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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

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

Craig Skeppstom, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Cherry Babo, Treasurer

Mary Baumrind, Asst. Treasurer

Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk

### February Birthdays

Happy Birthday!!

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|-------------------|--------|
| Jose Padilla      | 2 - 2  |
| Richard W. Rayner | 2 - 2  |
| Leslie Scheffel   | 2 - 5  |
| Beverly Hopson    | 2 - 10 |
| Nancy Rayner      | 2 - 20 |
| Nick Mavros       | 2 - 25 |
| Kyle Johnson      | 2 - 26 |
| Jeanne Rayner     | 2 - 26 |

### *February Anniversaries*

*Happy Anniversary!!!*

*Fay Kitchin & Jeff Maliszewski 2- 29*

# Voice of the Swan

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church



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Dear Friends,

Just wanted to begin by thanking you for the amazing gift of this beautiful new car! It is a 2007 Chevy Aveo with only 15,000+ miles on it, which seems brand new to us! It came in time for our annual anniversary trip to Door County. We had a great trip and really enjoyed having a newer car where all the speakers work (at the same time) and it was an added bonus to close the trunk and not have pieces fall off! It was incredibly generous of you all, and Mike and I appreciate it so much! It is hard to describe how we feel receiving this, but I told Mike I felt a little like Sally Field when she won her second Oscar and said, "You like me, You like me!" The love we experience in the St. Hugh family is something we continually thank God for and this is yet another expression of the love and care you have for us! "Thank you" seems inadequate, but we wanted you to know how blown away we feel! If heaven keeps tabs on what's happening on earth, I know Jim Kuttner is smiling to see me with a new set of wheels! Thanks for making this happen for us! We fixed the Mazda, which still has some life in it, and we'll pass that on to my brother, who was going to pay for the new radiator, but thanks to you, that's already been covered, too!

While I'm thanking people for things, I also want to thank all those who helped make the Martin Luther King, Jr. food drive and service day such a success! Thanks, as well, to Dan, Karen Warner, Peola, Mike, and to all who brought food for our annual meeting and helped with clean up! Our annual meeting/brunch was a delightful success and such a nice way to come together as a community! We will gather again soon for food on February 12th from 5:00PM - 8:00PM for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner. Hope you can join us! Please sign up so we can have an approximate head count.

It's hard to believe February is upon us and Lent just around the corner! Stay tuned for details about filling out the Spiritual Life Renewal Survey which will kick off our Lenten conversation on spiritual practices. The survey will be available on line for a couple weeks and then we will receive the results and a core group will process the results and implement an action plan for our parish. I am still looking for some folks to fill out the core group which will meet twice in March and twice in April. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in this group; I think there will be an opportunity for meaningful conversations that I'm hoping will be fruitful for us. There is a book *Follow Me*, which the core group will utilize along with any who are interested in using it for a Lenten study. Watch for a sign up for this book. Karen has ordered 10 already but we'll order more as needed. The core group could have as many as 25 members and I am looking forward to exploring our faith lives as a community! It will be exciting to see what God reveals in us and to see the next thing that God is calling us to! It is wonderful to be serving God among you and I give thanks for all that's been and I give thanks for all that's yet to be!

With Love and Gratitude,  
Marion+

## Senior Warden Report – Feb. 2013

At first glance, the January 2013 calendar seemed rather normal. On it was the Military Services that we have twice a month, Prayer Partner Sunday along with Food Donations to the Crisis Center, the monthly Vestry meeting that was moved up one week to accommodate our Annual Parish Meeting. At that event we welcomed our three new Vestry members - Ed Jamrog, Dean Johnson, and Craig Skeppstrom as Junior Warden. I look forward to working with them as we do God's work here at St Hugh. Let me take a second here to thank the outgoing members of the Vestry - Jeanne Rayner, Tom Youngren and Roland Hopson. We all appreciate their hard work and dedication and I'm especially grateful to them all for making my transition to Senior Warden a smooth one. Thank you!!

January also proved once again what a caring, loving, and spiritual community that we are a part of here at St. Hugh. I won't go through all the details but I will tell you all, that God was definitely at work in bringing many things together with the end result being a new (used), low-mileage car for Marion. What a wonderful place and family we are a part of at St Hugh! So, enjoy the car Marion because how many people can unlock their car and immediately think of the power of God and all the people who love you and who are thankful for being a part of your life? We are ALL blessed.

The month of February brings us the start of the Lenten season. Easter is early this year and that brings Ash Wednesday on February 13<sup>th</sup>. All of the usual events will continue in February. If you haven't been to a Military Service yet, now would be a great time to experience it. So many young men and women are putting their lives on the line in service the America and sometime we take it for granted. This is a good, quiet way to show your appreciation. It just so happens that the pancake supper will also occur the night before Ash Wednesday followed by the evening Military Service. Hope to see you there!

February is also St Hugh's turn to serve at the Soup Kitchen. This is also another way that we can serve those who are struggling in their lives. We thank those that participate in such a rewarding endeavor. As Jesus said.....'what you do for the least of those, you do for me.'

Dan Dolney,  
Senior Warden

### **PLEDGE ENVELOPES**

Pledge envelopes for 2013 are available on the table in Wiedrich Hall.

If you are missing a box, please let the office know.

*RELICS' February meeting will be a work session to cut out fabric for mittens and hats for the homeless. Bring your cutting board, rotary cutters and/or scissors along with your brown bag lunch. See you Wednesday, February 6, at noon in Wiedrich Hall.*



## **Keeping God's People Safe January Update**

Thanks to those that are willing to participate in this important endeavor. After a review with the Diocese office that is tracking the online program and my records, here's where we are at:

### **Level 1 Follow up Discussion needed to complete, scheduled for Sunday, March 3rd after the 10:30AM service:**

Kim Gebala, Stephen Wendorf, Jane McCaffery and Mary Baumrind, Joan Garrett, Sharon Wendorf

### **Level 1 program online and discussion (3/3) needed to complete, on 1/22, I requested the needed user id and login for the following:**

Judy Mavros, Dean Johnson, Jose Padilla, Ed and Donna Jamrog, Craig Skeppstrom,

### **Miscellaneous needed to complete:**

Level 1 Module 2 & 3: Rita Padilla, Sharon Wendorf

Level 1 Module 2: Joan Garrett

### **\*Vestry and those involved in visitations:**

Level 2: Fay Kitchin, Mike Miner, Mary Baumrind, Jewell Graves, Craig Skeppstrom, Dean Johnson, Carrie Reynolds, Deanna Engelke (Be-Frienders), Rita Padilla, Ed Jamrog, Tom/Linda Youngren (Be-Frienders), Katie White

\*Level 2 involves a sit down group discussion with a qualified trainer. I'm in the process of arranging this ideally here at St. Hugh or at a nearby location. More details to follow.



Saturday, February 23, Dent Davidson is coming to Elgin for a morning workshop on Music and Worship. We will gather at Church of the Redeemer at 8:30, begin our first session at 9am, and end at noon. Anyone interested in music and worship is welcome! Registration is \$10 for the morning for coffee, snacks and handouts. You may bring your money that day. Please contact Margaret Brady if you are interested. Hope to see you there!

## Save the Dates

RELICS Meeting February 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon – see further notes in newsletter

Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee is coming to Church of the Redeemer on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> to ordain Rachel Rosemary Hultz and install Fr. Uriel Lopez as the Rector at Church of the Redeemer at 7PM

Episcopal Spiritual Life Renewal survey to begin on 2/9/13  
(more details to follow in February Newsletter).

Tuesday, February 12: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5 – 7PM free will offering accepted.  
Watch for a sign up!

Ash Wednesday Services on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon and 7:30PM

Watch for a day/time for Stations of the Cross.

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 4 – 8PPM  
Parent's Valentine's Night Out

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lenten Retreat @ St. Hugh with Church of the Redeemer Coffee and muffins  
@ 8:30 AM, program begins at 9. Eucharist offered at 2PM, ends at 3PM. \$10 box lunch  
Watch for a sign up.

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Keeping God's People Safe discussion for Level 1 after the 10:30AM service.

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: Family Fellowship – Roller Skate from 2 – 5PM at Coachlite Skate Center  
1291 Bryn Mawr, Roselle

## **FLOWERS**

Please remember to sign up to remember someone or a special occasion on the Flower list in the narthex. The cost per Sunday is \$30. Envelopes are available near the list. Please drop the completed envelope in the offertory plate or the mailbox on the office door

## Time and Talent

Thanks to all that responded to the request for your talents and time.  
There are a few areas that are needing additional help...

- ✠ **The nursery**... those that are trained in Level I of Keeping God's People Safe or willing to be trained
- ✠ **Sunday School volunteers** – same Keeping God's People Safe training as above
- ✠ **Acolytes**
- ✠ **The Church Library** book maintenance



## SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 2nd LENTEN RETREAT

On Saturday, March 2nd we'll be hosting a Lenten retreat put on jointly by us and the Church of the Redeemer. We will gather at St. Hugh between 8:30AM and 9:00AM with the retreat beginning at 9:00. A sign up is available for the retreat and your lunch choice. Cost will be \$10.00 to cover lunch.

## EPISCOPAL SPIRITUAL LIFE RENEWAL



(From the Diocesan Web Page)

Episcopal Spiritual Life Renewal, a program of the Diocese of Chicago, is a process that:

- Assesses the spiritual vitality of a congregation by surveying the beliefs and spiritual practices of its members.
- Trains a task force from the congregation to interpret the survey results.
- Examines the life of the congregation in light of the survey results to discern how the congregation is and is not inspiring and supporting people in their spiritual journeys.
- Challenges the congregation to better support the spiritual lives of its members through spiritual practices that are key predictors of a vital congregation such as regular worship, Bible reading, personal prayer, and service to people in need.

Episcopal Spiritual Life Renewal is based on the Reveal Process that was developed at Willow Creek Church in South Barrington, Illinois in 2005. With help from a grant from the Lilly Endowment, leaders from Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, Illinois and the Diocese of Chicago have rewritten the Willow Creek survey and supporting materials to make them more accessible to people in the Episcopal Church. A group of parishes in Chicago piloted this revised survey during just before Lent 2012 and the results were highly provocative and fruitful. The survey is now available to the wider church.

# EPISCOPAL SPIRITUAL LIFE RENEWAL SURVEY, LENTEN PROGRAM & FOLLOW-UP



As the previous article explains, the Episcopal Spiritual Life Renewal program begins with the members of a parish each taking a survey about their own spiritual beliefs and practices. This is an assessment tool that helps see how the church is meeting your needs for spiritual growth and the input you provide is valuable to shaping our future growth opportunities. We are signed up to begin taking the Spiritual Life Renewal survey on February 9th; details will be forthcoming about how to access the survey on the web. The survey opportunity closes on Monday, February 25th at midnight. I hope that **everyone** will participate! If you do not have a computer or web access we will be happy to make arrangements for you to take the survey on a computer at a church.

During Lent, we'll be studying the book *Follow Me*. The *Follow Me* book draws on recent research providing insights into what "drives - and derails- spiritual growth." We will be meeting *on* Wednesdays in Lent for an hour and a half at noon and again at 7:00PM. Everyone is welcome to participate in this follow up program and I hope it will provide fruitful conversations for us throughout Lent. Come and share with one another about what spiritual practices you use for your own spiritual growth and learn about what others do to nurture their relationship with God. I hope that the survey will give us a starting point for conversations and exploration about how the church can better meet your spiritual needs. Please sign up if you would like us to order a book for you. The cost is \$6.00. All are welcome to participate in the Lenten study and I hope many of you will! In addition to those participating in the Lenten study, there will also be a core group of people serving as a task force to study the results of our survey data and coming up with an action plan for the parish based on these results. You can participate in the Lenten Groups and also be a part of the core group. I have some folks committed to this core group already, but have room for more. We can have a task force of 10-25 people in this core group. The core group will meet for 4 workshops over a 2 month period. Please let me know if you are interested. I am looking forward to all that God will reveal to us as a result of participating in this Spiritual Life Renewal program! Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Blessings,

Marion+



Whether you're just starting to explore the Christian faith, or you're a lifelong Episcopalian, we want to do everything we can to help you on your spiritual journey. That's why we need your help.

This survey touches on a wide range of thought-provoking issues about your spiritual life and the role your church plays in it. Your input will provide feedback to your church as to what's helping you grow spiritually and what's getting in the way.

Some things you need to know about this survey:

- It's comprehensive and thought provoking.
- It's designed to be taken in one sitting.
- You should set aside 30 to 40 minutes to take it.
- It **does not** allow you to exit and re-enter and once you've advanced to the next page, **you can't go back**.
- It's completely **anonymous** so you can be open and honest with your feedback.

Thanks again for your time and contribution.

Here's our link to the survey <http://www.insightexpress.com/s/Epis193755?uid=6672&resetposition=true>

## Christmas Service Times Survey....

What is your opinion of changing the times of the services for 2013 to:

4PM Service  
7:30 Carols  
8PM Service

Or something like this?

Yes , I like it            No, leave it the way is it (4PM service, 10PM Carols, 10:30PM service)

Thoughts and suggestions:

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Please tear off and place in the mailbox on the office door at your earliest convenience. Thanks!