



St. Peter's

KEYS

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OUR VISION

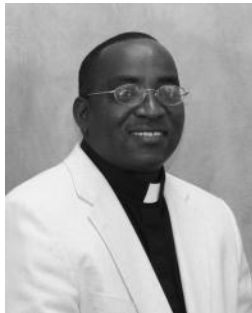
*To be a vibrant,
Christ-centered
community,
actively reaching
out to help and
to bring others to
Christ.*

OUR MISSION

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

Back to Church

by Samuel Nsengiyumva



As the summer season ends and the Fall season begins, everyone is aware that it is time to get back to the normal routine. Indeed, as I write this, teachers and students are already back to school. For

many churches, it also means going back to regular programming and activity. For us at St. Peter's, our plan is to not only go back to regular programming and activity, but to church as it should be. Our hope is that we will recommit ourselves to the ordinary things such as worship and fellowship, as well as seriously consider such things as Christian Education that are very crucial to our Christian faith but have had little opportunity to engage in before.

What Kind of Church?

As I think about the "Back to Church" idea, I am reminded that church means different things to different people. For some, Church is the old building with beautiful windows where people go to fulfill their Christian duty when nothing else is going on in their lives. For others, church is the place where we are supposed to go if we need something from God or the people who claim to represent him. If we don't need anything, or are not sure if we could indeed get what we want, then there is no reason to go. For others still, church is the place where those who have it together go to show off their good clothes or good cars and brag about how good

God has been to them. For others, church is the place where all the hypocrites go. For others, who I wish were more than they really are, church is more than a place, more than an institution, but a calling, an invitation to love and be loved. You probably know many other ways people perceive church and the basis on which they determine their level of participation or lack of.

Church as a Community of Love

My personal perception of church is what I refer to as a community of love. It is a gathering, a coming together of individuals and families who feel, in one way or the other, a calling to follow Jesus and have decided to come and find out what that calling is all about. Once gathered, these people somehow discover that church is all about the God who loves us and has commanded us to love one another just as he has loved us (John 13:34). As they love each other, they begin to realize that God calls them to extend that love to their neighbors (Romans 13:9); and even their enemies (Matthew 5:44). Church as I understand it is a group of people who know they are loved by God and are committed to loving God and all that he has made. Whatever they do together or separately is centered around that core belief. Their worship, their fellowship, their education/discipleship, their service, their outreach and whatever else they do are ways of expressing the love of God among them.

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Such is the kind of church I pray we will experience and invite others to come to at St. Peter's.

It is important to remember that church as a community of love is not necessarily a perfect community because it is made of imperfect people. That's why Jesus advised his disciples on what to do if a member of the community hurt another member (Matthew 18:15-17). St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians urged them to bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances they may have against one another. He commanded them to forgive as the Lord has forgiven them (Colossians 3:13-14). The church as a community of love is a place where people are aware of their own not just others' shortcomings; and are intentionally and prayerfully practicing the golden rule (Matthew 7:12).

May this Fall season be for us a time to come back to church as it should be; a community grateful for God's love, and committed to continued learning and practicing their love for God and his creation.



Birthdays

September 1 — Jane Lynch
September 13 — Richard Bennin
September 18 — Dona Heinig

September 19 — Gertrude Garczynski
September 22 — Erica Heinig
September 23 — Peter Dobrzynizki
September 24 — Char Stevens
September 30 — Jeanette Weisse

Anniversaries

September 14 — Mike & Laurel Cizauskas
September 16 — Pierre & Eline Muhire
September 18 — Ted & Lisa Milne
September 20 — Robert & Amanda Zimmerman
September 21 — Joe III & Pat Richardson
September 30 — Arnold & Sauda Hakizimana



Fun in the Sun Day!

The weather was perfect as seven young members of St. Peter's participated in the Fun in the Sun event at the Cromwell home on August 25th. They started with lunch, then had an opportunity to swim, to kayak and to ride in a paddleboat. After all the time in the water, they took a break for dessert: brownie sundaes with fudge sauce and sprinkles. Some of them also explored the woods on the Cromwell property, and Sarah Cromwell and Lily Schneider waded in the Mullet River. It was a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon for everyone!



Everyone gathers under a tree for some shade (and a photo opp) after a lot of Fun in the Sun.



Starry-eyed Greg and Heather Schneider serve as lifeguards for the event



Katie and Noah Bartlett go for a ride together

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

	July		Year-To-Date		Difference
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Income					
Contributions	\$8,402.00	\$12,794.00	\$69,912.51	\$89,558.00	-\$19,645.49
Other Income	\$62.00	\$884.00	\$4,445.67	\$6,988.00	-\$2,542.33
Total Income	\$8,464.00	\$13,678.00	\$74,358.18	\$96,546.00	-\$22,187.82
Expenses	\$12,757.97	\$14,738.09	\$87,530.15	\$101,178.23	\$13,648.08
Difference	-\$4,293.97		-\$13,171.97		

Contributions for the month of July were 66% of budget, resulting in YTD receipts at 78% of budget. Our total income YTD is 10% below 2010 at this time.

Income \$74,358.18 received YTD in 2011 vs. \$82,864.38 in 2010 YTD, down \$8,506.20; 10%

Expenses remain well under budget and total expenditures YTD are less than last years by about \$13,000. Overall, expenses are running at about \$13,000 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.

Expense \$87,530.15 spent YTD in 2011 vs. \$100,715.44 in 2010 YTD, down \$13,185.29; -13%

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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

New Sunday Schedule Begins September 11

8:00 - Worship (*no music*), **9:00 -10:00am - Christian Education for All Ages.** **10:15: Family Worship** (*Blended Music, Audio Visual Technology, Child Care*). **Adult Education will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Children's Sunday School will be in the Meeting Room (at the church) and the Activity Center (at the Church House).** 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 Sunday morning experience at St. Peter's. Please plan to join us as we explore Christian perspectives on all kinds of issues. Lindy Malingowski, Nancy Simenz, Judy Goes, and Louise Bennin will facilitate the Adult classes.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION...

Great Marriages is offering a free program called "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk(ette)". It will be held on Saturday, September 17th from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. This program is for adults who want to make smart choices in dating including: individuals who have experienced a divorce and are dating again; never married singles, and anyone who wants to know how to find a mate who is compatible for a healthy relationship. To register, call Great Marriages for Sheboygan County at 920-783-3660.

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

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!