our accounting record. Please contact Melissa Anderson for this information.)

Category	Amount Spent
Worship/Programming	\$3,327.29
Primary Gathering - Food	\$3,286.15
Spring Break Service Trip	\$3,185.44
Building/Grounds	\$3,144.07
Marketing/Outreach	\$1,828.55
Continuing Education	\$1,420.95
General Hospitality	\$1,349.33
Ordination Related Expenses	\$930.00
Diocesan Convention	\$799.91
Pastoral Care Visits	\$774.06
Special Events	\$550.44
Diocesan Pre-Convention	\$372.34
Miscellaneous	\$352.37
Shrove Tuesday	\$349.41
Office Supplies	\$331.67
Bible Study	\$306.20
Graduation Festivities	\$268.12
Community Partnerships	\$162.13
Confirmation Retreat	\$159.05
Community Service Supplies	\$92.38
Leadership Team Meetings	\$38.92
TOTAL FOR YEAR	\$23,028.78

Financial Report by Month

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Dreams for Next Year

Continue the Good Work

The most important thing we can do next year is keep doing what we are doing.

It is tempting, especially in ministry, to believe that we always need something new: a new program, a new initiative, a bigger event, a more ambitious project. But this type of innovation is not necessarily where the life of Canterbury is found. Our novelty is not found in our projects, but in who shows up.

Every year, Canterbury Fellowship becomes a new community. Students graduate, new students arrive, friendships change, leaders come and go, and the particular needs of our campus community shift. What remains is our commitment to being a place where students can find community, ask difficult questions, encounter God, serve their neighbors, and discover that the Church has a place for them.

Our primary dream for the coming year, then, is not simply to become something else, or try something new. It is to remain. We want to be a steady, faithful, and consistent presence in the lives of students and in the wider Laramie community. We want Canterbury to be a place that students can count on, year after year, even as the people who make up our congregation continually change.

At the same time, we do see several opportunities that could help expand the breadth and depth of our current ministry.

I. Launch Internship Program

This year, Canterbury will welcome a Campus Ministry Intern for the first time since 2020, when the program was interrupted by the pandemic. We continue to believe deeply in investing in young people, and we see this internship primarily as a year of discernment. It offers an opportunity to explore gifts, experience different forms of ministry, develop as a leader, learn practical skills, and prayerfully consider where God may be calling them next. Whether that leads to ordained ministry, lay ministry, nonprofit work, education, or something else entirely, we hope the experience helps each intern better understand who they are and how they are called to serve in the rest of their life.

Ethan Winstead, currently a Nominee for Ordination to the Priesthood, will be our first intern. We are grateful for the ways he has helped us imagine what this position can become. Our hope is to establish the internship as a lasting part of Canterbury Fellowship, welcoming a new student or recent graduate each year.

The intern will live in Canterbury's basement apartment and help care for our building and gathering spaces. More importantly, their presence will help make Canterbury feel like a home rather than simply a place where programs happen. Through hospitality, relationships, and the ordinary rhythms of daily life, the intern will help bring life and energy to our community.

Having this internship program will also allow Canterbury to do more of what we do best: being present and meeting students where they are.

2. Reinvigorate "Canterbury Tales" Speaker Series & bring Fr. Greg Boyle to Campus

An idea generated by one of our Student Leaders, we plan to bring Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, to the University of Wyoming for a public conversation about faith, reconciliation, community, and the work of loving our neighbors. Our tentative date is the first week of May 2027. Fr. Boyle is an inspiration to many of our students, and we believe his message will resonate deeply with the wider UW community.

We are co-hosting this event with several of our ecumenical partners on campus to making this event an opportunity for the broader Christian community at UW to come together around a shared commitment to human dignity and the common good.

This will be an important opportunity to strengthen our connections across campus and reach students, faculty, and staff we might not otherwise encounter. More than simply a stand alone event, we hope it will

challenge and inspire people to practice greater compassion and to see that Christianity is not only about right belief, but about putting our faith into action.

3. **Affordable Housing Initiative**

Over the past several years, Canterbury Fellowship has found a strong rhythm in the life of our worshipping community. As our inreach has grown, we have begun asking what outreach might look like in this next season. Through our *Love Thy Neighbor* and *Feed the Hungry* grants, we have supported local efforts to address food insecurity, including helping pay off student lunch debt and supporting Pokes Pantry. At the same time, we recognized that Laramie already has a strong network of organizations addressing hunger. So we began asking students a different question: What is the greatest unmet need for students in Laramie?

The answer we heard repeatedly was affordable and safe housing. This led Ethan and I to explore several models of Episcopal and ecumenical student housing. We were particularly encouraged by a program operated by LuMin at Colorado State University. Rather than owning property, LuMin partners with local landlords to subsidize rent for approximately 10–20 students each year, prioritizing low-income and first-generation students. Students contribute toward their rent, while the ministry covers the remaining cost through grants and donations. Participants also gather for a weekly community meal and opportunities for mentorship and education. Importantly, participation does not require students to be Christian or involved in the worshipping community.

We believe this model could potentially be adapted for Laramie without requiring Canterbury to become a landlord. With lower housing costs in Laramie and our existing relationships with the University of Wyoming and local community, there may be meaningful opportunities to explore. For now, this remains a conversation and discernment rather than a proposal for a finished program. At its heart, we believe this could be a natural extension of Canterbury's mission of accompanying young adults through a formative and often difficult season of life while attending to both their spiritual and physical needs. We look forward to continuing this conversation with the Diocese and our community in the coming year.

About CSU's Program

- [LuMin CSU: Student Housing Security Initiative](#)
- [Living Lutheran: Accompanying a Hidden Community](#)
- [KUNC: Student Housing Security in Fort Collins](#)

4. **Launch Episcopal Service Corps in Laramie**

It is our hope to establish an Episcopal Service Corps program in Laramie, Wyoming, building on the good work begun by Christ Church Cody through On Sacred Ground-Wyoming Service Corps. We envision a young adult community adjacent yet integrated into the life of Canterbury Fellowship, sharing in weekly meals, prayer, worship, and the broader rhythms of campus ministry.

At the same time, Service Corps members would spend their year serving beyond Canterbury and Laramie. They will travel throughout the Diocese to support diocesan ministries and local congregations, while also partnering with local nonprofits and community organizations as is the model of ESC. In this way, the program could serve as both a ministry of Canterbury and a resource for the wider Diocese.

Laramie offers several practical advantages for this vision. Its public transportation system and proximity to Denver International Airport provide greater access to the rest of the state and region, helping to mitigate some of the isolation that can accompany service in Wyoming. We believe Laramie can provide a strong home base from which young adults can build community, engage in meaningful service, and participate in the life of the Church across Wyoming.

5. **Addressing Deferred Building Maintenance**

One of our dreams for the coming year is to take care of the building that makes so much of our ministry possible. As part of the Diocese's Capital Expenditure Initiative, we will have a better idea of what repairs and improvements need to be made. We have not yet seen the official inspection, but we already expect that a new roof will likely be one of the larger projects. We also have two outdated/dysfunctional restrooms in the basement that need to be addressed. We do not need five active commodes at Canterbury, and we would like to explore converting one of the bathrooms into a private shower area. A shower would also improve our ability to host other campus ministry groups, retreat groups, and other guests. Having a place for people to shower would make it much easier for groups to stay at Canterbury overnight.

With Gratitude

Commission on Ministry

For providing continuing education grants that allow our students to participate in our Spring Break Service Trip.

Sargent Foundation

For their incredible generosity, which makes it possible for us to have a Campus Ministry Intern for the coming year.

Diocesan Staff

For helping us maintain our books, navigate the administrative side of ministry, and keep everything legitimate and above board.

The Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming

For supporting our community partnerships through the *Love Thy Neighbor* and *Feed the Hungry* Grants.

St. Barnabas, Saratoga

For welcoming us to the Agape House each year for Confirmation and Advent Retreats, and for providing a place where our students can gather, rest, and grow together.

Christ Church, Cody

For faithfully sending Finals Week care packages and handwritten letters to our students. These small acts of love mean so much, especially when students are far from home.

The Women of St. Peter's, Sheridan

For their generous annual donation and continued support of our ministry.

St. Matthew's Cathedral, Laramie

For everything. We could not do what we do without our shared life together, and we are deeply grateful for the ways you support, encourage, and walk alongside Canterbury Fellowship.

Bishop John Smylie

For traveling to Laramie as we dedicated the stained-glass window in your and Jill's honor, and for graciously stepping in at the last minute to lead the Confirmation Service when Bishop Todd Ousley was unable to attend.

Camp Mokulē'ia (Hawaii)

For hosting us during our Alternative Spring Break Trip, embodying Christian hospitality in all you do, and going above and beyond to keep our students safe during the Kona Low storm.

Everyone Across the Diocese of Wyoming

For your ever-present prayers, encouragement, generosity, and support.

Some Snapshots of the Year









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