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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
Dan Dolney, Senior Warden
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Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant
Cherry Babo, Treasurer
Mary Baumrind, Asst. Treasurer
Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk
Jeanne Rayner, Altar Guild

**June Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Scott Scheffel	6 - 6
Jim Chaltin	6 - 7
William Herrmann	6 - 8
Cherry Babo	6 - 11
Jim Rayner	6 - 12
Richard A. Rayner	6 - 12
David Johnson	6 - 15
Myranda Johnson	6 - 16
Frank Transue	6 - 16
David Tabbert	6 - 18
Julie Suess	6 - 19
Roland Hopson	6 - 23
Marlene Rayner	6 - 23
Lindsey Puccio	6 - 25
Peola Alleyne Mills	6 - 26

***June Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

<i>Walter & Joan Garrett</i>	6 - 8
<i>John & Lynn Fafinski</i>	6 - 15
<i>Jim & Nancy Rayner</i>	6 - 20
<i>Dennis & DJ Bergsma</i>	6 - 28

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Friends,

We begin the month on a bittersweet note saying goodbye to our beloved Virginia Boerger, with a celebration of her life on Saturday, June 1st at 10:30AM with a luncheon immediately following. For those of you who didn't have the pleasure to know her, she and her husband Arthur, were long time members of St. Hugh who both shared their gifts while they were with us. Arthur was the driving force behind the creation of the memorial garden on the west side of the church and Virginia gifted us with her beautiful quilt which she designed and made that hangs on the back wall of the church. Take a close look at it sometime and marvel at the many different symbols of our life in faith that she incorporated in her quilt. She has continued to bless me and others who have visited her with her faith and sense of humor. Virginia was a joy to know and will be greatly missed!

At the end of the month, we will have the honor of welcoming Lily Lynn Lemcke into the family of God when I baptize her on June 30th at the 10:30AM service. In these two events, bookending the month of June, and all the other events and worship we will participate in throughout the month we find ourselves united in fellowship and purpose. One of the blessings of having a church family is to have others to walk with you through the joys and sorrows of this life! There is an old Swedish proverb that says, " Friendship doubles our joy and divides our grief." I know this to be true and see it often lived out here within this parish community. Thanks to Linda Imhof and Jane Watson for coordinating Virginia's funeral luncheon and to all those who are assisting and providing food. It is a wonderful act of hospitality which we extend to families in their time of sorrow.

Food and fellowship are something we do well at St. Hugh! When the vestry recently took stock of who we are and how we are doing as a parish family, over and over people expressed gratitude for the welcoming spirit at St. Hugh and we recognized hospitality as one of our strengths. Over the last couple months the Spiritual Life Renewal Core group has met for three different workshops and we will meet again Monday June 3rd to complete the 4th follow up workshop after taking the Spiritual Life Renewal survey. We will send a report to the vestry with some recommendations. I have found this work and these conversations intersecting well with the work the vestry has been doing to look for ways to grow us both spiritually and in number.

As I recently expressed at our celebration of Pentecost, I am grateful for each person at St. Hugh and for the unique set of God given gifts and talents you bring which build up the Body of Christ! When we gather together for worship or to serve God in various ways we are enriched by one another's presence. We are blessed to be able to share our joys and sorrows with one another. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.....Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.....If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1Corinthians 12:12, 14, 26-27)

As we begin summer I pray that we will continue in that fellowship as much as possible and know that when your travels and schedules take you away from us, you will be missed! May you find time to enjoy God's beautiful creation in the months ahead and to be refreshed and rejuvenated! Looking forward to all that God has planned for us!

Love and Blessings,
Marion+

Senior Warden Report

Happy June everyone! And although there are days when the weather plays tricks on us.....Welcome to SUMMER!

We'll be winding up our series of workshops in RenewalWorks on June 3rd and will submit the group's results to the Vestry sometime thereafter. Let me just say to all those who participated how much I appreciate your sacrifice of time for this endeavor. A good, vibrant, and meaningful Church does not stand idly by or "coast". St Hugh will move forward to be even better, more vibrant and more meaningful in the weeks, months and years to come.

A big "Thank You" to Katie White for organizing an outing at a Kane County Cougars baseball game on June 1st. What a great way to have fun, spend quality time and get to know each other better! Those of you who have been to a Cougars game know that they always put on a great, family oriented show. As Harry always said..."Ah, ya can't beat fun at the old ballpark"!

Fathers Day is June 16th and I would be remiss if I didn't give that day some attention. Too often we take our Dads for granted, aside from Fathers Day. My own Dad, Bill, now 91 years young, was always smart, wise, and always supportive. Unfortunately, it took me too many years to realize that. Maybe it's the same with you. Dad was never my FRIEND. And for that I am eternally grateful. I had a lot of friends. What I needed was a FATHER.....and for that I thank God. So, Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads out there. To my own Dad.....I love you and appreciate all you've done for me.

Finally, a huge 'thank you' to all who have either contributed or have pledged money for our outdoor sign project. I am truly overwhelmed with the generosity of the St. Hugh family. We're over half-way there in a relatively short period of time. If you'd like to contribute, drop me and email or leave a message on my phone. If you write a check, write the word 'SIGN' in the message section of your check. Once again, thank you!!

Have a wonderful, safe and blessed summer!

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Happy Father's Day! June 16th!



Taize - Healing Service is the second Sunday of the month... June 9th @ 7pm.

June 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.

Relics News

Thanks to everyone who helped in anyway with the Bake Sale and Plant Sale: to all who baked and/or brought plants and all our loyal customers. Remember, your support makes our grant giving possible.

RELICS Annual Spring Luncheon June 12

Please join us for our annual salad/dessert spring luncheon on Wednesday, June 12, at noon at the home of Judy Mavros, 40W490 Stonecrest Drive, Elgin. Note that this is the second, not the first Wednesday of the month. In addition to lunch and fellowship, we will be discussing the proposed Caribbean Night fundraiser. RSVP to Judy at 847-464-1564 if you plan to attend and bring either a salad or dessert to share.

Fellowship Events Corner

We invite everyone to join us for a Kane County Cougars game on **Saturday, June 1st** at 6:30pm (Fifth Third Bank Ballpark in Geneva, IL). Lawn seating admission is **\$10/person**. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. In addition to fireworks after the game, they're also having a special Princess Night promotion which includes a parade, costume contest, etc.

We are also planning a family camping trip to Tippecanoe River State Park in Winemac, IN, departing Elgin on the afternoon of **Friday, July 12th** and returning the morning of **Sunday, July 14th**. There will be great opportunities for hiking, fishing, canoeing and fellowship! We encourage everyone to take part in this event! Tent sites are **\$26/night**, but for those who don't wish to sleep on the group, Tippecanoe offers rustic cabins with beds for **\$35/night**. Sites are limited and will likely fill up in the coming weeks, so if you're interested **please respond no later than Monday, June 3rd**.

Please contact Katie White (katiwhite@knights.ucf.edu) if you plan to attend or if you have any further questions. There will also be sign-up sheets in Wiedrich Hall.



Sunday School Classes for our young parishioners have concluded for the school year!

Thanks to Debbie Wild, Karen Lemcke, Kim Gebala and Katie White for their care and instruction!

June 2nd is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.

Adult Education Opportunities

Last month we kicked off some additional Adult Education opportunities meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM for some instruction, and then meeting for a topic of conversation on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM following our Military Outreach Service which is held at 7:00PM. Last month we did an overview of the history of the Episcopal Church for our education piece and then had a conversation on Christian Ethics for our discussion group. This month, on Wednesday June 12th, I'll be teaching on the Book of Common Prayer, both a bit on its history and also some on its many components and ways to use it beyond Sunday worship. Our discussion topic for June 26th has yet to be determined and I am open to suggestions. These evenings are planned to be self contained, so there is no homework or preparation necessary or long term commitment required. The conversations have been interesting and thought provoking. Come join us and see for yourself!

Summer Sunday School

This summer we will have nursery care as usual and Leslie has agreed to allow the younger class of children to have a simple Sunday School format with stories and coloring in the nursery with her and whoever is volunteering in the nursery that day. Debbie Wild and Karen Lemcke, our co-Christian Education directors will provide some materials for folks to use. In the past summer attendance has been so sporadic, and people would prepare a lesson and then not have any kids come that day. We thought we'd try combining our resources to allow for the younger kids to have some Bible stories etc. throughout the summer, without have people plan full lessons and then not have anyone come to class. The older students will be attending worship with us throughout the summer and then returning to Sunday School in the fall. Thanks to Leslie and all our nursery volunteers! Please let Ele Proctor know if you would like to help out this summer with our nursery and modified Sunday School. Remember, to work in the nursery, you need to have completed the Keeping God's People Safe training. Thanks to all who help provide a safe place and Christian Education for our children!

A Note from Margaret Brady....

It has been a great joy to worship at St Hugh church this past winter and spring. Many people joined together to make music: Julien Agee, Tatianna Agee, Larry Brook, Deanna Engelke, Roland Hopson, Dean Johnson, Miranda Johnson, Sara Johnson, Amy Laubhan, Judy Mavros, Mike Miner, Marty Owens, Dick Rayner, Jeanne Rayner, Jim Raynor, Jeremy Reynolds, Jeremiah Reynolds, Evan Wales, Debbie Wild, Larry Wild, and Marge Zawadzki. We welcomed special guests Rise' Dawn Jones and His Glory Recorder Band.

The entire St. Hugh Choir volunteered their time to give a joint concert with the Church of the Redeemer Choir. The concert raised \$500 to benefit Redeemer's youth mission trip. Church of the Redeemer is very thankful and we look forward to future joint performances!

This summer at St. Hugh we have many opportunities to share your gifts. We will be featuring several family singers, a pick up choir, and a new band. On June 23, we welcome Dr. Guy Jansen from New Zealand to share music from New Zealand. Anyone is welcome to join us at a choir rehearsal with Guy on Thursday, June 20 from 7 to 8:30PM. If you would like to be involved in music or worship arts this summer, let me know! I'm so grateful for the opportunity to work together with the wonderful family of St. Hugh.