

NUER LANGUAGE FELLOWSHIP – ST. MARK, MISSISSAUGA, ON

For more than 10 years, the Nuer-speaking fellowship has called St. Mark Lutheran Church their home. Many parents are confirmed members of this church, and many children have been baptized and confirmed here.

Worship Service

The Nuer-speaking fellowship at St. Mark's Church is composed of dedicated and faithful members who worship every Sunday afternoon. The worship service format is similar to the church's English divine service which uses the LSB divine service setting, but it's shorter, typically about one hour long. Pastor Philip Gai leads the Nuer service, preaches the Word, invites everyone to confess their sins, after which he announces the absolution, and administers the sacraments for this congregation. They use the Nuer Hymnal and Bible. The hymns are selected to coordinate with the weekly readings in the LCMS liturgical calendar, and everyone is familiar with the Nuer songs which are stored on a keyboard. While there is no music director, occasionally there is someone who helps the pastor in this regard.



Children's Program



Pastor Gai and others are working with the youth to establish a Sunday school program for the children.

As a youth mentor in the congregation, Pastor Gai spent a considerable amount of time praying and listening to the young people. He made an effort to visit them in their homes, universities, and workplaces and called them weekly to check in. He also made sure to celebrate their special occasions such as birthdays, game times, and any victories they achieved.

Special Events

The congregation holds a special event called Family Sunday on the last Sunday of each month where everyone is encouraged to bring food to share. It's a time for everyone to come together and enjoy each other's company after the Sunday service and hear each other's testimonies and encouragements. The English service pastors at St. Mark and their spouses are encouraged to join them.

In October, St. Mark's senior pastor Rev. Jeff Miskus will preach during the Nuer service, and he and his wife will join in the time of fellowship after the service.

