



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

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**July Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Amanda Markham	7 - 1
Isabella Rowe	7 - 6
Stephanie Johnson	7 - 7
Marsha Wojcik	7 - 9
Carol Tobin	7 - 11
Barbara Badeau	7 - 17
Jayden Edgar	7 - 18
Casey Gebala	7 - 20
Amy Dolney	7 - 20
Larry Graves	7 - 21
Scottie Campbell	7 - 25
Tully Barnett	7 - 25
Susan Crowley	7 - 26
Jonathan Herrmann	7 - 27
Carole Chataigne	7 - 28
Sally Odiorne	7 - 29

***July Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

<i>Mark and Catherine Rayner</i>	7 - 3
<i>Scott & Sue Campbell</i>	7 - 20

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July 2015



The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

Happy summer! I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather and the many outdoor activities summer allows us! Summer can be a time of refreshment and renewal and I hope and pray will make some space for that this summer. We have a few fun events coming up - a movie and ice cream night July 25th and another Feed My Starving Children event August 28th. Check the bulletin board in Weidrich Hall for sign ups. There is a lot of information in this newsletter so I hope you'll at least skim through to glean the information you need.

This week marked the beginning of General Convention which is being held in Salt Lake City this year. General convention is a meeting of the larger Episcopal Church which occurs every three years. Lay and clergy delegates are sent from the various dioceses around the country to make up the House of Deputies and they along with the House of Bishops debate and vote on numerous resolutions. The triennial gathering allows the larger church to pray, worship and work together. This year, on Saturday, June 27th there will be a vote to decide who will be the next Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts-Shori completes her term on November 1, 2015. Pray that the delegates vote for the person God wants next in this important job! Elsewhere in this newsletter are brief bios on each of the candidates. Additionally, you can go to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church's website at www.generalconvention.org to read the bios and watch video interviews of the candidates. You can also go to the National Episcopal Church's website at www.episcopalchurch.org and click on the link at the top in the middle that says The 78th General Convention and find the media hub for the General Convention. If you want to know a little more about what this is all about the Chicago Diocesan web page www.episcopalchicago.org has an excellent article on the home page "Preparing for General Convention." There is a synopsis of some of the main issues that this convention will cover. The polity of the Episcopal church is rather impressive and you can learn a lot about it following some of this information on General Convention. Even if this isn't of interest to you, I do hope you will still pray for the work that is being done at General Convention! It impacts us all!

Our new roof is up and all that remains to be finished is the sealing of our leaky gutters and we will have to arrange to have the new woodwork on the soffits painted. Thanks to all who helped finance this endeavor! It really shows how invested you all are in the life and work of God in this place. I feel blessed to serve among you!

We have some fun activities planned this summer including a movie and ice cream night on Saturday July 25th. Watch for a sign up in the near future. Another thing we have going on this summer is an opportunity to try on some new ways to serve as worship assistants without a big commitment. There are sign ups on the bulletin board near the office for each week for volunteers to fill in the different service needs each week. You can sign up ahead of time for a week you know you will be there. Note that there are sign ups for both the 8:00AM and 10:30AM service. Check on Sunday mornings when you arrive to see if there are any holes in the schedule and come a little early if you'd like to help fill in. Ele Proctor sent us a list of job duties which are in this newsletter and posted on the bulletin board. Thanks Ele; these are most helpful!! No job is too difficult and there are plenty of folks who will be happy to help orient you. Try something that interests you! I look forward to all that this summer will bring!

Love and Blessings,

Marion +

Senior Warden Report

Looking at the calendar, it is now officially summer. The temperature has finally become summer-like, but Mother Nature continues to batter us with severe storms and torrential rains. This, too, shall pass. Of course, there are areas that have experienced much worse so we can give thanks and offer up a prayer for those that have been hit much harder.

Speaking of rain.....none came into the Church or the Rectory! The roof is done, it looks beautiful and we can rest assured that we will stay dry for years to come. It was quite the undertaking and to be able to do this size of a project without a loan and blasting the budget out of the water is something the entire St Hugh family should and can be proud of. God Bless all of you!! However, we can't rest on our laurels for too long. At some point we will need to address the condition of the parking lot. Don't worry....it won't be right away. I'm guessing but I think we may be able to talk the Padilla's into having another Mexican dinner as a fundraiser. We've had a lot of fun while raising money, haven't we? You could say we put the "FUN" in FUNdraising.....or not.

The first Sunday in July will kick off our Worship Assistant sign up. This accomplishes a few things. One, it gives Karen, Marty and Ele a break in working up a schedule for a bit and it also lets all of us serve in ways that, maybe, we haven't done before. I've said it many times, participation truly enhances the worship experience. It's always nice to see different faces serving The Lord's Table. So, give it a shot and let's show Karen that she really didn't need to worry so much! ☺

Summer is the time for vacations, picnics, cookouts and such so please be safe whether your grilling or driving. We don't want any accidents! Our St Hugh parish picnic/Mass on the grass/Sunday School kick-off will be Sept. 13th. I assure you, that's not as far off as it seems. The outdoor worship is always nice along with great food and fellowship. Don't forget...bring a friend! The anticipation of what Mike Phipps will wear is more than worth it. So, mark your calendar and let's enjoy the fellowship and have some fun. ENJOY!!

SAVE THE DATE - August 2nd Bluegrass Gospel Coffeetime Concert

Dear St Hugh Community: Save the date! On August 2nd, the Lonesome Theologians, Bluegrass and Gospel Band extraordinaire, are returning to St Hugh. They will be the in-house band for the 10:30am worship service. For added value, they are giving a Coffee time Concert from 12 to 12:45. Invite your friends and neighbors, children and adults of all ages to sing-a-long and listen to some of their old time favorites and brand-new fun! The Lonesome Theologians feature guitar, dobro, mandolin, fiddle, and your favorite director of music on bass! This event is free to the public and designed as a special opportunity to introduce new folks to our community. Hope to see you there!



Taize - Healing Service is the
second Sunday of the month... July
12th @ 7pm.

July 5th Food Pantry Sunday

Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and
delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.



Happy Fourth of July!

Please contact the office to keep our Military list updated.

*Serviceperson's birthdates and addresses are requested
so that our parish can send a birthday card.*

Thanks to Marge Zawadzki for taking on this wonderful project.

TIME AND TALENT

(attached to the Newsletter)

"Time and Talent" is church-speak for "Help Wanted" or "We're hoping you can find a niche where you can share your gifts and abilities among us." We have worked to expand our descriptions of ministries and ways to be involved at St. Hugh to be a little more user friendly for newcomers and to remind long time members of existing ministries that are available along with jobs that need doing in the church on a regular basis. So many things happen behind the scenes here and there are numerous ways to get involved. We don't want to pressure folks, but we want to make known the many opportunities for deeper involvement in parish life. Rather than wait till our stewardship drive in the fall, we wanted to put this appeal out now to help new folks learn what's available and to help people jump into different activities. Included in the description of ministries is also the contact information for the person coordinating each area. Feel free to contact these folks if you are interested in getting more involved. Please prayerfully consider what God may be wanting you to do to support the work of God's kingdom in this place. Much happens in this place by the help of many!

One need coming up in the fall is for a couple of people willing to help out teaching Sunday school. We have some of the younger kids moving up from the nursery and we have some students who are in grade school and reading. We'd like to offer a couple different grade levels this year to meet the needs of our growing youth population. Please let Marion, Debbie Wild, Karen Lemcke or Shalini Emmanuel know if you are interested in teaching our young people. There are also Adult Education opportunities if you are interested in furthering your own Christian education. If you like to sing, the choir is always eager for new members. If you prefer behind the scenes work, there is plenty of that as well! Hope you can find things to be better connected and thanks in advance for your willingness to serve God and God's people!

To our St. Hugh family,

Tatianna, Julien and I want to express our gratitude to all our St. Hugh family and friends for the support you gave Sharon during the past 19 months she was battling cancer.

We want to thank you for your prayers, your words of encouragement, your empathy, the rides you provided taking her to chemo or other treatments, the tasty meals you brought to our home to nourish us, for the cards you sent Sharon to comfort her through out the course of her illness and your presence and contributions you provided at her memorial service on May 23rd. We are blessed to have such a great St. Hugh!

*Shalom,
The Agee Wendorf family*

SAVE THE DATE!

Here are some upcoming important St. Hugh dates as of 6/25/14:

July 25th – Movie Night

July 31st and August 1st – RELICS' garage sale

Sunday, August 2nd - Bluegrass Gospel Coffeetime Concert

August 28th – Feed My Starving Children and Jr./Sr. High Lock in

Sunday, September 13th - St. Hugh Church Picnic will follow the 10:30AM Outdoor service.
Sunday School Kick Off

Sunday, October 4th – Pet Blessing at the 10:30AM service

Saturday, October 17th – Brats and Bingo

Sunday, November 22 at 9AM – Thanksgiving Brunch

Sunday, December 20th - Parish Christmas - Grilled Cheese and Soup after the 10:30AM service and greening of the church. Bishop Lee's visit and Rev. Paul Kyger's 60th anniversary of his ordination

January 31, 2016 - Annual Parish Meeting & Brunch 9AM

Watch the bulletins and newsletters for additional events/dates.

RELICS Yard Sale
July 31st and August 1st
St. Hugh – Under the Tent
8:00 - 4:00 on Friday
8:00 – 2:00 on Saturday

Bring your treasures (new and gently used) to our yard sale under the Big Top.
All proceeds will benefit RELICS' outreach.

Donations can be dropped off at the church on Sundays, July 19 and 26th, or by arrangement with the church office. Karen is usually there on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Volunteers will be needed to help price our items on July 29th and 30th.

All donations must be in good condition. No electronics or car seats. We are currently negotiating with the Epilepsy Foundation to pick up what is left but large furniture will not be accepted by them and will need to be picked up by you if it doesn't sell. Clothes, toys, games, bicycles, small household items, etc. are usually good sellers.

So, scour through your closets and your basements to unearth your long-forgotten and no-longer-needed items. The RELICS and our charities will thank you!!

St. Hugh Greeters

The main role of our greeters is to welcome parishioners and orient newcomers to St. Hugh.

Arrive 20 minutes before the service

Please wear your nametag

See that the guest book is ready/page turned as necessary and a pen available

Greet all parishioners with a welcoming smile and assist with entrance doors

Welcoming a newcomer

Take time away from the greeter post to enlist the help of a St. Hugh member

- Show the location of the sanctuary, the restrooms, and the nursery/Sunday School as appropriate

- Invite the newcomer to sign the guest book as appropriate

- Introduce the newcomer to the Priest and other parishioners in the Immediate vicinity

- Invite the newcomer to join us for refreshments after the service

- Approach the newcomer at the end of the service answering any questions and welcome them to join us again.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this very important ministry. The greeter is the first impression of our friendly family at St. Hugh.

St. Hugh Coffee Hour Hosts

Thank you for hosting coffee hour.

Coffee hour is meant to be a fellowship gathering (not a lunch). Hosts are asked to provide the food items of their choice and juice for the children. Staple items are provided in the kitchen (cabinets are labeled for your convenience). Extra items are in the Wiedrich Hall storage closet.

If you would like to share the work and the cost feel free to partner with someone.

Ideas for food items you may wish to provide: cookies, fruit, veggies, coffee cake, cheese, crackers, I container juice for the children

Kitchen staples provided: coffee, coffee stirrers, ind. Sugar and sweetener, coffee creamer, paper plates, napkins, plasticware, serving trays and bowls, china cups for coffee, paper cups for juice and water

Hosting includes:

- 1. Setting up the serving table** in Wiedrich hall small paper plates, napkins, plasticware as needed, cold cups for cold beverages water (Brita container in refrigerator) and juice tablecloths are in the storage closet
- 2. Setting up the coffee station** in the kitchen pass-through china coffee cups, coffee stirrers, Ind. Sugar and sweetener packets, liquid creamer, napkins pump coffee servers---decaf and regular
- 3. Making coffee** -fill the plastic container provided (to the marker level only) with water for each glass pot use large paper filter and 1/3 cup coffee for each glass pot transfer brewed coffee to the pumped coffee servers (start with one glass pot of decaf and 1 or 2 glass pots of regular---making more only if needed)
- 4. After coffee hour** - clear table and kitchen pass through, returning dry goods to cabinets and counter- top plastic containers please take home food not used or give to someone else to take home return juice to refrigerator fill and start dishwasher hand wash coffee pumps, dry and return to cabinet
- 5. Clean-up and sanitizing** - This is an important step so that we follow **health department regulations** and prevent bug and rodent infestation. Remove all garbage to the cans outside---**recycle only applicable items** as allowed by Kane County Regs
Sanitize----wipe all kitchen counters and all tables in WH with soap and water, then follow with bleach water and air dry. (The bleach water is in plastic spray bottles under the kitchen sink clearly labeled).
Formula for bleach water is 1/2 TBLSP bleach & 2 cups cold water.
- 6. Vacuum as necessary** - The vacuum is located in the WH storage closet.

Thanks for volunteering!

St. Hugh Ushers

The main role of our ushers is to assure worshippers are comfortable and assisted to participate in and enjoy the service.

- Arrive 20 minutes before the service
- Please wear your nametag, check the bulletins for completeness and close the church doors to assure pre-service quiet time.
- Welcome those attending worship and provide them with bulletins.
- Children may be provided clipboards with coloring materials.
- Recommend the nursery for toddlers and leaving to attend Church School after the service begins for older children. Assure parents Church School will return before Communion and that toddlers can be brought from the nursery for a blessing at that time.
- Determine any special physical needs or unfamiliarity with Episcopal services of newcomers and accommodate them as best we can.
- Open the doors for the processional and then close them. Reopen and close the doors for the Church School to process when in session and relocate the offering plates to where you will be sitting if they are not on the table with the Communion elements.
- Count the Church School attendees leaving the service, all persons in the nursery and kitchen, worshippers in the sanctuary and the altar party and fill out one of the service count cards from the usher's table which holds the bulletins. Put the completed attendance card in the container for the Communion bread.
- Notify the Church School and the nursery when the Prayers of the People are beginning. Open the doors for them to return during the Passing of the Peace.
- Distribute and collect the offerings plates and bring them and the elements to the altar during the Doxology.
- Assist with pacing Communion, encouraging visitors and offering standing room between the two rails with kneelers when it seems appropriate and especially when the service is crowded. The Ushers together take Communion last as a signal all worshippers have been served.
- Assist worshippers as needed in leaving the service, straighten the service books, collect discarded papers and bulletins to leave on the Usher's table and close the doors as soon as possible for meditation and prayers of healing.

Thank you all for your willingness to work together in this important ministry.

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Thanks to Ele Proctor for submitting these Job Descriptions together!

Dear Friends,

Once again we witness the horror of gun violence, this time in a church in South Carolina. We must continue to work for a society in which we will not have to confront such unspeakable tragedy. We must continue to work for a world in which the scourge of racism does not spill blood on our streets, in our schools, and even in our churches.

For now, I ask you to join me in responding to a request by the Rt. Rev. Charlie vonRosenberg, bishop provisional of South Carolina, in offering the prayer of St. Francis for a transformed world. Bishop vonRosenberg has also asked us to ring the bells of our cathedral tomorrow at noon. They will ring for ten minutes to remind us of the nine who died and the perpetrator who took their lives. Let us pray that those who have died will rest in the peace of Christ. And may God have mercy on us all.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Lee
Bishop of Chicago

At St. Hugh we have our mission statement:

Our Mission
To Know Jesus
To Glorify Jesus
To Share Jesus

In addition to our mission statement, we are looking for a St. Hugh “tag line” that describes our church. A “catchy” phrase/sentence to drive people to our website or to visit on a Sunday. To advertise, there are 4 steps to the process:

1. Capture attention
2. Engage the audience
3. Educate
4. Call to action

Here is an example of a tag line:

*The Diocese of Chicago devotes itself to three simple goals:
“Grow the Church. Form the faithful. Change the world.”*

We are seeking parishioner’s help for a creative tag line that describes our church and can be used on promotional materials. Submissions will be considered and approved by the Vestry at the July Vestry meeting 7/20. The winning submission will receive a \$25 WalMart gift card. Please email the office with your idea sthugh@sbcglobal.net or drop a note in the mailbox on the office door.

Your Name _____
Please drop in the mailbox on the office door.

St. Hugh of Lincoln Ministries

(Please note that some of our ministries require online Diocesan training of Level 1 – Keeping God’s People Safe training, noted as KGPS Level 1 training. The Diocese of Chicago and St. Hugh Church are committed to doing everything in their power to maintain a safe and supportive atmosphere for the children and adults who are members of its congregations, attend its programs or participate in its ministries.)

- ☐ Acolyte – Assist the Priest at the altar during services. Be a part of a schedule rotation. Contact: The office 847-695-7695 or sthugh@sbcglobal.net
- ☐ Adult Fellowship Coordinator/Participant: Organize group activities, such as golf outings, dinner/theatre nights, book club, progressive dinners, etc. The office 847-695-7695 or sthugh@sbcglobal.net
- ☐ Altar Guild - Prepare the Altar for Sunday and additional services throughout the year. Be a part of a schedule rotation. Also, semi-annual cleaning of for Easter and Christmas is an important part of the Altar guild work. Contact: Jeanne Rayner 847-695-1369 or richjeanne@sbcglobal.net
- ☐ Be-Friender’s Group – Patterned after the Stephen Ministry concepts of listening, caring and supporting those who are facing devastating news in their lives. Visiting parishioners. Contact Fay Kitchin 312-816-9947 or hatfay@aol.com (Requires KGPS Level 1 training)
- ☐ Chalice bearer – Serve at the altar with the Priest during Holy Eucharist. Contact: Marty Owens 847-697-5419 or mowens11@sbcglobal.net
- ☐ Choir – Love to sing? Join the choir! Dr. Margaret Brady 847-508-6337 or margaretmbrady@gmail.com
- ☐ Church Maintenance – Do you have a special skill? Painting, electrical, gardening, etc., that you’d like to share? Contact: Craig Skeppstrom 847-899-0135 or clskeppstrom@aol.com
- ☐ Coffee Hour Host – Set up, provide the snacks and make coffee (provided by St. Hugh) for the parishioners after the 10:30AM service. Clean up afterwards. Be a part of a schedule rotation. Contact Bev Hopson 847-531-5212 or bevrol2002@yahoo.com
- ☐ Family Fellowship Coordinator/Participant: Organize activities for the children, such as bowling, ice skating, movie/ice cream nights, parent’s day/night out, etc. The office 847-695-7695 or sthugh@sbcglobal.net (Requires KGPS Level 1 training)
- ☐ Funeral lunch assistance – Help with kitchen duties, setting up food, providing food as needed for families who request a reception in Wiedrich Hall following service. Contact: Jane Watson 630-306-1225 or jlw0420@aol.com
- ☐ Greeter – Welcome everyone at the front doors. Direct them to the sanctuary, coatroom, bathrooms, etc., Contact: Ele Proctor 847-669-9222 or eleproctor@gmail.com
- ☐ Kitchen help during parish events – Help to set up and clean up after parish brunches or get togethers. Various tasks such as dishes, vacuuming, tables, etc. The office 847-695-7695 or sthugh@sbcglobal.net
- ☐ Lay reader - Read the scriptures on day of service. Be a part of a schedule rotation. Contact: Marty Owens 847-697-5419 or mowens11@sbcglobal.net
- ☐ Lead a Prayer Group – Contact Marion at 847-695-7695 or phipps54@sbcglobal.net

- Mom's Group – Meeting twice a month in the afternoon to discussing parenting and raising Christian children. Contact Marion at 847-695-7695 or phipps54@sbcglobal.net

- Nursery Attendant – Provide young families the opportunity to worship and have their children in a safe near-by place. Be a part of the schedule rotation. Contact: Ele Proctor 847-669-9222 or eleproctor@gmail.com (Requires KGPS Level 1 training)

- Outreach – Help with existing programs. For example: the Northern Illinois Food Truck, donations for the Community Crisis Center Food Pantry once a month, Soup Kitchen, Military Service at St. Hugh and support from our parishioners for specific needs. Suggestions are always welcome. Contact: The office 847-695-7695 or sthugh@sbcglobal.net

- Play piano/organ during music director absences. Share your musical skills during a service. Contact: Dr. Margaret Brady 847-508-6337 or margaretmbrady@gmail.com

- Prayer Chain – Join the chain to pray for those in need. Contact Fay Kitchin 312-816-9947 or hatfay@aol.com

- Rector's Class - Sundays at 9AM in Wiedrich Hall. Drop in to discuss the topic of the day.

- RELICS - Retired Episcopal Ladies In Christ Service - Meets 1st Wednesday of the Month at Noon. Charitable arm of our church. Participating in Craft and Bake sales, fundraising for various charitable organizations from worldwide to local. Contact Linda Youngren 847-659-1136 or lindayoungren@sbcglobal.net

- Shawl Ministry - Knitting for good causes. Learn how. Meets 1st Wednesday of the Month at 10:30AM. Contact Judy Mavros at 847-464-1564 or judymavros@gmail.com

- Soup Kitchen Volunteer – Hosted by the St. Hugh Church at Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, the even months of the year, the 4th Thursday of the month, 5 – 7PM. A Sign- up is provided at church.

- Sunday School Teacher - Help us to teach the Love of God to our children through school-year classes during the 10:30AM service. 2 Levels – grade school and middle school. Contact: Karen Lemcke 847-888-4403 randylemcke@att.net or Debbie Wild 847-695-2181 or wildprairie2000@yahoo.com (Requires KGPS Level 1 training)

- Ushers - Greet everyone at the doors to enter the sanctuary and pass out Sunday bulletins at the 10:30AM service or special holidays . Help with seating, if necessary. Pass the offertory collection plates and bring the elements (bread and wine) to the altar. Straighten up the sanctuary after church. Contact: Ele Proctor 847-669-9222 or eleproctor@gmail.com

- Visitation of home bound/ hospitalized parishioners - Train on providing communion to our parishioners unable to physically attend church. Contact Marion at 847-695-7695 or phipps54@sbcglobal.net (Requires KGPS Level 1 training)

- Youth Leader: Working with Middle school and/or High School once a month to assist them in growing their faith in a contemporary format. Contact Marion at 847-695-7695 or phipps54@sbcglobal.net (Requires KGPS Level 1 training)

Four Candidates Nominated to be Next Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

All four candidates have approved rites for same sex blessings in their dioceses

By David W. Virtue DD

May 4, 2015

The Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has announced the nominees for the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church in a report posted by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (JNCPB).

The four nominees are:

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal, 64, Diocese of Southern Ohio

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, 62, Diocese of North Carolina

The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, 56, Diocese of Connecticut

The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, 61, Diocese of Southwest Florida

All four are liberal in faith and morals, with each bishop having declared that they have or will allow rites for same sex blessings in their respective dioceses with one bishop, **Dabney Smith**, having said he would never allow a Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry seminary priest in his diocese. However, it turned out that the Rev Joseph F. Maiocco III, a Trinity graduate, ended up at St. John's Naples.

In April 2010 Bishop Smith swooped in into St. Dunstan's Anglican Church in Largo, Florida; locked the doors and evicted the clergy and parishioners of that parish.

"In typical Episcopal fashion they suddenly ended it all and preemptively struck us. While we had been preparing for the possibility it still came as a shock," said the Rev. Ed Sellers, the 68-year old evangelical catholic priest. "They promised to give us a key so we could worship in the sanctuary but they reneged on that promise. We've been effectively locked out and removed the 'Anglican Church' signs."

On same sex issues, Smith has not formally approved such blessings, but he has not forbidden them either. According to sources, there are several parishes in the diocese that will jump at the chance to do it. On the other hand, he won't mandate their use either, yet.

Church of the Redeemer-Sarasota, the largest in the diocese, already issued a long statement indicating..."it ain't happening here".

In another alienating move, in 2010 Smith took more than \$30,000 "conscience money", that was set aside by Evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics in the Diocese of Southwest Florida and earmarked for the Dominican Republic, and sent it to National Church headquarters in New York City, violating a long held agreement with orthodox Episcopalians in the diocese going back to Bishop John Lipscomb.

If he should win, none of the few remaining orthodox dioceses would be able to trust him.

Bishop Thomas Breidenthal of Southern Ohio said he would begin allowing blessings on gay marriages beginning after Easter 2010.

In November, Breidenthal carefully explained his case for lifting the ban, including a reference to a pair of denomination-wide votes at the General Convention in July 2009 in Anaheim, Calif., in which delegates approved allowing the election of openly gay bishops and the creation of liturgies that would lead to the blessing of same-sex unions.

Acknowledging that conservatives in the church and some clergy oppose such blessings, the bishop said in his speech that no minister would be forced to perform such blessings.

In other orthodox breaking acts, Breidenthal was one of thirteen bishops of the Episcopal Church who joined an *amici curiae* brief filed with the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in support of a lesbian couple's bid to be married.

"Eliminating discrimination in civil marriage will not impinge upon religious doctrine or practice," the brief says. "All religions would remain free -- as they are today with nineteen states and the District of Columbia permitting same-sex couples to marry -- to define religious marriage any way they choose."
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Breidenthal was one of 88 bishops who voted to depose Bishop Robert Duncan of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The "action" of these 88 bishops so impacted the global church that it called into question the future of the Communion. It also expressed a total lack of respect for The Episcopal Church's canons raising serious questions to the majority of global bishops such as how they can possibly pursue their office as a bishop in a proper humble and Christ-like way.

Bishop Ian Douglas of Connecticut, and the youngest of the four candidates, found himself at loggerheads with Fr. Ron Gauss and Bishop Seabury parish and won the parish in a court battle. For his sins, he inherited the whirlwind of an empty church. Despite long talks a deal could not be cut, so the bishop got the building.

He, too, has approved rites for same sex blessings in his diocese.

As early as 2004, **Bishop Michael Curry** of North Carolina authorized same-sex blessings. The spiritual leader of nearly 50,000 Episcopalians in North Carolina has given his formal OK to churches in his diocese to bless such unions.

In a letter to his clergy, Curry wrote, "the blessing of the committed life-long unions of persons of the same gender is one way our community can live the Gospel through faithful and loving pastoral care and spiritual support for each other."

Curry's July 1, 2004, letter to clergy stirred much more debate. The Rev. David Pittman of St. Peter's Episcopal Church said he would fulfill two requests for same-sex ceremonies.

Other churches said they would have no part of such unions despite Curry opening the door.

Episcopalians angry over Curry's strong stance made their feelings known. Diocesan spokesperson Culp said financial donations were down 15 percent since last August (2004), when Robinson was confirmed amid national front-page headlines. At a later forum attended by 300 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, George Young of St. Margaret's Episcopal in Charlotte held up a check and told Curry: "You will never see this."

Curry's July 1 letter spelled out guidelines for a principle he espoused a day after voting with the majority to confirm Robinson and stated that congregations can decide for themselves whether they want to bless same-sex unions, but they must first consult with the bishop.

Curry has been relatively moderate with those who disagree with him. Being black he may well be the denomination's choice for next Presiding Bishop.

On Saturday, June 27, 2015, members of the House of Bishops with seat, voice, and vote will convene in St. Mark's Cathedral in Salt Lake City. Once an election has taken place, current Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will send a deputation to the House of Deputies for confirmation of the election.

The Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, will refer the name to the House of Deputies legislative committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop without announcing the name to the full House. The legislative committee will make a recommendation to the House of Deputies whether to confirm the election or not confirm, and the House of Deputies will immediately vote on the recommendation. President Jennings will then appoint a delegation from the House of Deputies to notify the House of Bishops of the action taken.

The Presiding Bishop serves for a nine-year term. The Presiding Bishop is Primate, Chief Pastor of the Church, Chair of the Executive Council, and President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.

The 78th General Convention meets June 25 -- July 3, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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