

**Special services and events  
during November—December**

**Wednesday, Nov. 11th**

**Finance Committee, 6:00 pm  
Bldgs/Grounds Committee, 7:00 pm**

**Sunday, Nov. 15th**

**DOK Meeting after service**

**Wednesday, Nov. 18th**

**Vestry Meeting, 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, Nov. 21st**

**The Renewal of Ministry with the  
Welcoming  
of a New Rector  
Celebration High Tea, 2:00 pm**

**Thurs-Fri, Nov. 26th—27th**

**Parish office closed**

**Sunday, Nov. 29th**

**Intergenerational Service  
10:30 am, One Service Only**

**Sunday, Dec. 6th**

**Stewardship Ingathering Potluck,  
11:30 am**

**Sunday, Dec. 6th-13th**

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsals  
11:30 - Noon**

**Wednesday, Dec. 9th**

**Finance Committee, 6:00 pm  
Bldgs/Grounds Committee, 7:00 pm**

**Wednesday, Dec. 16th**

**Vestry Meeting, 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 20th**

**Greening of the Church and Singing  
of Carols of the Season following  
10:30 am service**

**Thursday, Dec. 24th**

**Christmas Eve Service and  
Christmas Pageant, 6:00 pm**

**Friday, Dec. 25th**

**Christmas Day Service, 10:30 am**

**Sunday, Dec. 27th**

**Lessons and Carols Service  
10:30 am, One Service Only**



# SSEC EPISTLE

*November and December 2015*



## KORTE KONNECTON

### Stewardship in Motion

#### *The Bread of Life*

Bread comes in many types. A quick research expedition to your nearest grocery store will reveal a large variety.

There are ethnic breads: French, Sweet Hawaiian and Italian. There are various ingredients: rye, flaxseeds, sesame seeds, potato, rosemary and oat nut. Some breads use a combination of grains for flour. There are 5-grain, 7-grain and multi-grain (too many to count). You may even find a popular bread based on a bible verse, Ezekiel 4:9 (which describes an ancient bread recipe used by the prophet as an illustration of the coming destruction of Jerusalem).

You may also be surprised to find the cost of some of the loaves. One of the most expensive you may discover is a "Four Cheese Sourdough" that costs approximately \$6.00 and has about 15 slices. Therefore if you choose this variety, the cost for the bread part of your sandwich will be about 80 cents. The least expensive you may find is about \$1.50 for a small loaf of white sandwich bread that will have about 20 slices or 15

cents for the economy sandwich.

In human history, bread has been a staple since prehistoric times. Loaves of bread have been found intact in Egyptian tombs, some estimated to be 4,500 years old. For most of this time, baking bread was a semi-daily household task. The preliminaries to baking were planting and harvesting grain, processing the grain into flour, mixing the flour with oil, yeast and other ingredients to form the bread dough, allowing the dough to ferment (rise), then baking the loaf.

In ancient Jewish villages, the baking might be in a community oven fired up to service many households. Friday was a busy baking day for no baking was done on Saturday, the Sabbath.

There are many connections to bread in the life of Jesus. He was Born in Bethlehem, a city name that means "House of Bread." (I have had the privilege of traveling to this city.) Jesus was tempted by Satan to misuse his power and turn stones into bread to satisfy his hunger during a lengthy fast. He taught his disciples to pray for their Father to give them "daily bread." He used the bread of the Last Supper, in which the bread is transformed into His body given as a sacrifice for us. A profound connection between Jesus and bread comes in the middle of his

public ministry. The Gospel records two times where Jesus “multiplied loaves” in order to feed large crowds of hungry people. In the Gospel of John, one of these accompanied his “Bread of Life” discourse, a teaching time in which he refers to himself as “Living Bread” and “Bread from Heaven.” In so doing, He positions Himself in the role of Provider, a type of fulfillment of the act of God in providing manna for the people of Israel while in the wilderness of the Sinai. (I have experienced that wilderness of the Sinai and it is stark.)

As our *Stewardship of Bread* unfolds for us this autumn, let us consider how we are to understand this man Jesus who could feed thousands with a few loaves of bread. This is a matter for serious reflection and faith. Coming to grips with Jesus as our provider is a most important task for us to consider as Christian disciples and stewards. At our next meal, most of us will likely include some type of bread as part of the meal. As we eat the bread, meditate for a moment and think about the Christ who gives us our “daily bread” and how we can best serve Him with the life we live.

Peace be with you,  
*Rev. Mary*

**Message from Karen Norton, Senior Warden**

With the upcoming installation of our new Rector, The Reverend Dr. Mary J. Korte, my job will be nearly done. When I accepted the position of Senior Warden in 2013, the possibility of having to find a new Rector was not even considered. Within six months, however, it turned into a reality, and St. Stephen’s had to prepare for a transition.

Thanks to the hard work of an entire team of dedicated parishioners, we not only brought in a highly qualified priest-in-charge, but we also worked together to create a strong working relationship with her. In the year and a half she has been with us, some practices remained the same, and some were changed. New services, such as the Intergenerational Service, became a big hit; new committees were formed and have begun to hit their stride. It has been a work-in-progress, but more people than ever are involved in decision making, our youth program is slowly expanding, and our attendance is steadily increasing.

One of the major, but probably less noticed, changes Reverend Mary has made is that of the role of the Vestry. Every other Vestry on which I have served was primarily one of input once a month. With the exception of the Wardens, most other Vestry members showed up on meeting nights and were not expected to work in between.

That has all changed. Your Vestry is now actively involved in all parts of parish life. You have seen them every week at the 8:30 am and 10:30 am services as the Vestry-member-in-charge. They are in charge of committees. They are in church as often as possible. They participate in activities of the church. They are the first to pledge to the stewardship campaign. They have been expected to be the leaders of the church, and they have become that!

At the Annual Meeting in January, we will be electing three new members of the Vestry. If you are one who is interested in being an active member of the leadership team, in leading a committee or two, in helping St. Stephen’s reach its goals, please let me, Rev. Mary or Vera know. With the help of an engaged and thoughtful Vestry, the future of St. Stephen’s will continue to be bright!



The Church Periodical Club is an Episcopal institution; its ministry is to supply books, magazines, tapes, videos and computer programs FREE to those who cannot otherwise obtain them and to raise the money to do this.

*Church Periodical Club is changing the world one book at a time...*

**If you would like to contribute to the Church Periodical Club, drop your pennies in the large jar in the Parish Hall!**

Baptism Date	Baptism Service Time	Baptism Instruction (required)
Sunday, January 10, 2016	The Baptism of Our Lord, 10:30 am	Tuesday, January 5th, 6 pm
Saturday, March 26, 2016	The Great Vigil of Easter, 7 pm	Sunday, March 20th, noon
Sunday, May 15, 2016	The Day of Pentecost, 10:30 am	Sunday, May 8th, noon
Sunday, November 6, 2016	All Saints Day, 10:30 am	Sunday, October 30th, noon

*The Right Reverend Dean E. Wolfe*

*Ninth Bishop of Kansas*

*requests your presence at*

*The Renewal of Ministry*

*with the*

*Welcoming of a New Rector*

*Saturday, November 21, 2015*

*at 2 o'clock in the afternoon*

*Clergy, white stoles*

*St. Stephen's Episcopal Church*

*7404 East Killarney Place, Wichita, KS 67206*

*A Celebration High Tea to follow*

*Regrets: [sssec@sbeglobal.net](mailto:sssec@sbeglobal.net)*

*or 316.634.2513*

## Winter Music Notes

### The Music Library/Office is MOVING!!

[Saturday November 14th](#) starting [at 1:00](#) any volunteers who are willing to help with this task would be welcome. We have hope that with a bigger space and more organization that our extensive library can serve as resource for other churches, musicians and organizations throughout our community and the diocese.

### Christmas Pageant

Sign up to be a part of the annual St. Stephen's Christmas pageant!! The sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board in the parish hall [November 1st](#). ANYONE and EVERYONE can be involved in our family geared production celebrating the birth of Christ through story and song. All ages are welcome and we need about 20 people, please consider being a part of this wonderful annual tradition.

\*Angel and Shepherd choir rehearsals will be during Sunday School hour during the 4 Sundays in advent [November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th](#).

\*Read through rehearsal and assignment of speaking and reading parts immediately following the [10:30](#) service [on December 6th](#).

\*Dress Rehearsal [Wednesday December 23rd](#) in the late afternoon a time to be announced. The pageant is presented during the Family Eucharist Service on Christmas Eve [at 6:00 pm](#).

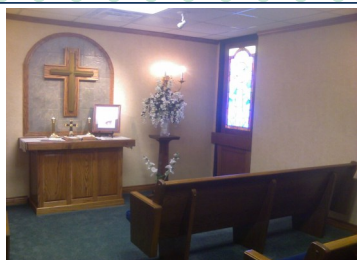
### Carol-Sing-A-Long during the Greening of the Church, Sunday, December 20th

Carol Sing-a-long is immediately after the 10:30 am service. We are seeking requests for your favorite carols! Submit requests to Ashley at any time via email [ashleywinters79@gmail.com](mailto:ashleywinters79@gmail.com) or be sure to fill out the Request Form that will appear in the Sunday bulletin during Advent!

Ashley Winters, Director of Music and Choirs

[ashleywinters79@gmail.com](mailto:ashleywinters79@gmail.com)

785.393.1546



### LARKSFIELD PLACE

**Holy Eucharist Service by Clergy - Nov. 22th, The Rev. Bill Horn**

**Holy Communion by Lay Eucharistic Visitor Team**

**Nov. 8th and Dec. 13th**

**Both in the Meditation Chapel (No service on Dec. 27th)**



EPISCOPAL  
SOCIAL  
SERVICES

1010 N. Main St.  
Wichita, KS 67203

**"PIE and PRAYER" Tuesday, November 17th, 11 am-1 pm**

**NEED: Pies for our guests.**

**Any kind of pie, however, the favorite is PECAN.**

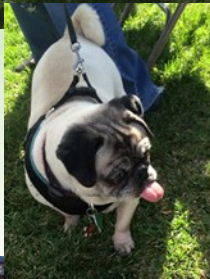
**Bring to St. Stephens no later than 9:00 am Tuesday, November 17th.**

**"COOKIES and CONVERSATION" Wednesday, December 16th, 11 am-1 pm**

**NEED: Small packages of Christmas cookies that can go home with our guests.**

**Bring to St. Stephens no later than 9:00 am Wednesday, Dec. 16th.**





Blessing  
of the  
Animals







They need your help to achieve them.

Join us in celebrating Breakthrough Club

members' educational goals. We invite you to enjoy coffee and fabulous desserts as we raise scholarship funds for our members.

Thursday,

November 12, 5:30-  
6:30 pm

## Breakthrough Club


1010 N. Main

Wichita, KS 67203

RSVP to Rachel Newell at 316.269-4160 or

Rachel.newell@esswichita.org

by 11.10.15



Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, texts, kind words, and support while I have been off recovering from surgery. I especially want to thank Rev. Mary for her pastoral care! We have been given good news, that the cancer was contained and removed. No further treatment is necessary. I have been cleared to return to work on November 2nd. I can hardly wait to get back to Youth Group and EFM. Thank you Lord for the many blessings we are given through your Church and Grace.

Teresa

## November/December Celebrations

### November Birthdays

11/1 Libby Ceramella  
 11/3 Darlene Knorr  
 11/4 Pat Oxley  
 11/6 Lora White  
 11/8 Kim Dugger-Attwater  
 11/10 Bill Estes  
 11/11 Owen Graham  
 11/15 Eddie Blue  
       Chris Graham  
 11/16 DiAnne Graham  
       Barbara Kice  
 11/17 Bill Marshall  
       Don Norton

11/18 Judy Higdon  
       Joan Jaedicke  
 11/25 Mary Sinclair  
 11/26 John Alefs  
 11/27 Sally Attwater  
 11/28 Cheryl Navarro  
 11/29 Shaun White

### November Anniversaries

11/8 Tom & Maggie Benefiel  
       Chris & DiAnne Graham  
 11/10 Spencer & Emily Alefs  
 11/16 Richard & Becky  
       Samaniego

### December Birthdays

12/1 Bwimbo Kajanja  
 12/2 Dwight Oxley

12/7 Vera Aikman  
 12/9 Reta Caldwell  
 12/15 Joan Schulz  
 12/18 Prue Schmidt  
 12/19 Georgia Deatrick  
 12/19 Sondra Reber  
 12/20 Susan Igogo  
 12/22 Bryan Black  
 12/23 Carolyn Goree  
 12/30 Ryan Taylor

### December Anniversaries

12/16 Ben & Ashley Winters  
 12/28 Paul & Dodie Seymour  
 12/30 John & Nan Myer

**Provided for us directly from EWARM (Episcopal Wichita Area Refugee Ministry)**

## **NEWS**

The world is watching the refugee crisis unfold in Europe and elsewhere. Don't watch and wonder what can be done...EWARM invites you to make a difference locally! Did you know EWARM has resettled almost 100 refugees since October 2014?

**Make a difference locally by volunteering--EWARM has immediate openings for volunteers to help staff our front desk; to pick up donations and set up apartments and to mentor individual families. Call us today.**

**Make a difference locally by providing tangible items to newly arriving refugees--EWARM is accepting gently used donations of furniture and kitchen items. EWARM is also accepting new household items: soap shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry soap, dish soap, facial tissue, feminine hygiene products (pads only) and toilet paper. Winter is around the corner and EWARM is accepting donations of coats, hats and gloves.**

**Make a difference locally by connecting with refugees in our midst---EWARM will have a Fall Family Gathering Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-2pm. Bring a food dish to share at this event. The event will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church and the goal of this event is for the wider Wichita faith community to connect with recently arrived refugee families. Mark your calendars now... more information to come.**

**EWARM**

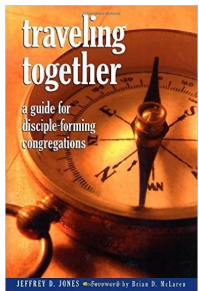




## **Welcoming of a New Rector Celebration**

**Please contact Linda Haskins, Vestry Liaison for Special Events, if you would like to bake, create and/or provide assistance for set up, clean up and hospitality.**

Recommended reading:



**Traveling Together** by Jeffrey D. Jones is written to help congregations reimagine existing programs and processes for Christian formation—or to develop them for the first time. In this age when membership in many mainline congregations is declining, Jones argues that forming disciples is the only way that the church will recover a vitality necessary to grow again. Anyone concerned for the life and ministry of the church, who has a sense that things are not what they might be, and who is seeking a new understanding of congregational life and mission will find hope and help in the pages of this book.

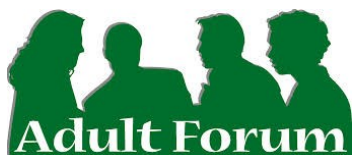
**Creative Ministry with Fewer Resources** by David L. Odom. Troubled communities need mainline churches with well-equipped leaders. Keeping them will require creativity across denominational lines.

**Calling all the Baptized: Innovative Governance Structures Cultivate Members' Ministries** by Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook. Moving into new perspectives on church and ministry is most renewing in organizations that are flexible and committed to making changes, as an innovative initiative in the Diocese of Maine shows.

## **DON'T FORGET THE *LITTLE RED WAGON*— OUTREACH FOR ESS**

### **FALL AND WINTER WEATHER INCREASES THE NEED.**

Items needed include pull top cans of chicken, soups and vegetables; packaged fruits; peanut butter; pasta and sauce; baby food; packaged crackers (in sleeves); deodorant (male and female); diapers and feminine hygiene items, travel size shampoo, lotion, tooth paste, tooth brushes. Also, mitten, gloves and stocking hats! Drop in the little red wagon in the foyer and DOK will deliver! **Thank you.**



**Join us at 9:30 am on  
Sunday for the Adult  
Forum as we discuss  
many interesting topics.**

Nov. 8th	-	DVD Paul's Hymn on Love:	Nov. 29th	-	<b>NO FORUM</b> , Intergenerational Service
		1st Corinthians	Dec. 6th	-	<b>NO FORUM</b> , Ingathering and Potluck
Nov. 15th	-	TBA	Dec. 13th	-	The Wisemen
Nov. 22nd	-	Thanksgiving/lesson discussion	Dec. 20th	-	TBA
			Dec. 27th	-	<b>NO FORUM</b> , Lessons and Carols
			Jan. 3rd	-	<b>NO FORUM</b>



## St. Stephen's Calendar November and December 2015

Sun-Nov 1	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b>	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum-Paul's Hymn on Love
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Nov 4	6:30—8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
Thurs-Nov 5	Noon	Book Club
Sun-Nov 8	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum-Paul's Hymn on Love
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	2:00 PM	Larksfield Place Service
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Nov 11	6—7 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:30—8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
	7—8 PM	Buildings/Grounds Mtg
Thurs-Nov 12	Noon	Book Club
Sun-Nov 15	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	11:30 AM	<b>DOK Meeting after service</b>
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Wed- Nov 18	6:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
	6:30—8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group
Thurs-Nov 19	Noon	Book Club
<b>Sat- Nov 21</b>	<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Renewal of Ministry and Welcoming of New Rector followed by High Tea</b>

Sun-Nov 22	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum—Thanksgiving Discussion
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	St. Cecilia Day Holy Eucharist Rite II and Blessing of the Choir
	2:00 PM	Larksfield Service
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Thurs–Nov 26 & Fri-Nov 27		<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY</b>
Sun-Nov 29 <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10:30 AM	Intergenerational Sunday
Wed-Dec 2	6:30—8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
	5:30 pm	<b>Advent Event</b>
Sat-Dec 5	6—9 pm	<b>PARENT(S) NIGHT OUT Youth Group Fundraiser</b>
Sun-Dec 6	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
<b>St. Nicholas Day</b>	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	NO Adult Forum
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
		<b>Stewardship Ingathering Potluck Brunch</b>
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Wed-Dec 9	6—7 PM	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:30—8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 pm	Prayer Group
	7—8 PM	Buildings/Grounds Mtg
Sun-Dec 13	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum—The Wisemen
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	2:00 PM	Larksfield Place
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights

## November and December 2015

Wed-Dec 16	6:00 PM	Vestry Meeting
	6:30—8 pm	Youth Group
	6:30 PM	Prayer Group
Sun-Dec 20	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite I
	9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 AM	Adult Forum—TBA
	10:15 AM	Children's Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist Rite II
		<b>GREENING OF THE CHURCH</b> <i>with our favorite Carols of the Season</i>
	2:00 PM	Larksfield Place Service
	5:30 PM	Sunday Night Lights
Thurs-Dec. 24	6:00 PM	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE and PAGEANT ONE SERVICE ONLY</b>
Fri-Dec 25	10:30 AM	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</b> <b>Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ</b>
Sun-Dec 27	10:30 AM	<b>First Sunday after Christmas</b> <b>Lessons and Carols</b> <b>One Service Only</b>

**Vestry**

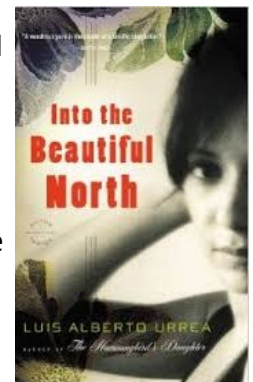
**REMINDER**  
VESTRY MEMBERS  
NOVEMBER 18th MEETING  
DECEMBER 16th MEETING

**BOOK CLUB**—We invite anyone that loves to read to join us at noon. We read, discuss and enjoy the hospitality, bring a snack/lunch and join this fun group. We have started the new book on October 29th, *"The Hiding Place"*.

The schedule is:

Nov 5th	Chapters 5 thru 8
Nov 12th	Chapters 9 thru 12
Nov 19th	Chapters 12 thru 15
Nov. 25th	NO BOOK CLUB

We will be taking a break during December. During this break, we will be reading a book called *"Into the Beautiful North"* by Luis Alberto Urrea. It is about 19 yr old Nayeli who works at a taco shop in her Mexico village and dreams about her father, who journeyed to the United States when she was young. Recently, it dawned on her he isn't the only man who has left town. In fact, there are most no men in the village. They've all gone North. While watching the movie, "The Magnificent Seven", Nayeli decides to go north herself and recruit seven men, her own "Siete Magnificos" to repopulate her hometown and protect it from the banditos who plan on taking it over. We will discuss this book on January 7th after our December break. (Sounds like fun)!



## **Stewardship Ingathering Potluck Brunch** **Sunday, December 6th** **after 10:30 am service**

*Please bring the following if your last name begins with:*

**A—F** Please bring breakfast/brunch casserole or dish

**G—P** Please bring a side dish or salad

**Q—Z** Please bring a dessert

*Please plan on your dish serving ten (10) people)*



**YOUTH GROUP FUND  
RAISER**  
**Saturday**  
**December 5th**  
**6—9 pm**

**\$15.00 per child**  
**\$30.00 maximum of (3) children**

**A good time to shop for Christmas, en-  
joy a leisurely dinner  
or even take in a movie.**

**Fun Activities for the kids**



*Sunday, December 20th*

*Following the 10:30 am service  
with our favorite  
Carols of the Season!*

**Eve of the Nativity with Pageant and  
Holy Eucharistic: Rite Two**



**Thursday**  
**December 24th**



**ONE  
INTERGENERATIONAL  
SERVICE at  
6 pm**



**The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ:**  
**Christmas Day, Friday**  
**Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
**10:30 am**



*The First Sunday after Christmas*

*Sunday, December 27th*

*One Service*

*10:30 am*



**DON'T FORGET TO  
CHANGE YOUR  
CLOCKS  
NOVEMBER 1st  
FALL BACK ONE  
HOUR**



Stewardship in motion

"Bread of Life"

**SAINT  
STEPHEN'S**



**WICHITA**

**St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church**

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Vera Aikman, Parish Administrator  
Debra Butler, Bookkeeper  
Lise Van Arsdale Hansen, Nursery  
Teresa Rogers, Youth Ministries  
Liz Steele, Children's Sunday School  
Aubrey Watson, Organist  
Ashley Winter, Choir and Music Director