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Voice of the Swan Newsletter

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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
Sue Campbell, Senior Warden
Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden
Dick W. Rayner, Treasurer
Ash Emmanuel, Vestry Clerk
Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant
Cheri Walter, Altar Guild

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>	<i>4 - 8</i>
<i>Rudolph & Kim Gebala</i>	<i>4 - 13</i>
<i>Nick & Judy Mavros</i>	<i>4 - 14</i>



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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

I hope and pray you are having a meaningful Lent. I have been working through the Living Compass's Lenten devotional and have recommitted to be more intentional about listening to God through Lent, either on the pages of my journal or in Centering prayer. Recently, as I was doing a bit of centering prayer, one of our beagle mutts, Petey, hopped into my lap on the couch. Instead of chasing him off, I decided to share the love that God had me enfolded in with him. As I tried to get Petey to calm down enough to let me cuddle him, he wrestled against my embrace, much as I wrestle in my mind against being still in God's love. My love for this little dog persisted as he squirmed in my lap, as I trust God's love for me holds steady when my brain is all over the place....Petey didn't stay long on my lap, but his "interruption" and the feeling of deep and abiding love that welled up in me, gave me a glimpse of the depth of God's love for me! Whether you have given something up or taken something on or haven't done anything about Lent at all, may you know that God's abiding love is there for you!

As we journey through the rest of Lent, we have opportunities to worship together at our regular service times along with the chance to participate in group discussions focused on different videos we have been watching at noon and 7:00PM on Thursday's. The noon group has met with a brown bag lunch and we've had soup and bread at 6:30PM during the evening group. The conversations have been rich and meaningful to me and I hope to the participants as well. Thanks for taking the time to share this time with one another. April 6th will be the last of the film series and if you haven't had a chance to join us, please do. The films have had some common themes, but each one can be viewed on its own without seeing the others.

I look forward to celebrating Holy Week with you beginning April 9th on Palm Sunday. There are several opportunities during that week to worship and ponder Our Lord's Passion. May we appreciate anew God's love and sacrifice for us. "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13)

With Love and Gratitude,

Marion +

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 13th

Agape Meal - 6:30PM

Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7:30PM

Maundy Thursday Vigil - immediately following the service until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES - April 14th

NOON AND 7:30PM

Stations of the Cross for Kids - 4PM (Pizza with the priest to follow)

Experiential Stations of the Cross will be open 5PM – 7PM and immediately following the 7:30PM SERVICE

EASTER DAY - April 16th

5AM GREAT EASTER VIGIL

8AM EASTER SERVICE

10:30AM EASTER SERVICE WITH MUSIC, FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT

Senior Warden Report

A busy spring is settling rapidly upon St. Hugh.

On March 12th, we celebrated newcomers to the parish and Rudy Gabala once again took home the top prize for his entry in our chili cook-off. Congratulations to Rudy and thanks to all our chefs for your participation in a fun event.

During this season of Lent, some of us have been attending the group video series on Thursdays, some are guided by the readings in the Living Compass devotionals, while some are using their very own Lenten practices. However you have chosen to observe this season, I hope that each of you has been able to find more space in your life for God and his great works.

At the March Vestry meeting, we shared more plans for the 50th anniversary celebrations and began discussing marketing strategies for the remainder of the year, including a redesign of our current website. Please be on the lookout for your invitations and RSVP cards for our two major 50th celebrations which are rapidly approaching on July 2 and September 10.

In April, we will observe the Holy Week and celebrate a joyous Easter Sunday on April 16. Check the church calendar for details about services and events.

On Sunday, April 23 we will celebrate with Marion to honor and thank her for six years of service to the parish before she begins her sabbatical leave. In her absence, the Rev. Scott Barron will be leading the Sunday worship services. Let us welcome him each week with our usual St. Hugh hospitality.

Also in April, we are pleased to welcome the musical talents of Dr. Rise Dawn Jones. She will be performing during a coffee hour concert following the 10:30 service on April 30. Please invite family and friends to this exciting musical experience brought to us by our own Dr. Margaret.

Please be checking the church calendar regularly over the next several months as there are many, many important events happening and service dates and time may be changing in Marion's absence.

Sue Campbell, Senior Warden

Buildings and Grounds Monthly News April 2017

Happy Easter and happy Spring, this is the time of year when things really come alive around the grounds and gardens at St. Hugh! On April 29th at 9:00 am, we will launch our annual Spring clean up; clearing weeds, picking up trash, trimming bushes and so on. Bring your work gloves and yard tools you may need. Yard waste trash bags will be available. Coffee, orange juice and light refreshments will be provided. Once we finish this, our landscaper will put down a good layer of premium mulch to add the finishing touches! A sign-up sheet is posted by the nursery. Please contact Marty or Jean for details. Also please note the St. Hugh Time and Talents spread sheet while you're there, and consider any of these service areas that you might be able to participate in and add your name.

Overall, our buildings are in satisfactory condition with no foreseeable structural or other concerns beyond expected matters such as the occasional light bulb change. Craig Skeppstrom is compiling a list of some minor maintenance tasks that could be addressed. Early in April we will be cleaning out the basement storage rooms and reorganizing equipment.

Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden



Easter Flowers

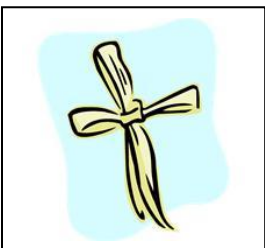
We are collecting for Easter Flowers. Please remember someone special in your life or a special event and give flowers in their (it's) honor or memory.

Sunday, April 2nd is Prayer Partner and Food Pantry Sunday
at St. Hugh!

Sign ups:

(most on the bulletin board near the nursery)

- ✠ Passion Reading for Palm Sunday, April 9th – on the table in Wiedrich Hall
- ✠ Holy Week and Easter day service volunteers
 - ✠ Agape Meal – Thursday, April 13th
- ✠ Kid friendly Stations of the Cross and Pizza with the Priest on Good Friday, April 14th 4PM
 - ✠ Easter Vigil Breakfast
 - ✠ Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30AM
- ✠ Soup Kitchen at Church of the Redeemer, April 27th 5 – 7PM
 - ✠ Spring Exterior Clean –Up, April 29th 9AM



Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9th is Palm Sunday. We will celebrate at our 8:00AM and 10:30AM services. For the 10:30 service goers, please plan to arrive a few minutes early, and meet in Wiedrich Hall.

Sign-up for a part in the reading of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew on the square table in Wiedrich Hall.

Good Friday for Kids Event

On Good Friday, I am offering special Stations of the cross followed by cheese pizza for the children of the parish and their families. We will meet at 4:00PM and go through the stations and have some experiential things for the kids to take part in. They will be able to ask any questions they want and hopefully we can present the events of Holy Week in a way that is meaningful for them. We will follow with a pizza dinner together. Please sign up so we know how much pizza to plan for!

**Our Good Friday worship services and Stations of the Cross
will be held on April 14th at Noon and 7:30PM.**

Stations of the Cross will be available beginning at 5PM and again after the 7:30PM service.

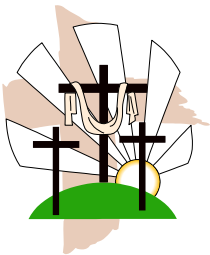
At the Noon Good Friday service we will be doing the Stations of the Cross using *The Way of the Cross*. Holy Communion will be available from the reserved sacrament, as we do not consecrate the elements on Good Friday in commemoration of Jesus' death and passion.

For the evening Good Friday service we will begin with seven experiential Stations of the Cross that will be scattered around the church, beginning in the basement and ending in the sanctuary. Following these stations we will continue with the Good Friday liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer. Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament will be available at this service also. The experiential Stations of the Cross will also be available after the service.

Easter Sunday, April 16th

At 5:00 AM, the Great Vigil of Easter dramatically moves us from the darkness of death to the light of the Resurrection. We gather in the field next to the parking lot, and then enter the darkened church with the first fire of Easter and proceed behind the Paschal candle to experience the gloriously arrayed altar.

5:00 AM	Great Vigil of Easter (Followed by Breakfast in Wiedrich Hall – sign up on bulletin board)
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
10:30AM	Holy Eucharist



Easter is the greatest day of the Christian year! Without Easter, we would have no Christianity: Jesus would be dead, buried, and forgotten and the last work in life would belong to death. With Easter, Christ is alive for evermore and death has lost its power to extinguish us and separate us from the love of God. This is the day when God raised Jesus from the dead and we celebrate it at each of the glorious liturgies.



Help out the Easter Bunny?

We are collecting donations of candy (no chocolate please), stickers, and small coins to fill eggs for our egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Look for a container in Wiedrich Hall now until April 8.



Help Wanted:

We'll be serving donuts, coffee and milk after the 8AM and 10:30AM services on Easter Day. We'll need coffee made, donuts set up, then clean up after the 10:30 service. We've got the donuts ordered and will also pick up. We are in need of Easter Day reception hosts after the 8AM and after the 10:30AM services.

Please let the office know, if you are willing to help.

2017 Good Friday Offering

St. Hugh is participating in the Bishop Curry's appeal for the Good Friday Offering. Click on the link to find out more about this ministry.

These resources help explain the mission of The Episcopal Church in supporting the ministries of the four dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and the importance of contributions to the Good Friday Offering in making this work possible.

http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/2017_gfo_bulletin_half_page.pdf



Episcopal Church Women
Diocese of Chicago

Episcopal Church Women invite all women to join two upcoming events.

The 2017 ECW Annual Meeting: Women of Faith, Women of Legacy: Celebrating God with a Passion and Purpose will be held Saturday, April 22 at St. Thomas in Chicago.

ECW will host the area Altar Guild Conference on June 3 at St. John's in Naperville.

To register or for more information, visit ecwchicago.org.

ELGIN GREAT BOOK SEMINARS 2017

<http://elgingreatbookseminars.com/contact.html>*

Join our Elgin Great Book discussion Group that meets on **the first Monday** of each month in our home: **535 Oakhill Road, Elgin, 7:00-9:00 pm**. Join us for **one, any, or all** of the **titles** that interest you. We focus on Great Book and contemporary authors of the 20th century. Some readings include follow-up comparison-contrast discussion of film interpretations of the original story. *We make new friends as we learn from one another.*

RSVP: Victor and Pat Moeller, **224.856-5682** (one block west of Coleman School & Baker Hill Pancake House, Dundee, Hwy 25).victormoeller@comcast.net

April 3

Anton Chekhov "*Heartache*"

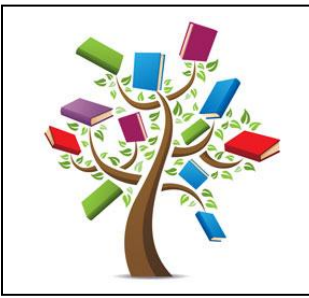
<http://eric.gruver.net/heartache.html>

Catherine Mansfield's "*Life of Ma Parker.*"

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/mansfield/garden/parker.html>

How does a parent cope with the death of a child?

Whose story is more poignant--Mansfield's or Chekhov's?



Check out the library!

Did you know that St. Hugh's has a library? Hundreds of books are available for any member of St. Hugh to borrow. Topics include spiritual development, history, parenting, devotionals, and Bible studies, and also includes a number of fiction books. If you have not been in recently, check it out! Chances are that you will find something of interest to you. (The library is located across from the restrooms.)

Celebrating our 50th - Save the dates....



Dr. Rise Dawn Jones performs at our April 30th coffee hour as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. Our very own, Dr. Margaret Brady, will accompany her on the piano.

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Nacho Bar night hosted by the Padilla's
Saturday, May 6th - watch for a sign up
5 - 7PM to raise money for the parking lot

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Pentecost is Sunday, June 4th

Parish Pot Luck - watch for a sign up to bring something to share

Recognition Sunday

Silent Auction Baskets* to raise funds for the parking lot.

*Parishioners/Church groups are encouraged to donate silent auction baskets to for the fundraiser. The value of the baskets is limited to a \$50 value. We will start to accept baskets on Sunday, April 23rd.

April 27th is Soup Kitchen Thursday for St. Hugh at Church of the Redeemer from 5 - 7PM. Please sign up to help out on the bulletin board.