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Voice of the Swan Newsletter

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The Holy Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Tuesday: 7:00 AM

The Staff

Reverend Marion Phipps, Rector

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

Craig Skeppstom, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Ed Jamrog, Treasurer

Katie White, Vestry Clerk

March Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!

Denise McConnell	3 - 1
Jeffrey Malisewzki	3 - 3
Mike Martin	3 - 7
Teresa Puccio	3 - 7
Linda Imhof	3 - 8
Joan Murrie	3 - 8
Linda Imhof	3 - 8
Elinor Bartlett	3 - 16
Alec Baumrind	3 - 16
Phillip Badeau	3 - 21
Emma Rowe	3 - 21
Larry Wild	3 - 28
Michael Phipps	3 - 28
Suzanne Martin	3 - 31

*March Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!*

Page & Deanna Engelke 3 - 4
Marlene & Richard W. Rayner 3 - 13

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear People of God,

The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word..... Book of Common Prayer p. 264-265

And so, we are invited during our Ash Wednesday liturgy to embark on a journey to keep the holy season of Lent. How we will each approach this will probably be as varied and different as we are. There is no right or wrong way to "do Lent." Lent is a thoughtful and hopefully prayerful season in which we are invited and encouraged to be more intentional about our spiritual life. Ponder what draws you nearer to God and do more of it. Be honest about what draws you away from God and do less of it! Lent needn't be difficult, but affords us the opportunity to reboot our spiritual life if it has grown sluggish or deepen it if its already in a fruitful season. God takes us where we are at and always invites us to grow in our understanding of how much we are loved and to be the people we were created to be.

Recently, I came across this verse in Colossians which is going to be a focal point for me this Lent:

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. (Colossians 4:2)

When I reflect on what draws me nearer to God, it's that time I spend with God, either out in nature or in my journal pouring out my thoughts, feelings and prayers to the One who already knows them. In that time of opening my life to God, I also leave space for God to speak to my heart and there I find myself guided, comforted, affirmed, challenged, sometimes even confronted, but always uplifted in the midst of it all. I never leave my time with God regretting that time spent nurturing our relationship. I am also at my best when I keep a gratitude journal and track the many blessings of the day. I have been a two journal person for years, one on which I pray, question and ponder life, scripture, and God, and another in which I list what I am most grateful for. These are meaningful practices to me and perhaps they could be for you as well.

My prayer for you and for myself this Lent is that we will do the things that nourish our relationship with God and that we will be strengthened to leave behind the things that hinder our walk with Jesus. We have ordered a couple different booklets and a Lenten calendar to provide some material to focus spiritually this Lent and different times to reflect together on our spiritual journey. I hope and pray this is a meaningful season for us and I am happy to assist you in anyway I can.

Blessings and Peace,
Marion+

Senior Warden Report

It seems like everybody has had their fill of winter except for Mother Nature. But before you know it the temperature will be climbing, snow will be melting, and we'll begin to see new buds on the trees. At least we have Hope!

February was a short month but busy nevertheless. Bishop Buchanon visited the St Hugh Parish on Feb 9th and as usual, he was welcomed with open arms. He preached at both services and met and talked with many of you before, in between and after the services. Bishop Buchanon came from the newly merged Diocese of Quincy and we were very fortunate to be able to meet with him. A visit from the Bishop is always a "big deal" and I thank the St Hugh family and also the Vestry for giving your time to make his visit a warm one.

Another Parent's Day Out happened on Feb 15th. Thank you to all who participated as the kids always enjoy the games and fellowship. Needless to say, the parents enjoy the free time also.

Many thanks to Karen Warner for keeping up with our service needs each week. With many parishioners still to return from the warmer climates, we seem to have many opportunities to fill in to serve. Please take this opportunity to jump in and help out. It may be out of your "comfort zone" but, trust me, you'll not only be helping out but you'll be serving at the Lord's Table regardless of whether the job is big or small. It's never too late to be put on the schedule. What can you do? What will you do?

Dan Dolney
Senior Warden

ALTAR 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



Easter Flowers

We are collecting for Easter Flowers starting on Sunday, 3/9. Please remember someone special in your life or a special event and give flowers in their (it's) honor or memory.

Congratulations and Blessings to the following parishioners that celebrated a special event on Sunday, February 9th!

Maigari Mandrico – baptism

Phill and Barb Badzau – received into the Episcopal Church

Pzola Allzync-Mills – reaffirmed her baptism vows

Library notes...

Dawn Lureau is busy caring for the books in the St. Hugh Library. She welcomes you to come browse, check out a book or two. When returning or donating books to the library, please place it on the small shelf near the door.



Shrove Tuesday - "All you can eat Pancakes and Sausages"

Come join us Tuesday, March 4th from 5:00PM - 7:00PM for excellent pancakes, sausage and fellowship! There is no charge to attend but we are asking a free will offering. All proceeds will be donated to our Diocese to replenish funds that went to complete the renovation of St. James Commons, our Diocesan center. The Diocese will use these funds to support the work of ministry with Vitality Grants to congregations in need. We were the recipients of Diocesan funding for well over 30 years before we were self-supporting. This is an opportunity to give something back to help other congregations grow and flourish as we were given the opportunity to do. Come enjoy food and fellowship and donate to the building of God's kingdom! "Freely you have received; freely give."

(Matthew 10:8)



Lenten Program

The materials to be used are available Sunday, March 2nd.

Living Compass – “Renew a A Right Spirit Within Me”

Henri J. M. Nouwen – “God’s Abiding Love”

Julia DeSalvio – Lent 2014 Calendar

Sign up for:

Thursday at Noon – Lenten Program - bring a brown bag lunch

6PM – Stations of the Cross

6:30PM – Soup and Bread Supper – sign up to host

7PM – Lenten Program



Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 8th. Spring Ahead!

The RELICS March meeting falls on Ash Wednesday this year, so we plan to attend the noon Ash Wednesday service together and then meet afterwards for lunch and to finish the tissue holder project. Bring your brown bag lunch and join us on Wednesday, March 5, at noon.

Elgin Episcopal Book Club: Our book club will meet next at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, at the home of Larry and Juanita Brook. In the next two months, we'll be reading The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny. This is a novel about the investigation of a murder that occurs at a remote monastery located in the wilds of northern Quebec. All parishioners of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and St. Hugh Episcopal Church and their friends are welcome!

LENTEN RETREAT 2014

YOU ARE LOVED!

Everyone is invited to a Lenten Retreat on **March 8th, 8:30AM to 3PM** at the St. Hugh of Lincoln. There will be sessions led by priests and lay leadership from St. Hugh of Lincoln and the Church of the Redeemer. We will share a meal together and at 2PM, we will celebrate the Eucharist. Everyone is welcome; please invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Childcare is available for children registered by **March 2nd**.

There is no cost for registration. If you would like to purchase a lunch from *In The Neighborhood*, the cost is \$10. There is no charge for children to attend.

If parents wish to purchase a lunch for their child, the cost is \$8. Otherwise, parents will bring food for their children. Please submit your registration form and lunch money to the church offices by **March 2**. See you there!

REGISTRATION FORM

LENTEN RETREAT MARCH 8 2014 8:30AM-3PM

ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN

Name _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Are you bringing children?

Name(s and Ages of Children: _____

There is no cost for the retreat. If adults wish to order lunch from "In the Neighborhood", the cost is \$10. If parents wish to purchase a lunch for their child, the cost is \$8.

Registration forms and payment are due at the church offices by March 2nd.

Contact Church of the Redeemer at 847.742.2428

Contact St. Hugh of Lincoln at 847.695.7695

LUNCH ORDER: Circle Drink Selection and Sandwich Selection:

Coke, Diet Coke, Water

Good Shepherd, Judson, Highland, St. Ed's, St. Johns, Reverend

Good Shepherd: Tomato, mozzarella, pesto, house dressing and spices on sourdough bread

Judson: Roasted veggie mix, lettuce, tomato, and house dressing on whole wheat ciabatta

Highland: Turkey, dill havarti cheese, lettuce, tomato and dill mayo on wheat ciabatta

St. Ed's: Tuna, black olives, caramelized onions, lettuce, tomato, house dressing on multigrain

St. John's: Roast beef, caramelized onions, bleu cheese, horseradish and tomato on sourdough

Reverend: Ham, turkey, bacon, BBQ sauce, caramelized onions and jack cheese on sourdough



Building and Grounds

Just as the name implies, Building and Grounds ministry is responsibility for the planning and performing projects and maintenance of the church property. Most of the activities are routine such as furnace filter replacement, adding salt to the water softener and replacing burned out bulbs throughout the church. Occasional activities include occasional plumbing, electrical, and construction projects as required. Also, grounds maintenance projects such as the spring and fall cleanup are annual events.

St. Hugh is a large facility and there is always a need for some work. And as with all ministries, the more the help the easier the task, and the more enjoyable the activity becomes. We always can use more help and anyone, regardless of experience, is appreciated. We always have electrical, mechanical and construction projects, as well as simple cleanup. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. The more we can do ourselves, the less we need to pay outside help to perform. Please join us to make St. Hughes' facilities a pleasant and safe for our church family.

Please contact Craig Skeppstrom or any Vestry member to join us in this ministry.

"I'm convinced that the church is essentially a grand conversation between us and the God who has created us in love and who wants nothing more than for the human community to flourish. The institutional church is far from the only place where that conversation happens, but at its best is a place where we can experience a relationship with God that will change and equip us to change the world. This is what it means to thrive."

Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee

The Saint Hugh of Lincoln Men's Group meets twice a month on Saturday 7:30am - 8:30am, from August/September through May/June. The group is led by former rector Father Tom Atamian, with other men leading when Father Tom is unavailable. We are an informal group, meeting for mutual support, encouragement, and spiritual growth. Our time is usually centered around a book we are reading together; right now we are going through N.T. Wright's commentary on John 1-10. Men of all ages are welcome!

Larry Wild

Received this from a parishioner! Enjoy!

Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.