



Church of the Holy Communion



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Mission Statement

Gathered through Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we joyfully proclaim the good news of God's love. We are sent by the Holy Spirit into the community to preserve and renew our tradition of welcoming and serving the needs of all people.

Location

Church of the Holy Communion, located on picturesque Minnesota Avenue, serves the greater St. Peter, Minnesota area, a community of 12,066. [For more information on St. Peter.](#)

History

We are proud of our history and the Anglican tradition. The first Episcopal service was held in St. Peter in 1854 at the home of the city's founder Captain William B. Dodd. The Rt. Rev. C. Jackson Kemper, Missionary Bishop of the Minnesota Territory, conducted the service at the invitation of Mrs. Dodd. Church of the Holy Communion was named after Mrs. Dodd's home church in New York City. Captain Dodd, his wife Harriet, and their young daughter are buried behind the church. Many of the early members of the church were involved in the establishment of the city.

The present church was built in 1869 and has been placed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The church and grounds are in good condition. A parish hall was added

to the church some time ago. A major renovation was completed in 1998, following the March tornado. In 2009, a lift was installed in the parish hall entrance to provide greater access to the church and all levels of the building. In 2019, new doors were crafted and built for the main entrance and two side entrances – *and painted red*.

Church of the Holy Communion Today

Today's members continue the tradition of community service. Many of our members have life histories of serving others. While our active congregation is small, we like to think of ourselves as "a small church that acts like a big one". Although we may be described as an aging community, we are eager to grow into a more vibrant congregation. In recent months four new members have joined us. Following the practice of inclusivity in the Episcopal church, we welcome and serve all people. We want others to experience the love of God and to recognize the gifts we receive from God every day. We are a close-knit group of people who work well together.

Liturgy, Fellowship. And Faith Formation

- Morning Prayer, led by members of the congregation, is held on the first Sunday of the month. Communion services are held on most other Sundays. Members read lessons, lead prayers, and serve as chalice bearers. Most members look forward to the fellowship offered at coffee hour following Sunday services. All services may be attended via Zoom. Music is provided at each service.
- A monthly healing service is hosted by lay members.
- Frequent well-attended study groups or book discussions take place, often over Zoom.

Community Presence and Outreach:

- **St. Peter Area Food Shelf**
In March, members contribute money generously along with food and personal items.
- **Children's Weekend Food Program**
Members contribute money to this program, provide workers weekly to pack bags for students, and supply a driver to deliver bags to one school.
- **Laundry Love**
This unique program offers help to individuals/families who have difficulty providing clean laundry for themselves.
- **Participation in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving service**
- **The Simpson Forum**
Our congregation participates in planning and attending the Simpson Forum, an annual endowed community-wide four-session interfaith program highlighting

invited speakers that examines a current social issue impacting all people of faith.

Financial Condition

- Church of the Holy Communion has significant assets and is financially stable.

We Seek a Rector or Priest-in-Charge Who Can

- Provide spiritual leadership, care, and guidance for all ages to help the congregation grow in faith
- Plan and conduct liturgical worship services with clarity and relevance.
- Demonstrate and impart a disciplined understanding of Biblical and historical revelation, as well as the perception of God's activity in the world.
- Provide pastoral care by responding to people at significant points in their lives, e.g., death, sickness, birth, trauma, success, celebrations.
- Work ecumenically with area clergy and churches.
- Help develop and lead specific efforts to increase parish membership.

As a Parish, We Aspire to

- Maintain an active Episcopal presence in the community as well as continue to grow as a congregation.
- Demonstrate love and concern for our neighbors.
- Share the blessings of worship with others.



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The St. Peter Community

St. Peter is fifteen minutes north of the Mankato/North Mankato Metropolitan Area and only a 1 ¼ hour drive to the Twin City Metropolitan Area. The city is connected to these two centers of commerce and entertainment via easy super highway access.

Our city is a vibrant community that boasts of many noteworthy government and educational institutions, industries, organizations, and facilities. It's the Nicollet County Seat and home to Gustavus Adolphus College, the Minnesota Regional Treatment Center, Minnesota School Board Association, the headquarters of Alumacraft Boat Company and Scholarship America. The school system has an excellent reputation and a three-year-old high school. The River's Edge Hospital, built in 2004 with a major addition completed in 2021, provides comprehensive health care. Construction of a new fire station is underway. Three new housing developments have had rapid growth.

In addition, recreational activities abound in the area. There are numerous lakes nearby and the Minnesota River has access points within the city.

St. Peter is a great place to live!

St. Peter Resources

[The City of St. Peter](#)

[Wikipedia](#)

[Trip Advisor](#)

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