



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

Debbie Wild, Senior Warden

Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden

Sue Diebold-Martin, Treasurer

Katie White, Vestry Clerk

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Jeanne Rayner, Altar Guild

**March Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Denise McConnell	3 - 1
Jeffrey Maliszewski	3 - 3
Meg Swartz	3 - 4
Mike Martin	3 - 7
Teresa Puccio	3 - 7
Joan Murrie	3 - 8
Elinor Bartlett	3 - 16
Alec Baumrind	3 - 16
Emma Rowe	3 - 21
Larry Wild	3 - 28
Michael Phipps	3 - 28
Suzanne Diebold- Martin	3 - 31

***March Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

Marlene & Richard W. Rayner 3 - 13

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

Lord...give me the gift of faith to be renewed and shared with others each day. Teach me to live this moment only, looking neither to the past with regret, nor the future with apprehension. Let love be my aim and my life a prayer.
Roseann Alexander-Isham

I recently came across this quote and it seems to be a fitting prayer for Lent. Whether we give something up or take something on, or do a combination of the two, Lent is a time when we can ask God to renew our faith and help us to "aim" for love and make our "life a prayer." How might aiming for love alter our interactions with others? What might we need to change or amend about our lives to make it "a prayer?" Are there things, attitudes, and behaviors we need to let go of to live more faithfully? I find the Lenten message of the Living Compass devotional, *Letting Go With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind* to be a timely and pertinent message as I live out my doctor's orders to have as "quiet and boring a six weeks as possible." It is definitely a different pace than I am accustomed to and has required a tremendous amount of "letting go!"

There is no right or wrong way to "do Lent," though I must confess it's something that has been a struggle for me for years. I think for me part of the trouble of Lent is trying to find a meaningful discipline that will enhance my relationship with God, when I know in fact that God loves me perfectly regardless of what I do or don't do! As much as fasting and/or adding on other spiritual disciplines can enhance our faith and draw us nearer to an awareness of God, there is no "one size fits all" path to take for Lent. The Church provides for us in Lent an invitation, "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) No matter what we do (or don't do) with that invitation, we can rest assured that God's love for us is greater than we can imagine. By taking that invitation seriously and investing time in our relationship with God, we are bound to benefit! Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) Jesus demonstrated that love for us and all we need do is receive it! Experience that love anew by participating fully in the rest of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. There are the Living Compass Groups being offered along with the Rector's class which is doing The Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry's book *Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus*. There are a number of wonderful books in the church library that could enhance your Lenten journey as well. We are also doing our annual Lenten retreat with The Church of the Redeemer on Saturday, March 5th at Redeemer. This year's theme is "Be Merciful to Me"

My prayer for you this Lent is that you experience God's love in just the way you need it most. Thanks for your prayers and support as I continue to heal from my broken leg. The cards, calls, flowers, emails, and meals have meant a lot to us as we've lived through this unexpected detour. Your outpouring of love has been a real blessing to us! I look forward to returning to you as soon as the doctor gives me the okay.

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Roseann Alexander-Isham

Love and Blessings,

Marion +

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Agape Meal - 6:30PM
Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

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:

5AM GREAT EASTER VIGIL
8AM EASTER SERVICE
10:30AM EASTER SERVICE WITH MUSIC, FOLLOWED BY EASTER EGG HUNT

Senior Warden's Report

Where did February go? It seems like just last week that we had our annual meeting. The attendance was good, and our own event planner, Peola, did a wonderful job of making it a special occasion. The food was plentiful, as always, with everyone bringing something special. Thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up. Many hands make light work. It was good to have Marion with us by speaker phone! (Thanks Mike!) Thanks to Karen for all her work in preparing the annual report, and for the great picture directory. Thanks to Sue Campbell and Ed Jamrog for taking all the pictures.

It has been wonderful to see so many people stepping up to take care of many jobs while Marion is healing. From unlocking the church to locking it when all is done, the congregation has done a wonderful job of filling in the gaps. One area where we need more assistance on an on-going basis is with Acolytes. If you are interested, we will train you!! We really miss Marion, and her absence has helped us appreciate all she does for us. Karen had the foresight to plan for Lent, and with Marion's input we have devotional materials for both adults and children. Thanks to those leading the Living Compass programs and the Rector's class.

Having a variety of Priests in Marion's absence has been enriching as each of them has been unique and brought something new to us. It has helped broaden our perspective of the world we live in.

Easter will be here before we know it, and there's lots to be done to prepare for it. The Altar Guild welcomes any and all helpers to do the cleaning of the church and of the silver and brass. They will also be making palm crosses, a skill which is easily taught. Hopefully Marion will be able to rejoin us soon to add to our Easter rejoicing!!!

In Christ,
Debbie Wild
Senior Warden

From the Music Department

Dear St. Hugh Family:

Here we are in the midst of a beautiful Lenten season, heading toward Holy Week and the Day of Resurrection. We have many children and adults involved in vocal and instrumental music, enhancing the beauty of our meaningful liturgy. If you would like to be involved in any of the arts at St Hugh, please let me know. We have a place for you and everyone is welcome!

In our people, I see the difference love makes! Margaret



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, March 6th is Prayer Partner and Food Pantry Sunday at St. Hugh!



**Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12th.
Spring Ahead!**

LAST CALL! St. Hugh received this letter from the MOM organization. We will be collecting their needed items as donations until March 27th on their behalf. Time to spring clean those closets and see what you've got that you aren't wearing or planning to wear again. Please bring your donations to the classroom on the right by the outside door. Pick up and fill in a donation slip, so that this organization can recognize your donation. Question? Contact Karen in the office. Thanks!



MessengersOfMercy

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We are collecting **wedding clothing, fancy party clothing, and accessories** for the gospel outreach work of Messengers of Mercy (M.O.M.) overseas. These outreaches have given us **MANY** open doors to share the Good News of Jesus Christ! (M.O.M. is a 501 © 3 non-profit organization.)

- 1.) **Marriage School Ministry Project:** In many of the countries where we serve, the poor and underprivileged live together outside of marriage. They usually have no income for a marriage license or clothing for a beautiful wedding ceremony. M.O.M. is working to establish strong, God-honoring marriages in these countries. After a couple completes Marriage School classes, they are lent some beautiful wedding clothes from MOM which they wear for a ceremony celebrating their marriage.
- 2.) **Quince':** We also have a program called Quince' that teaches young girls about their value in God's eyes, created in His image. They are taught what godly womanhood looks like. After completing the Quince' classes, we help them celebrate their coming-of-age with a ceremony where they dress in beautiful party clothes and take a public stand for moral purity. This ceremony is rescuing many young girls from abuse and unwanted pregnancies.

We are in need of the following clothes and accessories for these ministry outreaches:

- 1.) **Women's: Wedding Gowns, Wedding Veils and Headwear, Bridesmaids' Dresses, Gloves, Formal Dresses/Gowns, White Dress Shoes, Jewelry & Fancy Accessories**
- 2.) **Men's: Formal Black/Navy Suits, Bowties/Ties, Black/Navy Dress Shoes**
- 3.) **Children's: Fancy Dresses (Flower Girl) & Suits (Ring-Bearer)**
- 4.) **Family Members: Formal Dresses/Suits, Dress Shoes**

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

"The greatest faculty in the world."

Join our Great Book Discussion Group that meets on the first Monday of each month in our home on 535 Oak Hill Road, Elgin, 7:00-9:00 pm. Join us for one or any of these titles that interest you. We focus on great book authors and writers of the 20th century. Some readings include follow-up comparison-contrast discussion of a film interpretation of the original story.

March 7

William Faulkner, "Two Soldiers" & film (40 min)

April 4

John Updike, "Pigeon Feathers" & film (45 min)

May 2

Book of Job & Robert Frost "A Masque of Reason"

June 6

Shakespeare

Shakespeare, *Hamlet* & "To be" soliloquy film clip

July 4

Declaration of Independence &

Viktor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

August 1

Edmond Rostand, *Cyrano de Bergerac*
& Roxane film clip

September 5

Dostoevsky, "The Grand Inquisitor"

October 3

Friedrich Duerrenmatt, *Traps*

November 7

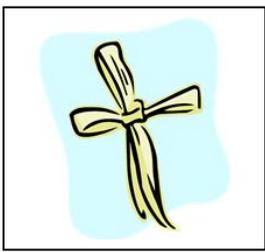
Primo Levi, *If This is a Man*

Please do call or write me if you have any questions or comments:
Victor Moeller, 535 Oak Hill Road, Elgin, 224.856-5682 (one block
west of Coleman School on Hwy 25, Dundee).
victormoeller@comcast.net

Sign ups:

(most on the bulletin board near the nursery)

- ✠ Passion Reading for Palm Sunday, March 20th – on the table in Wiedrich Hall
- ✠ Holy Week and Easter day service volunteers
 - ✠ Agape Meal – Thursday March 24th
- ✠ Kid friendly Stations of the Cross and Pizza with the Priest on Good Friday, March 25th 4PM
 - ✠ Easter Vigil Breakfast
 - ✠ Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30AM



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20th 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. Luke on the table in Wiedrich Hall.

Good Friday for Kids Event

On Good Friday, I am offering a 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 March 25th at Noon and 7:30PM.

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

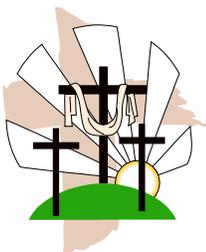
At the Noon Good Friday service we will be doing the Stations of the Cross using *The Way of the Cross*. Holy Communion will be available from the reserved sacrament, as we do not consecrate the elements on Good Friday in commemoration of Jesus' death and passion.

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, March 27th

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.



EASTER EGG HUNT

Calling all Easter Bunnies!

The St. Hugh Mom's group is looking for donations of Easter eggs and goodies to fill them with for this year's Easter Sunday Egg Hunt. We are looking for items such as candy (No chocolate please!), small coins, stickers, and toys. There will be a collection box in Wiedrich Hall from Sunday, March 6 through March 20. Contact Sue with questions: campbell.hspo@gmail.com. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Christmas in March?

Please start saving personal sized toiletries for St. Hugh's Christmas 2016's "giving tree". The products were well received by the Elgin Community Crisis Center. They go through much of that type of merchandise throughout the year. Also, the tree in the narthex will be celebrating our military... red, white and blue ornaments!



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 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.

LENTEN RETREAT 2016

Everyone is invited to an Lent Retreat on March 5th, 8:30AM to 3PM at The Church of the Redeemer. Our theme this year is "Be Merciful to Me". There will be sessions led by priests and lay leadership from St Hugh and Church of the Redeemer. We invite you to bring something that helps you practice the presence of God. We will have a continental breakfast at 8:30AM, lunch at 11:45AM and celebrate the Eucharist at 2PM. Everyone is welcome, please invite your family, friends and neighbors. Childcare is available for children registered by February 29th. There is no cost for the retreat. If you would like to order lunch, the cost is \$10 from In The Neighborhood. Please submit your registration form and money to the church office by February 29th.
We hope to see you there!

REGISTRATION FORM

LENTEN RETREAT March 5, 2016 8:30AM-3PM
Church of the Redeemer 40 Center Street Elgin

Name _____

Phone _____ Email: _____

Are you bringing children?

Name(s) and Ages of Children: _____

There is no cost for the retreat. If you wish to order lunch from "In the Neighborhood", the cost is \$10.

Registration forms and payment are due at the church offices by March 29th.
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

2016 Directory Photo Order 2 Information

Thank you for your print order. Items listed below are
\$5 each.

All profits will go to St. Hugh.

Please make checks payable to St. Hugh on or before April 3.

Please list quantity of SHEETS:

Image size:	How many sheets:
11x14	_____
8x10.....	_____
5x7 (2 per sheet).....	_____
5x5 (2 per sheet).....	_____
4x6 (3 per sheet).....	_____
3x5 (4 per sheet).....	_____
Wallets (8 per sheet).....	_____
2 1/2"x 3 1/2" magnets (4 per sheet).....	_____
High Resolution Digital Image	_____
(PLEASE PROVIDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS for Delivery)	
<i>Total number of sheets</i>	_____
<i>@\$5 each</i>	
<i>Order total</i>	_____

Please submit orders by **April 3**. Photos should arrive on or before **April 17** and can be picked up at St. Hugh.

Name _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Please contact me with questions:

Sue

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