

St. Peter's

# KEYS

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**OUR VISION**

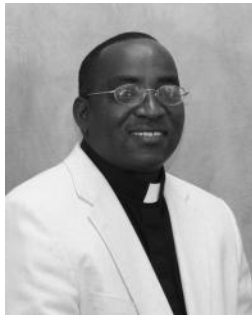
*To be a vibrant,  
Christ-centered  
community,  
actively reaching  
out to help and  
to bring others to  
Christ.*

**OUR MISSION**

*To provide  
opportunities for  
all people to grow  
in Faith, Hope,  
and Love.*

**What are you Doing Here?**

*by Samuel Nsengiyumva*



I sit down to write this reflection having just finished reading the lessons designated for Sunday August 7. Even though all four lessons are familiar to me, they bring new meaning particularly in

the way they apply to where we are in the life and mission of St. Peter's. I am particularly struck by the Lord's question to Elijah: "What are you doing here?" (1 Kings 19:9) and how it could be each one's question today. Indeed, it seems to me that this is the question we've been attempting to answer during our long but prayerful discernment process over the past year. As I look at where we are as a church family, I feel we partially answered the question through our discernment process when we collectively identified our three priorities as (1) making necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church, (2) developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and (3) moving decisively to provide high quality education for every age and stage of life. What I am not sure we have done is to individually determine our role in these efforts. While a few people have indicated their desire to participate, most people have been quiet about what they hear the LORD saying to them about their role in our shared life and mission at St. Peter's. The lingering question to each one of us is therefore "what are you doing here?".

If you've ever been asked the question "what are you doing here?", you probably know that the question could either mean exactly what it says or imply that you are in a place you are not supposed or expected to be. It is clear from the text that the LORD's question to Elijah was more about why he was in the wrong place at the wrong time than what he was exactly doing there. That's why he was immediately told to "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." (1 Kings 19:11). Indeed, when he had heard from the Lord, he returned to his duties. (1 Kings 19:15-17).

I would like to suggest that for some of us, particularly those who continue to be active in the life of the church in significant ways, the question may be calling us to reflect on what we are doing and why. It is very possible for people to be very busy doing the wrong things in the right place, or the right things at the wrong time or the right things for the wrong reasons. In any of these cases, it is important to pause and reflect on what we are doing and why. For others of us, particularly those who may have been discouraged, or distracted by conflicting interests, the question may be about why we are where we find ourselves. If you find yourself disengaged from the life and ministry to which you were called and commissioned at your

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baptism and instead find yourself disproportionately engaged in activities unrelated to your baptismal mandate, the LORD may be asking you to consider whether you could be in the wrong place at the wrong time or even the right place at the wrong time for the wrong reasons.

Whatever the case may be, the LORD is calling each one of us to pay attention to his voice. As in the case of Elijah, God's voice will most likely come to us not in a wind, an earthquake or a fire but in "a sound of sheer silence"; in other words "a gentle and quiet whisper". (1 Kings 19:12). It is my belief that only when we each have clearly heard the LORD's voice, can we truly accomplish the goals we identified as priorities for our church in the coming months and years. We all share a common purpose but we each have a special role to play. The absence, negligence, or dissonance by even one person will affect how much we can accomplish.

While God can and does speak to us wherever we may be, there are particular places and times when he speaks to us most. It is no coincidence that Elijah was told to leave the cave where he was hiding and "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Throughout scripture the mountain is considered a place of prayer or worship. In the Gospel lesson for the same Sunday, Jesus having dismissed the crowds he had just fed "went up the mountain by himself to pray." (Matthew 14:23). God could easily have told Elijah everything he needed to know while still in the cave but he asked him to go to the mountain instead. There are things God will tell us in our homes or wherever else we maybe, and others things he will only tell us when we come to His house.

It is my hope and prayer, that as the summer season winds down and the Fall season approaches with our new Sunday worship and education schedule, we will more than ever heed the LORD's voice that beckons us to come and encounter him through his Word and Sacraments. There we will experience his love and kindness in fresh ways and clearly hear his mandate for our individual and collective lives. Then, we will surely go out into the world to love and serve him with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our LORD. AMEN.

## Worship Schedule Changes Beginning September 11th

The second Sunday morning service is moving from 9:30 to 10:15am to create room for Christian Education for all ages from 9-10am. Child care will be available from 9 -11:30am. It is our hope that this will allow those of you who are interested in Christian Education but have had difficulties with week night schedules to take advantage of the many courses we will be offering. We look forward to a successful and life giving Christian formation experience at St. Peter's.

## *Upcoming Events and important information...*

**Concert in the Park** - Please come out to support Great Marriages on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at the Plymouth Hometown Harmony Concert at City Park. They will be serving concessions from 4-8 p.m. All proceeds will go towards programs designed to strengthen and enrich marriages in Sheboygan County. If you would like to donate to this event, they are in need of baked goods. Please call 920-783-3660 to make arrangements to drop items off.

**Monarch 67**, a co-ed weekend, will be September 8-11, 2011 at Spencer Lake Christian Center, Waupaca. Perhaps God is calling you to join this weekend? Get details at the Diocesan website.

**New Website:** Our new and improved website is currently online. Please note that it is still under construction. We are still working on some features. Visit it and give us some feedback on what you like so far and what needs to be improved.

[www.stpetersfalls.org](http://www.stpetersfalls.org)

**Men in the Woods — A Retreat for Men  
Women by the Water — A Retreat for Women  
Held separately at the same location on the same  
weekend.**

**Joint mealtimes and worship.**

5:30 pm, Friday, September 30 — 12 Noon,  
Sunday, October 2, 2011

Camp Tamarack, Waupaca, Wisconsin

Visit [www.episcopalfondulac.org](http://www.episcopalfondulac.org) for more info

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF HAL HENNIG

**Harold J. Hennig**, a dear brother in Christ and long time member of St. Peter's Church departed this life on Tuesday August 2, 2011. He was 100 years of age.

A native of Madison, WI, Hal attended Madison schools and the University of Wisconsin. He married the former Marjorie K. Rasmussen and the couple made their home in Madison. Hal was a professional musician and managed the Instrument Department of the Ward Brodt Music Company. He later played with his own band in the Midwest.

In 1945, he and his family moved to Wausau where he established his own music business. He became a sales engineer for Wausau Motor Parts Company. Following retirement in 1974, he and his wife moved to Sheboygan to make their home. Marjorie preceded him in death on August 11, 2000.

At St. Peter's, Hal was very active in the Wednesday group where he was dearly beloved for his humility, gentleness, wisdom, gratitude, generosity, and many other Christian virtues. He will be most remembered for his generosity with everything from his tips for healthy ageing to the enormous number of bread and cookies he gave to the church for use at coffee hour and to individuals for their home use. He will also be remembered as the man who was grateful for everything and never complained about anything. When faced with any health challenges, Hal would be the first one to point out that it was a normal part of the blessing of living a good long life. His smile was clear evidence of his joy in the Lord; his kindness was known to all. His was a life truly lived in its fullness.

Beyond his church life Hal was a past member of the Wausau Curling and Country Clubs, and the Society of Automotive Engineers. He loved golfing, fishing, cooking, gardening and upholstering. Most of all he loved his family; particularly his four daughters of whom he was very proud but declined any credit for how wonderful they turned out.

Hal is survived by four daughters: Claire Koperski of Minneapolis, Susan (Larry) Hansen of Antioch, IL, Margo (Ken) Noworatzky of Sheboygan, and Kim (Charles) Berg of Bristol, WI; a brother Jack (Dorothy) Hennig of Michigan, 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 6 great-great-grandchildren; special friends, Bill and Sis Dueholm, Gail Pierce, Pat Ryan, Monica Virant and many church friends.

A memorial celebration of Hal's life was held at St. Peter's on Friday August 5, 2011 at 11:00am with the Rev. Samuel Nsengiyumva, as celebrant. His remains were laid to rest at the Sheboygan Falls Cemetery.

We are grateful to God for the gift of Hal's life. May his soul and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



**Change of Phone Number for Deacon Greg  
and Barb Schultz**

Greg and Barb no longer have their home land  
line. Their remaining phone numbers are  
as follows:

Greg work: 528-7722  
Cell: 980-7082

Barb cell: 980-5401

The Sunday School Team  
is hosting

another special event for  
children – kindergarten through  
eighth grade - at the end of  
summer:

A “Fun in the Sun” day is planned at the  
Cromwell home, W4050 Sumac Road be-  
tween Plymouth and Sheboygan Falls, from  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 25th. Children will  
have the opportunity to swim, ride in a pad-  
dleboat or kayak, and more.

**Birthdays**

- August 2 – Sarah LeMahieu
- August 4 – Sandy Peterson
- August 5 – Laurel Cizauskas
- August 11 – Sarah Meyer
- August 13 – Heather Schneider
- August 13 – Nancy Simenz
- August 14 – Dean Delasanta
- August 17 – Zachariah Cromwell
- August 17 – Nora Williams
- August 18 – Sharon Dulmes
- August 20 – Louise Bennin
- August 21 – Mickey Heinig
- August 21 – Vickie Meyer
- August 31 – Zachary Schleicher
- August 31 – Sue Stevens



**Anniversaries**

- August 4 – Paul & Beth Bartelt
- August 7 – George & Linda Palmer
- August 12 – Larry & Jane Lynch
- August 15 – Kirk & Arlyne Heinig
- August 20 – Randy & Terri LeMahieu



**The Pastoral Care Ministry team has purchased a copy of *Consider the Conversation*, a documentary film produced by Mike Bernhagen and Terry Kaldhusdal, for our church library. Motivated by their personal experiences with loss, two long-time friends -- one a hospice worker from Waukesha and the other a 4th grade teacher from Oconomowoc -- have produced a powerful and inspiring documentary film that examines how 21st century Americans live at the end of their lives. *Consider the Conversation* reminds us that thinking and talking about life's final chapter well in advance can help prevent unnecessary physical, emotional, spiritual and social suffering. The film is suitable for ages 14 & older.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Reader/Prayers</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
8/7	Linda Palmer	Linda Palmer	George Palmer & Barb Schultz	Ethan Cizauskas
8/14	Sharon & Roger Dulmes	Paul Bartelt	Helen Seubert & Joan Bruggink	Charlie Malingowski
8/21	Randy & Terri LeMahieu	Gordie Pribek	Lynn & Brock Brownrigg	Lindy Malingowski
8/28	Beth & Paul Bartelt	Judy Goes	Barb Schultz & Helen Seubert	Isaac Cizauskas
9/4	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Roger Dulmes	George & Linda Palmer	Ethan Cizauskas
9/11	Char Stevens & Louise Robson	George Palmer	Barb Schultz & Lynn Brownrigg	Charlie Malingowski
9/18	Gordie Pribek & Joanne Strassburger	Isaac Cizauskas	Helen Seubert & Joan Bruggink	Lindy Malingowski
9/25	Heather & Tom Schneider	Ann Weeden	Brock Brownrigg & George Palmer	Isaac Cizauskas
10/2	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Louise Robson	Randy LeMahieu & Barb Schultz	Charlie Malingowski
10/9	Children	Children	George Palmer & Helen Seubert	Ethan Cizauskas
10/16	Mike & Laurel Cizauskas	Nancy Simenz	Joan Bruggink & Barb Schultz	Lindy Malingowski
10/23	Marie Rose	George Palmer	Lynn & Brock Brownrigg	Isaac Cizauskas
10/30	George & Linda Palmer	Lynn Brownrigg	Terri & Randy LeMahieu	Ethan Cizauskas

If you are interested in serving on or being removed from the liturgical schedule, please see our Senior Warden, Linda Palmer. If you are ever unable to serve in your scheduled position on a given date, please switch with someone else on the schedule. Thank you!



**The next Book Club selection is The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. Everyone is welcome to join the group for the discussion at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20 at the Church House. Please bring a dish to pass. We hope to see you there!**

	<b>June</b>		<b>Year-To-Date</b>		<b>Difference</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
Income					
Contributions	\$10,553.00	\$12,794.00	\$61,510.51	\$76,764.00	-\$15,253.49
Other Income	\$40.00	\$884.00	\$4,383.67	\$6,104.00	-\$1,720.33
Total Income	\$10,593.00	\$13,678.00	\$65,894.18	\$82,868.00	-\$16,973.82
Expenses	\$11,062.19	\$12,728.49	\$74,744.68	\$86,440.14	\$11,695.46
Difference	-\$469.19		-\$8,850.50		

Contributions continue to be below budget each month, and continue to drop year to date.

Expenses were under budget in June, and continue to be below budget year-to-date. This is still not enough to offset the difference in contributions, however.

## Children's Lock-In Held at St. Peter's

Seven young people joined the Sunday School Team at St. Peter's first Lock In at the Church House on July 30th. Participants competed in physical games like pillowcase races and mental challenges like solving a Morse code message. They also had a Silly String battle and had to retrieve Gummi Lifesavers from lime Jell-O using chopsticks. Everyone ironed on transfers to T-shirts to wear to church on July 31st. Most people chose the Count Your Blessings message, which just happened to be the focus of Deacon Greg's sermon. Coincidence? We think not! The evening concluded with popcorn and the movie, "Evan Almighty." Linda, Louise and Dollie wish to extend their thanks to the young people who participated and to their parents, who shared their children with us!



Everyone wore their T-shirts to church Sunday morning



Zachariah and Devin show off their muscles as they take on the girls' team, which outnumbered them



The duos get ready to hop their way onto the field during the pillowcase race

The Diocese of Fond du Lac is considering revitalization or formation of a new diocese with our brothers and sisters in Christ to our west.

### *Background*

➤ Over the years the Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Eau Claire have discussed the possibility of forming one new diocese. Early in 2011 discussions, listening sessions and conversations by the leadership of a number of diocesan committees and commissions was held.

➤ In May 2011, a Joint Task Force was formed by Bishop Russell Jacobus (Fond du Lac) and Bishop Ed Leidel (Eau Claire) to examine the idea of *how* a new diocese might be formed if the dioceses decided to do so. This Task Force has as its vision statement:

*Episcopalians of northern Wisconsin coming together to explore how to do mission and ministry using all the gifts and talents God has given us.*

There are many questions. There are many unknowns. There is a lot of work to be done to be able to make an informed and Spirit led decision about the possibility of the formation of a new diocese. The Joint Task Force will not make the decision, it is just exploring the idea so those who do decide, the Conventions of each diocese, can know what they need to know to make such a decision.

➤ In June 2011, a Planning the Future Task Force was formed by Bishop Jacobus from members of the Executive Council of the Diocese of Fond du Lac to consider the future of this diocese. As the Joint Task Force is looking at *how* we might form a new diocese, this Task Force is looking at whether we *should* form a new diocese. It is attempting to discern the "mind of the diocese" and what prompting the Holy Spirit may be giving. It has determined our current way of being a diocese must change and so the alternatives are:

Should we decide to be a part of the formation of a new diocese, *or*  
Should we decide to revitalize this diocese to make it new.

The Planning for the Future Task Force has announced two meetings to be held in late August. All persons of the Diocese, but especially Convention Delegates, are invited to these open discussions on forming a new diocese or revitalizing the diocese.

- Tuesday, August 16th, 7pm, Bishop's Chat Teleconference
- Saturday, August 20th, 10am-12noon, St. Anne's, Pe Pere
- Saturday, August 27th, 10am-12noon, Intercession, Stevens Point

### ***Prayer of Discernment***

Almighty God, pour down your Spirit upon your people in the Dioceses of Eau Claire and Fond du Lac, and grant us such wisdom as we may need, to know your will as we discern our respective futures. Give us this wisdom so that we may faithfully and most effectively advance your mission in our communities through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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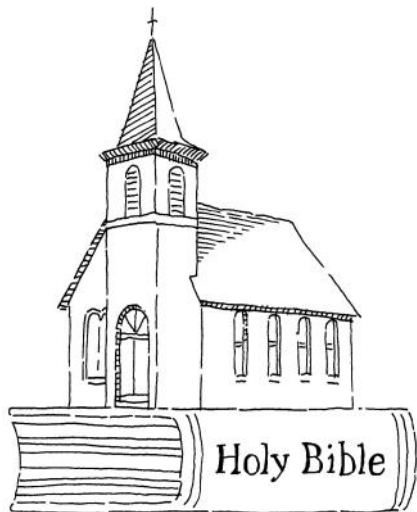
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## CHURCH SERVICES

### Sunday

Holy Eucharist  
8AM and 9:30AM  
(Child care available during  
the 9:30 service)

### Wednesday

Holy Eucharist  
9AM

**It's a girl!** We are pleased to announce that Sauda & Arnold Hakizimana are proud parents of another baby girl. Natasha was born on Sunday, July 31 around 5pm; weighing over 7 lbs



*Children are a gift from the Lord: they are a reward from Him.  
Psalm 127:3*