

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

DECEMBER 6

Morning Prayer
Lay Reader: John Tarver

DECEMBER 13

Holy Eucharist: The Rev. Doug Johnson
Lay Reader: Kate French

DECEMBER 20

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE & POT LUCK
*****DECORATE THE CHURCH*****

Holy Eucharist: The Rev. Canon Bill Fasel
Lay Reader: Don Kiefer

DECEMBER 24 - THURSDAY

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE @ 7:00
Holy Eucharist: The Rev. Larry Lewis
Lay Reader: John Tarver

DECEMBER 27

Morning Prayer
Lay Reader: Sam French

A WORD FROM THE BISHOP'S WARDEN

Dear All,
"Be not afraid!" Often in the gospels, fear grips the people of God, and time and again, either the angels, or Our Lord himself, respond with the same words of comfort: "Be not afraid!" Be sure to go to the diocesan website and read the whole response of Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry on the attacks in Paris and the Syrian refugee crisis. On a more local level, our Bishop Martin S. Field and the Central States Synod of the ELCA Bishop Roger R. Gustafson issued a joint letter on November 18, 2015 addressing the same issues and have followed up with a joint letter to churches and members advocating the observance of a Refugee Sunday in our churches. Both Bishops have made a call for churches in their individual jurisdictions to discuss how they might be willing and/or able to aid in the refugee crisis, especially resettlement. This is an appeal to hear from any church open to learning more about what it would mean to help sponsor and resettle a Syrian refugee family once that family has completed the lengthy and rigorous process for approval for entry into the United States. Again, all this information is available on the diocesan website www.diowestmo.org. These items will be on the agenda at the next Bishop's Committee meeting. I am also greatly encouraged by the news that other denominations are calling on the two dozen governors that initially rejected the idea of resettlement of any Syrian refugees in their respective states to revise their positions. How appropriate for us to act as Jesus has commanded us to do at this time of year. As on that Christmas Eve so many years ago with no room at the inn, will Baby Jesus find room in our hearts?
Don

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Bishop's Warden: Don Kiefer; kiefer.don@gmail.com, 660-886-6643

St. Paul's Website: UNDER CONSTRUCTION - COMING SOON!

NERM WEBSITE:

<http://www.nermwestmo.org/home0.aspx>

FACTS: DIOCESE OF WEST MISSOURI

From its founding in 1889, the Diocese of West Missouri has been a diverse mix of urban, town and rural Episcopal churches. Today, our 49 churches composed of 10,000 parishioners span the western half of the state in communities as distinct as Kansas City, Joplin and Warrensburg. What they have in common is a commitment to the gospel message and engagement with their local communities. We invite you to explore our website and learn more about us.

Did you know that the Book of Common Prayer is available online at: <http://www.bcponline.org/>

CARE NOTE

Amos Sersey (as of this writing) is in St. Luke's East Hospital where he had a Pacemaker put in on Wednesday, Dec. 2. He will be moving to Rehabilitation center maybe tomorrow (Dec. 4). Carlene has asked that he be placed in Clinton. When we know where he will be, we will send out an email notice.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Looking forward - Bishop's committee will be setting a time for our annual meeting and elections of officers after the first of the year. Please consider how you might serve.

DECEMBER 2015 BIRTHDAYS

3-Louise Crouch
9-Robert Blanc
11-Mike Carpenter
15-Don Kiefer
26-Tom Carpenter

DECEMBER 2015 ANNIVERSARIES

28-Kurt & Linn Gretzinger