



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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TOWARD MORE MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

Submitted by Interim Pastor Tom Lurvey

If you sometimes visit the worship services of other churches, you know there is a wide variety of ways that Christians worship.

Some churches, such as Roman Catholic and Anglican and most Lutheran Churches, practice what is called "liturgical worship". "Liturgy" comes from a Greek word *leitourgia*, meaning "the work of the people". When applied to worship it means the acts of praise and prayer and ritual are done, not just by a priest who does everything while the people simply watch and listen, but by the whole gathering. In our practice it often takes the form of a back-and-forth conversation between the worship leader and the whole body of worshippers.

Liturgical churches typically have a structured form that is followed in most every worship service. So-called "non-liturgical" churches, such as Mennonite and Pentecostal and others, want their worship to be less structured and more spontaneous. In the Eastern-rite churches, such as the Orthodox and Coptic traditions, many of the acts of worship are done by the priest on behalf of the people.

While there still is a lot of variety among and within the liturgical churches—music, the wording of the prayers, the distribution of communion, etc.—our worship follows a pattern. In simplest terms, in our worship God **gathers** us, God **speaks** to us, God **feeds** us, and God **sends** us out. While we sometimes call our worship a "service", it is not primarily we who serve God, but *God who serves us*: in the gathering, speaking, feeding and sending.

When you come to worship, know that it is God working in your life. Yes, *we also do things*, but we act in response to God's gracious acts of love.

Is one style of worship better than other? No. All Christians experience God working in their lives. We all believe in Jesus. We all express our faith differently. The reality of creation is that we are all different. God works differently in each person's life. We all can worship in ways that are meaningful to us.



The next **St. Peter's Eaters** breakfast will be on Sat, Nov 28, 2026 at 8AM in the church basement. It's a men's breakfast group to which all men are invited for food and fellowship. If you plan on coming, please sign up on the bulletin board at the back of the church or contact the church office by phone (204.775.6477) or email stpetersoffice@mymts.net.

The next **Women's circle** will meet on Nov 22 after the worship service.
All women visiting or worshipping at St. Peter's are invited to attend this fellowship & luncheon event.

Special Birthday Celebrations for Nov 2026

For members at least 65

Frank Schwing, Nov 1
Gerhard Hammerling, Nov 5
Edeltraud Gesell, Nov 10
Steve Herbst, Nov 14

Linda Lurvey, Nov 24
Meta Pohl, Nov 24
Lieselotte Dorber, Nov 25

Wishing you a very Happy Birthday and the Lord's continued Blessings!

The Power of Prayer

Please continue to pray for the four Afghani women - Taiba and her teenage daughters Hania and Oswa and friend Latifa who are waiting to come to Canada. They are waiting for the Canadian Visa Office in Pakistan to approve their applications to come to Winnipeg. Their situation as refugees in Pakistan is very precarious, as the Pakistan government is in the process of deporting thousands of Afghani refugees.

Here is a prayer written by Bruce Adamson one of the co-sponsors:

May they fall into the hands of government officials who will understand the urgency of their situation and help expedite approval and relocation so that all four may one day soon find themselves face to face with brothers and sisters who will walk closely with them on their journey to becoming Canadian citizens who flourish in their new surroundings and new found freedoms. AMEN.

Submitted by Linda Lurvey

Bible readings

1-Nov-2026 (All Saints Sunday)

Revelation 7: (2-8) 9-17, Psalm 149:1, John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

8-Nov-2026 (Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Amos 5:18-24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

15-Nov-2026 (Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Zephaniah 1:7-16, Psalm 90:1-12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

22-Nov-2026 (Christ the King)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, Matthew 25:31-46

29-Nov-2026 (1st Sunday in Advent)

Isaiah 64:1-9a, Psalm 80:1-7, 1 Cor 1:1-9, Mark 13:24-37

Financial Update (Not audited)
Submitted by Ralf Oppitz – Treasurer

Psalm 40:8 (NIV) *I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.*

As of September 30, 2026:

- Congregational income [40100] is \$8,100 higher than last year.
- Congregational Expenses are \$18,100 less than last year.

St. Peter's Singers News
Submitted by Linda Lurvey

Our choir will resume practicing on Sunday, November 1st.

We'll meet 10:15 - 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Please consider joining our joyful group of singers!

No music reading experience needed.

Singers of all ages are welcome!

 You are invited to a **FREE Steve Bell Concert** with **Mike Janzen** (Piano)
that also features **Gilles Fournier** (Bass),
at 7:30pm on Nov 13 at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 65 Walnut Street.
Friends and Family are welcome. Doors open at 6:30pm



Hear Ye! Hear Ye —Service opportunities*

- Communion prep and clean up help needed
- Sunday Morning Coffee Hour hosts
- Before service setting up power point-computer for screen and/or sound board
- Our newsletter editor will be stepping down early in the new year. We are looking for a new editor.

(Please speak to Pastor Tom if you wish to serve in one of these capacities.)

Help us to remember: During the Christ the King worship service on Nov 22 we will remember parishioners, family members, and friends who died during the past church year (from December 2025 to November 2026). If your loved one died during this time and you'd like them to be remembered please send us their name(s) in advance by contacting the church office at 204.775.6477 or by email: stpetersoffice@mymts.net.



Submitted by Jerry Roehr

With the addition of a new classroom and a new dormitory, the student population is growing to about 350. Mark Kinzel now points to a new challenge. St. Peter's Hall is getting too small to house mealtimes, worship services, and school assemblies. Sooner rather than later, the hall has to be expanded. No costs are available

at this time, but Mark has already asked if St. Peter's can help.



The pictures show two improvements to the farm and the campus. One is to dig and install a liner on a large excavated retaining pool to catch rainy season water for irrigation. (left picture)

The other picture shows the completion of the existing concrete sidewalk to all or most buildings ahead of the rainy season. (right picture)



A special celebration at Kuwala. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

This year's graduation was a particularly special occasion as 41 Form 4 (Grade 12) students celebrated an important milestone before heading into their National Examinations.

The school was honoured to welcome The Honourable Justice Annabel Mtalimanja, distinguished Malawian High Court Judge and Chairperson of the Malawi Electoral Commission, as the commencement speaker.

With families visiting campus, students celebrating together and caps flying into the air, it was a wonderful day to recognize how far our graduates have come — and look forward to

what lies ahead.

Call Committee. Even though the committee has not provided a written report lately, the committee's work has not stopped. The Call Committee is continuing its work of due diligence and will provide an update when information is available.

Submitted by Jerry Roehr

Mission Budget. We are pleased to report that, to date, we have been able to meet all our financial commitments to outside agencies using 2026 Mission income. Your continued support for our Mission Budget (Mission on the envelope) will help to fulfill all our commitments.

Submitted by Jerry Roehr

You're Invited! Join Us for a Special Worship Service!

Sunday, November 29 at 11:00 a.m.

We'd love for you to join us for a special morning of worship, music, and time together!

Come hear God's Word, sing along with a talented band of former CMU music students, and enjoy the warmth of being together as a church family.

After worship, we hope you'll stay for lunch, good conversation, and a chance to catch up with old friends and make some new ones!

There's always room for one more! Bring your family, invite a friend, and come share this special morning with us. We'd love to see you there!

There will be a free will offering. Any proceeds will help us continue offering special events like this.

Submitted by Pastor Teresa Peters

Interested in joining a Christmas Committee?

Mission includes:

1. Having fun!
2. Sharing the joy of the season!
3. Supporting the Christmas Eve service & welcoming those attending!

Anyone can participate. If interested, please contact the office

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Submitted by Dylan Grymonpre

Please save the date, Monday Dec 7, for the **Women's Circle Christmas Party** at
Angela Budnick's home.

It will be a potluck dinner. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Any submissions for the Dec 2026 edition of the St. Peter's Newsletter should be made by noon Thur, Nov 26, 2026. Submissions should be sent to Ortrud Oellermann at stpetersnews1@gmail.com

Nov 2026 Calendar: HS=Healthy Start; TC=Tai Chi

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 11am Service in English All Saints Sunday	2	3 HS 12noon - 4pm TC 6:30pm -8:00pm	4 TC 6:30pm- 7:30pm	5	6	7 TC 9:30am- 12noon
8 11am Service in English With Communion	9	10 HS 12noon - 4:00pm TC 6:30pm - 8:00pm	11 TC 6:30pm- 9:00pm	12	13	14 TC 9:30am- 12noon
15 11am Service in English	16 Church Council Mtg 7pm	17 HS 12noon – 4 pm TC 6:30pm - 8:00pm	18 TC 6:30pm- 9:00pm	19	20	21 TC 9:30am- 12noon
22 Christ the King Sunday 11am Service in English With Communion And remembrance of members and friends of St. Peter's who died in the past year.	23	24 HS 12noon – 4pm TC 6:30pm -8:00pm	25 TC 6:30pm - 9:00pm	26	27	28 Men's Breakfast 8am TC10am- 12:30pm
29 1 st Advent 11am Service in English with music by Cole Peters' band. A luncheon for everyone to follow.	30					