

Churches in the Shenandoah Valley

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
3343 S. Main Street,
Toms Brook, VA 22660**



A brief History

Many of the early settlers of the Shenandoah Valley were Germans. In the late 1700's, a joint Lutheran and Reformed congregation was formed. In the mid 1800's, members of that congregation built a log church building where the Methodist Church now stand. Circuit rider John Nicholas Schmucker served the original congregation in addition to those in Woodstock, Strasburg and others in outlying area in the county. . It was dedicated on May 28, 1842 and named the Brook Union Church.

That log church was used as a joint place of worship for 27 years, interrupted only during the Civil War when the building was used as a hospital.

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In 1869, the Lutherans in Toms Brook severed their ties with the Reformed Church and built their own church, named St Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In April 1905, the present church edifice was dedicated.

From its organization, St Peter's had been affiliated with St. Paul Strasburg, in what was called the "Strasburg Pastorate". In 1922, the Strasburg Pastorate was dissolved, and St. Peter's joined with St. Matthew's to form the Toms Brook Lutheran Parish. That relationship lasted through 1987. On January 1, 1988, St. Peter's became a single parish.

In spring, 2012, St Peter joined with St Stephen and St Matthew to form the North Mountain Parish and the pastors serve each church.

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