

St. Peter's

KEYS

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OUR VISION

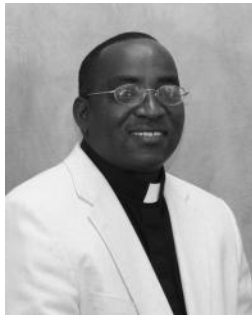
*To be a vibrant,
Christ-centered
community,
actively reaching
out to help and
to bring others to
Christ.*

OUR MISSION

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

Pressing On

by Samuel Nsengiyumva



Of all the analogies used to describe the Christian life, there is none that makes more sense to me than the one of a journey; particularly one made on foot. Perhaps, the reason for this prefer-

ence is my experience of taking many long trips on foot. Some of my trips involved walking for as many as 16 hours non-stop. That's why one of my favorite books is *The Pilgrim's Progress* by *John Bunyan* of which a copy is available in our church library. The Christian life understood as a journey leads to the understanding of Christians as pilgrims on a journey; and a congregation as a band of pilgrims on a journey together. Having travelled long distances alone, and as part of a group, I can testify to the fact that it is much better travelling with others than alone. Travelling, especially by foot and to unfamiliar places is a difficult and risky business whether alone or part of a group. Each has its unique challenges and benefits. For example, while it is more risky travelling alone, it also provides more flexibility on such things as pace, route, etc. On the other hand, while it is less risky to travel in a group, there is greater accountability and compliance to group expectations. All things considered, I'd rather travel with a group than alone.

In many ways we at St. Peter's are pilgrims on a journey together. How we ended up together is both by God's providence and

our individual decision making. Somehow each one of us responded to the invitation to follow Jesus along with the group that gathers at the corner of Broadway and Elm streets in Sheboygan Falls. Like, the early disciples, we each came with questions, needs, etc. and wondered what it would be like. Some of our questions have been answered and many have not. We have had great times and not so great times; great music and not so great music; hopefully some great sermons, and many not so great sermons; great friends and not so great friends. Each moment on the way, we have had to decide whether we want to continue or not. Some have decided not to continue walking at all while others have decided to find a different group to walk with. Many of us have decided to press on regardless of the challenges. (Philippians 3:10-14).

As we continue this journey together, may we be encouraged by the good examples of those who walked this path before. At one time after Jesus had preached a difficult sermon and many of his followers stopped following him, he turned to the twelve leaders and asked, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:67-69).

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Like every other journey, there are many reasons why one would be tempted to give up. That's why the writer of the letter to the Hebrews urged them not to abandon their confidence but to endure; with the assurance that when they have done the will of God, they would receive what was promised. Like them, he reminds us that "we are not among those who shrink back and so are lost, but among those who have faith and so are saved." (Hebrews 10:39). He goes on to say that "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2). St. James echoes similar words by reminding us that "Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12).

Even now, Jesus is calling you to follow him along with your fellow pilgrims we call St. Peter's. Along the journey, there will joyful and sad moments, exciting and depressing ideas, etc. The journey will be long and hard but he promises to be with us. Let us therefore "hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:23-25). As for me, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death; forgetting what lies behind and **straining forward** to what lies ahead, **I press on** toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:10-14).



Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives:

Hear ye hear ye! Remember when communication was done by a person and news was slow - very slow by today's standards. But has all our cell phones, laptops, Blackberries, etc. helped us to communicate more effectively? Has texting, emails, 24/7 news programs etc. taken something away from us? Something important. Something that is inherent in our creation given us by Our Creator. Beginning October 2, the adult Christian education committee will be presenting **Creating Sabbath Space in Our Lives by Ron Rolheiser, OMI.** "It is a complete program that offers numerous possibilities for personal and spiritual enrichment, guided by one of the most sought after retreat directors of our time." Too busy? Well we have the built in hour from 9am-10am. We have a babysitter. We have Sunday school going on at that time for the older children. We are taking it at a slow leisurely pace so if you miss one you can easily plug back in. Actually you can unplug your life from the busyness for an hour and maybe find new tools to order your life the way God intended.

Birthdays

- October 1 – Tom Schneider
- October 3 – Larry Lynch
- October 6 – Joan Bruggink
- October 6 – Jackson Olmer
- October 8 – Lindsay Pribek
- October 10 – Jack Aykens
- October 10 – Lisa Milne
- October 13 – Raylyn Krauter
- October 14 – James Muhire
- October 17 – Joseph Temby
- October 23 – Louise Robson
- October 24 – Colten Theis
- October 24 – Dually Theis
- October 24 – Shannon Williams
- October 25 – Dollie Cromwell
- October 25 – Randy LeMahieu
- October 30 – Dawn Holman
- October 31 – Judy Behl
- October 31 – Francine Cameron



Anniversaries

- October 10 – Dale & Louise Robson
- October 23 – Greg & Barb Schultz



<u>Date</u>	<u>Greeter/Usher</u>	<u>Reader/Prayers</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
10/2	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Louise Robson	Terri & Randy LeMahieu	Charlie Malingowski
10/9	Children	Children	George & Linda Palmer	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
11/6	Roger & Sharon Dulmes	Beth Bartelt	George & Linda Palmer	Charlie Malingowski
11/13	Randy & Terri LeMahieu	Gordie Pribek	Joan Bruggink & Barb Schultz	Lindy Malingowski
11/20	Paul & Beth Bartelt	Nancy Simenz	Lynn & Brock Brownrigg	Isaac Cizauskas
11/27	Judy Goes & Helen Seubert	Louise Robson	Terri & Randy LeMahieu	Ethan Cizauskas
12/4	Tom & Heather Schneider	Brock Brownrigg	George & Linda Palmer	Charlie Malingowski
12/11	Children	Children	Joan Bruggink & Barb Schultz	Ethan Cizauskas
12/18	Char Stevens & Louise Robson	Nancy Simenz	Lynn & Brock Brownrigg	Isaac Cizauskas
12/24	Gordie Pribek & Joanne Strassburger	Louise Robson	Randy & Terri LeMahieu	Charlie Malingowski
12/25	Mike & Laurel Cizauskas	Roger Dulmes	George & Linda Palmer	Lindy Malingowski

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!

Diocesan Future Plans: The vote on whether to form a new diocese with the diocese of Eau Claire will be soon. If you need to educate yourself on the issue, please visit: <http://diofdl.org/misc.asp?page=junctiontf>

	August		Year-To-Date		Difference
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Income					
Contributions	\$6,353.15	\$12,794.00	\$77,324.52	\$102,352.00	-\$25,027.48
Other Income	\$217.57	\$884.00	\$6,650.32	\$7,872.00	-\$1,221.68
Total Income	\$6,570.72	\$13,678.00	\$83,974.84	\$110,224.00	-\$26,249.16
Expenses	\$14,664.20	\$14,328.49	\$102,676.56	\$115,506.72	\$12,830.16
Difference	-\$8,093.48		-\$18,701.72		

Contributions for the month of August were 50% of budget, resulting in YTD receipts at 76% of budget. Our total income YTD is 10% below 2010 at this time.

Income \$83,974.84 received YTD in 2011 vs. \$93,349.41 in 2010 YTD, down \$9,374.57; 10%

Expenses ran slightly above budget in August. However, total expenditures YTD are less than last year's by about \$11,000. Overall, expenses are running at almost \$19,000 greater than income. If you are behind on your contributions and are able to catch up at this point please do so. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

Expenses \$102,676.56 spent YTD in 2011 vs. \$113,713.17 in 2010 YTD, down \$11,036.61; -10%

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday

Holy Eucharist

8AM and 10:15AM

Christian Education for all
ages 9-10AM

(Child care available from 9AM
through end of the 10:15 service)

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist

9AM

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

MEN AND WOMEN'S GROUP STUDY - GREAT MARRIAGES IS OFFERING A SEPARATE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GROUP STUDY. JOIN US AS WE WORK THROUGH THE BOOKS, *EVERY MAN'S BATTLE* AND *EVERY WOMAN'S BATTLE*. CLASSES WILL BE HELD MONDAY'S SEPTEMBER 26TH-NOVEMBER 7TH. TIMES FOR SESSIONS VARY. CALL 920-783-3600 TO REGISTER TODAY.

FOUR SEASONS OF MARRIAGE-MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT: GREAT MARRIAGES IS OFFERING A FREE PROGRAM DESIGNED TO HELP MARRIED COUPLES BETTER UNDERSTAND AND MANAGE THE NATURAL CYCLES OF MARRIAGE. THE PROGRAM PROVIDES THE WORDS AND FRAMEWORK THAT EQUIPS COUPLES TO TALK ABOUT THEIR MARRIAGE AND WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THEIR RELATIONSHIP. JOIN US SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH FROM 9-NOON. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** PLEASE CALL 920-783-3600 TO GET REGISTERED TODAY!

THE ST. PETER'S BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 6 P.M. TUESDAY, OCT. 18 AT THE CHURCH HOUSE TO DISCUSS *ZEITOUN* BY DAVE EGGERS. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

THE 21ST ANNUAL COATS FOR KIDS CAMPAIGN IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF CLEAN COATS (ALL SIZES, FOR ALL AGES) IN GOOD REPAIR NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 14TH AT NOVAK-RAMM-ZIEGLER FUNERAL HOME IN SHEBOYGAN. TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO DONATE, YOU CAN BRING YOUR COAT DONATIONS TO CHURCH AND DONA HEINIG WILL BE TRANSPORTING THEM. THANK YOU.