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The Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

The Staff

Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector

Debbie Wild, Senior Warden

Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Sue Diebold-Martin, Treasurer

Ash Emmanuel, Vestry Clerk

Jeanne Rayner & Cheri Walter, Altar Guild Co-Directors

**April Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Judy Mavros	4 - 1
Beth Varchmin	4 - 1
Dawn Lureau	4 - 2
George Kennedy	4 - 5
Ben Woertendyke	4 - 10
Connie Scheffel	4 - 14
Melinda Herrmann	4 - 16
Doug Tobin	4 - 16
Jane Watson	4 - 20
Jean Horlock	4 - 22

***April Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

<i>Richard A. & Jeanne Rayner</i>	4 - 8
<i>Rudolph & Kim Gebala</i>	4 - 13
<i>Nick & Judy Mavros</i>	4 - 14

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

We are an Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song! - St. Augustine of Hippo. These are words I often heard from my first spiritual director and frequently hear them in my head. While I appreciate the opportunity Lent provides for prayer, fasting, reflection and taking a bit of a spiritual inventory I always miss the "Alleluias." Though we take a break from using the word "Alleluia" during our services in Lent, Augustine was right, we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song! What a joy it was to be back with you all for Holy Week and Easter! It is always a special thing to worship God and give thanks for all that God has done for us and particularly at this time of year as we remember the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus! In the midst of all the horrors of this world, we can sing Alleluia! I was deeply troubled to hear of the terrorist attack in Pakistan leaving about 70 people dead and 300 injured on Easter afternoon. As Christians around the world celebrated the great feast day of Easter, a suicide bomber decided to mar the joy of that day. How do we continue to celebrate the Good News of the gospel in a world so broken and filled with hate? We can celebrate because of what Jesus accomplished in defeating death. *"Death has been swallowed up in victory."* *"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"* (1 Corinthians 15:54b-55). The world continues to be a broken place, but God isn't finished with us yet!

When my fractured leg odyssey began, my focus was gratitude and I find myself still feeling grateful for so many things. From the night of my accident when Fr. Scott Barron agreed to fill in for me the next day, and all the other clergy who served in my place, I give thanks. We have an incredible church family and I am thankful for each one of you!! I want to acknowledge some folks who have kept things running smoothly in my absence and I apologize in advance for anyone I miss. Thanks to Karen Warner for all her hard work keeping us all organized and thanks to Margaret Brady and the choir for all the fine music to enhance our worship. Thanks to Marge Zawadzki for bringing communion to folks. Thanks to Rita and Jose Padilla for opening up the church each week and putting on the coffee and thanks to Dan Dolney for making sure the church got locked after services. Thanks to Debbie Wild for her leadership with the vestry and special thanks to Dan and Amy Dolney for creating such a sacred space for our Experiential Stations of the Cross. Thanks to Mike Miner, Caroline Onischak, Juanita Brook, and Cheri Walter for leading the Lenten programs and to Margaret, Catherine Balassie, and the folks at Redeemer for planning and leading the Lenten Retreat. As always thanks to Jeanne Rayner, the altar guild, and all the extra volunteers who helped out though the week. Thanks to Bert McConnell for polishing all the brass and to the Mom's group for cleaning the pews. Thanks to Jim and Marty for setting up for our Agape Meal and our Easter Brunch and to all who brought food and helped clean up. Thanks to Sue Campbell, Shalini Emmanuel, and everyone else who helped with the Easter Egg hunt. Thanks to Peola Alleyne-Mills for baking cake for the kids and setting up for "Pizza with the Priest" along with her assistance with coffee and donuts on Easter. Thanks also to Judy Mavros and Larry and Debbie Wild for their help with Easter coffee hour.

Thanks to all our worship assistants, lay readers, acolytes, greeters, ushers, and chalice bearers. Thanks to Ele Procter, Marty Owens, and Karen Warner for scheduling them. Thanks to Randy Lemcke for bringing over their portable fire pit and having the fire laid out to start so we could do our fire for Easter at the top of the stairs this year. Thanks to Theresa and Randy Hetfield for driving me up to the hospital to see my Dad after the late service. He was released from the hospital on Tuesday and is doing better now. Thanks for all your prayers for him and for me throughout my recovery. I still can't drive so am holding off on resuming the Tuesday 7AM Eucharist, till I'm able to transport myself. Please continue to pray that my knee heals and I won't need surgery. It feels great to be back albeit with some limitations. Thanks for your prayers, support and patience as I get back on my feet!!

With Love and Gratitude,
Marion+**Building and Grounds**

Junior Warden News by Stephen Wendorf

Now that we are well in the new year it is great to report that no major issues or concerns about the buildings and grounds have come up, small matters such as light bulb replacement, setting the occasional mouse trap or the like remain on-going.

Craig Skeppstrom did a fine job as Junior Warden over recent years and made sure that buildings and grounds were ship-shape. Thank you for your dedicated service Craig! Incidentally, Craig is researching ways to improve our columbarium (on the west side of St. Hugh) and what the costs will be. At some point, Craig will provide a report at a Vestry Meeting.

In conjunction with Earth Day, Friday, April 22nd, Buildings and Grounds will be arranging for "Spring Clean-up" at St. Hugh, on Saturday, April 23rd at 9AM. A volunteer sign up sheet will be posted by the nursery by April 1st. Please arrange to bring your own tools for what you sign up for. Coffee, juice and donuts will be on hand!

Blessings...

Sunday, April 3rd is Prayer Partner and Food Pantry Sunday at St. Hugh! Food pantry donations are being collected in Wiedrich Hall this day.

Sunday, April 10th is Taize Healing Service at 7PM



Save the date...

Former parishioner Bill Schmitz's Memorial Service at St. Hugh will be Saturday, June 4th at 2PM.

Introduction and Personal Testimony of Laura T. Barnett

"I have been a member of St. Hugh since about 1988. Over five years ago I moved to McHenry and I did find a church in this area to attend. I love St. Hugh and I try to come every few months with Marion. As most of you know Marion lives in McHenry, and she lives just a few miles from me. She has been graciously taking me to St. Hugh every few months. Because of her accident, I'm not sure when I'll be able to attend, but whenever it's good for Marion; it will be good for me.

As some of you know, I finished writing a book (Larry Brook did the editing), and I'm working on getting it published. This is my personal testimony and what the book is about."

PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF LAURA T. BARNETT

In my book, *Blink Twice If You Mean Yes* it is 1980, and I wake up from a two week coma. Unable to talk or move I discover that the nightmare that I thought I was having is real. Only later do I find out that at age 23, I have suffered a rare brain stem stroke. Through the blinking of my eyes, I have a tiny peephole into communicating with my family, friends, and the hospital staff.

God produced a drive and determination in my soul that allowed me to walk out of that hospital four months later. However, I wasn't aware that it was God's work. Because I was headstrong in the way of the world, I thought this inner resolution was of my own making.

God will allow us to go through a great difficulty because He needs someone to go over that hurdle and come out victorious for His glory. When a person has been through a huge struggle, and he/she comes out whole, sane, happy, and joyful, it makes others think, *maybe I can do it*.

I could have given up! That would have been the easy way out.

Threaded uniquely in my journey is the progress from the isolation from God of a secular person to moving gradually to spiritual discovery. Searching for the purpose of my stroke, I miraculously come to faith in Jesus Christ fourteen years later, March 1, 1994. When I committed my life to Christ, I found the answer.

Because of my disability, my life since Christ has not been trouble-free. There have been broken bones, surgeries, the challenges of daily living, and then a divorce. My left arm continues to be disabled, and both of my legs are relatively useless.

Yet through all of this, God sustains me and gives me joy. He is so awesome! I give Him all the glory! God transformed my stroke tragedy into a spiritual triumph!

Please go to strokeclub.org to read Laura's blog.

Dear St Hugh Family:

What a joy to share a reverential Lenten season and an inspirational Holy Week!

What a community effort! Karen was weeks ahead in multiple bulletins and I think Jeanne, Marty, Dan and Amy had cots set up in the basement because they were working every minute! I left on Sunday afternoon with Judy, Debbie and Larry cleaning up after the final meal, and the Severson kids still counting Easter eggs Thanks to all the musicians, all the volunteers, all the leaders, and especially thanks be to God for the return of our beloved Marion!

Dr. Margaret Brady, Director of Music



The United Thank Offering spring in-gathering will take place April 10th and 14th. Please bring your blue UTO boxes to church on one of these dates to have your donation included in the parish offering that will be forwarded to the national fund later in the month. Include your name on a note in the box so that your donation can be included on your charitable giving statement.

The United Thank Offering is a devotional and ministry program of the Episcopal Church. It funds mission work to meet basic human needs throughout the world. Empty boxes will be available on the in-gathering dates for those who would like to start or continue this devotional practice.

Congratulations to Cheri Walter who will be Co-Director of the Altar Guild along with Jeanne Rayner. All the work and time that went in to cleaning, polishing, prepping was so appreciated by Jeanne and Cheri!

RELICS will meet Wednesday, April 6, at noon in Wiedrich Hall with primary focus on planning our May 17 dinner featuring representatives from Magdalene House Chicago. The Magdalene House Board has confirmed that Amity Carrubba who was previously at Church of the Redeemer will be one of the Magdalene House representatives. Bring your lunch and ideas for the dinner and, of course, for future fundraisers.
Don't forget Shawl Ministry at 10:30.

Save the Date:

The fifth anniversary of Marion's installation as the Rector of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church will be celebrated on Sunday, April 24th at 9AM!