

## **Diocesan Necrology**

**2016**

*Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them!*

*The Reverend Vern Barber;* Vern served as a deacon at St. Paul's, Hudson and as the Priest-in-Charge of Sts. Thomas and John in New Richmond. He also served numerous positions in the Diocese including President of the Standing Committee. His leadership and temperament have been felt by many members and groups in the Diocese of Eau Claire.

*Mr. Lawrence Neste;* St. Luke's, Springbrook; served as Parish Treasurer, Lay Worship Leader for several decades and as Lay Eucharistic Minister for the missions of the Diocese of Eau Claire for many years. During his years of military service, Lawrence was once 'lost' by the U.S. Military and was only located due to the persistence of the Bishop of Eau Claire.

*Mr. Terry Kohler;* Grace Church, Rice Lake; a major contributor to the ministries and life of Grace Church; supporter of the Companion relationship with the Diocese of Harare and the guest priests from Zimbabwe. Mr. Kohler and his family have also directly and indirectly aided a number of Episcopal Priests through relationships begun through Nashotah House.

*Dr. John Weeth;* Christ Church, La Crosse; Vestry Member and two term Senior Warden twice. Dr. Weeth served as a member of the Executive Council and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eau Claire and twice served as a Deputy to General Convention. A former physician at Gunderson Hospital, he and his wife sponsored the program to welcome Hmong refugees in La Crosse.

*Mr. Jim Sherwood;* Christ Church, La Crosse; served on the Vestry, member of Choir and supported the Diocese of Eau Claire when Bishop needed help and advice. He was head of the HR Dairyland Power company in La Crosse.