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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 Skeppstrom, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Ed Jamrog, Treasurer

Katie White, Vestry Clerk

**May Birthdays  
Happy Birthday!!**

Jim Ceithaml	5 - 6
Rick Walter	5 - 11
Carrie Reynolds	5 - 16
Jewell Graves	5 - 17
Bryce Warner	5 - 18
Margaret Mejia	5 - 18
Ruth Campbell	5 - 20
Bert McConnell	5 - 21
Joseph Herrmann	5 - 26
Lillian Brubaker	5 - 30

***May Anniversaries  
Happy Anniversary!!!***

<i>Marge &amp; Gabe Zawadzki</i>	<i>5 - 3</i>
<i>Dave &amp; Sharon O'Hara</i>	<i>5 - 16</i>
<i>Carrie &amp; Jeremy Reynolds</i>	<i>5 - 17</i>
<i>Donna &amp; Ed Jamrog</i>	<i>5 - 23</i>

# Voice of the Swan

*May 2014*



The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

I find myself filled with a wide range of emotions as I reflect on this past month. We have seen many joys and sorrows in the past few weeks. Gratitude fills my heart as I think of the many ways this community came together to live through the rest of Lent and Holy Week, including Phill Badeau's celebration of life, culminating in three wondrous Easter services! To have a funeral in Holy Week really highlights the significance of Jesus's death and resurrection! Thanks to Karen Warner for all her hard work getting all the extra bulletins done and a funeral booklet during such a busy season. She always puts in whatever time is needed for the tasks at hand and I am so grateful for the extra hours she put in last month! Speaking of extra hours, thanks to Jeanne Rayner and the rest of the altar guild for their hard work and thanks to Margaret Brady and the choir and all the musicians who added so much to our worship! Thanks as well to all who helped with the services: greeters, ushers, lectors, acolytes, chalice bearers and to each one of you who made the time to come to our Holy Week services and Maundy Thursday Agape meal. Our worship is enhanced by each participants presence! Thanks to Marty Owens and Jim Ceithaml for their work setting up the Agape meal and Easter Brunch and thanks to all who brought food and beverages for these special meals and thanks to all who helped serve and clean up! Special thanks as well to Dan Dolney and Amy Laubahn for once again creating the experiential stations of the cross which bring to life so beautifully our Lord's Passion. It was wonderful to have that in place to lead our children through the stations in a way that helps them understand all that Jesus did for us! Everything that happens around here is a labor of love and I am so grateful to be a part of this community and thankful for each one of you who shares your gifts and time to help make us who we are in this place!

Thanks to Jane Watson and all who helped with the luncheon following Phill's funeral. It is a wonderful ministry and a gift this parish gives to families at a difficult time. We have had a bit too much death in our midst in these past few months and during Easter week, Marguerite Tabbert, one of our founding members was released from this life and freed of the aggressive brain cancer that took her so quickly from us. A visitation and celebration of her life will be held at St. Hugh on Saturday, May 17th beginning with the visitation at 10AM with the service at 11AM. Please contact Jane if you can assist with the luncheon following Marguerite's service.

One of the best pieces of news I've had lately came Easter morning from Sharon Wendorf. She told me that after being fitted for a face mask to protect her during the gamma knife procedure that was scheduled for removing her brain tumors, her doctor called the next day to cancel the procedure because her brain tumors were gone! Thanks be to God!!! May the good Lord continue and complete the healing work that God has begun in Sharon!

I am looking forward to this Saturday's retreat with the vestry being led by The Rev. Scott Stoner of Living Compass ministries. I appreciate all who serve on the vestry and hope this will be a time of refreshment for them!

Lastly, thanks for the surprise celebration of the anniversary of my installation as your rector on Sunday! It is my joy and privilege to serve you and God in this place! I thank God for all that has been and I look forward to all that is yet to be!

Love and Blessings,  
Marion+

**Senior Warden Report – April 2014**

As the saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers”. If that’s the case then we’re in for a beautiful May. But, at least the temperatures are starting to rise, so there is a lot of promise in store.

Our April at St. Hugh was a rough one. We said good-bye to two of our dear friends and St Hugh family members, Marguerite Tabbert and Phill Badeau. Marguerite was one of the original members of St. Hugh of Lincoln that came from Redeemer so many years ago. Not only was she extremely accomplished in her personal and professional life, Marguerite was extremely active at St. Hugh also. Phill, while not at St. Hugh as long as Marguerite, was much loved, just the same. Everyone knows the battle he fought with cancer and I think we all learned quite a lesson from Phill. Despite his pain and fatigue he always came to St Hugh with a smile on his face, a positive attitude and love in his heart. Marguerite and Phill.....we will miss you both. We grieve, but not as those who have no hope.

On April 27<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the third anniversary of Marion’s installation as Rector of St Hugh of Lincoln. During the search process we all prayed for the wisdom to make a good decision. Truth be told, we didn’t even interview anyone except Marion. There was no need. I was going to list all the things that Marion has done in these last three years, but I know I would miss something. Let’s just say that she’s led this congregation and many of us, individually, to a level in our Faith that, maybe, we didn’t see coming. We thank you, Marion and we thank God for the last three plus years and, God-willing, many more.

April 2014 at St Hugh brought us “Life”. Yes, we were saddened with the passing of two beloved members of our St Hugh family, but as Marion has told us many times, we know this isn’t the end of the story. Happily, Marion will continue to prepare us all to be strong in our Faith and to grow and mature in our love God and Jesus Christ. The story is only beginning.

By request, I’ve included the prayer I wrote to celebrate Marion’s anniversary.

Dear Lord...

We thank you for bringing the St Hugh family together in worship on this day. We thank you for the wisdom given to us three years ago today in calling Marion to be our Rector. We pray that you continue to fill her heart with the leadership, love, compassion, inspiration, and faith that she has given and shared with us these past three years.

Dear Lord, we are so blessed to have Marion and Mike in our lives and we pray that you bless us with her presence in our lives for years to come and we pray that we can be as much of a blessing to her as she is to us.

*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

Our book club will meet next at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, at the home of Robert and Laurel Warski. In the next two months, we'll be reading Heretics and Heroes by Thomas Cahill. This is an entertaining account of the highlights of the Renaissance and Reformation period of European history. All parishioners of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and St. Hugh Episcopal Church and their friends are welcome!

## **Hospitalization and Tests**

Something to think about - patient privacy and information sharing:

I noticed when I was in for a test recently that the federal HIPPA Act gives patients the right to designate who can receive patient information.

Of course, I put down Marty and Micah. But then I thought, why not add our rector. So I added Marion Phipps to my list. It is my understanding that this would allow Marion phone access to a patient's status without actually having to be physically present at a treatment center or hospital. I know that Marion will be there for each of us in times of crisis, but many times we get good news and don't think to share in a timely fashion. This would give her permission to check on a parishioner, keep abreast of patient condition, and plan visits in a more efficient way.

Jim Ceithaml



*Happy Mother's Day to our St. Hugh Mom's  
on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.*

## **El Salvador Missionary to Speak at RELICS May Meeting**

Angela Smith, a leader of the missionary group called TELA Women and an ECW board member, will speak to us on Wednesday, May 7, at noon about the exciting work she is leading in El Salvador to invest in and empower women. In partnership with the Episcopal Church, Angela works with these impoverished women to help them make a dignified living and raise living standards.

Because she is driving to us from Peru, Illinois, we are providing a luncheon that day. So bring a salad or dessert to share and join us to hear about Angela's important mission. She would appreciate contributions of beads (e.g., used necklaces that could be recycled into new creations by the women).

# **May 5<sup>th</sup> is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.**

## **From the Director of Music...**

Even though we are looking forward to the third Sunday of the Easter season, I am still reflecting on the great experiences in April. The Church of the Redeemer sends a heartfelt thank you for your wonderful presence and support at the Lenten Coffee Choir Concert. It was standing room only including our combined choirs and all 16 youth mission trip members. The combined choirs sang beautifully, The Lord was praised and \$871 were raised. In addition, the Relics gave half of their profits. Thanks so much!

Holy Week was a life changing experience. I was inspired by the beautiful liturgy and preaching. But most of all, I was inspired by our congregation. We laughed while cleaning silver and brass in the hall. We paraded joyfully with palms. We cried and celebrated Phil's life. His life and the reflections of his family, friends and our community made Holy Week even more meaningful. We shared so many different meals that it felt like an extended family reunion.

The choir, band and soloists shared so many beautiful and varied musical anthems and it is my joy and honor to have served together with them. However, for me the moment of greatest joy was the congregation joining in for the Hallelujah Chorus. Our choir had worked hard in preparation. We were hoping that some might join in and all would enjoy. Instead, we ran out of copies at 40! The enthusiasm were palpable! My daughter drove out to turn pages for me, as she has done since she was 9. So I was tucked in the bench with my child, surrounded by our new family. I looked up to see the choir breathing in, ready to go and so many of you clutching copies with smiles on your faces. I took a deep breath, like jumping off the high dive and off we went. Pure joy! Thank you all for the joy we create together. As Marion reminds us, The joy of The Lord is our strength!

### **RELICS' Mother's Day Sale**

Relics will once again host a Mother's Day Sale on Sunday, May 11, after both the 8:00 and 10:30 services. Stop by the Bake Sale and pick up a delicious dessert or some dinner rolls for your Mother's Day dinner, or perhaps some cookies for school lunch boxes.

We will also be offering plants for sale. I have it on good authority that tomato plants will be ready, but the basil is lagging behind and will be available a week or two later. That will be nearer to the time that it can safely go outside, anyway. There may possibly be some perennials available as well.

Those wishing to donate baked goods (or plants, should anyone have too much of a good thing and want to pass some on) should drop them off at church on Saturday, May 10, from 1:00 to 3:00. If this is impossible, goods may also be brought on Sunday morning.

*Announcing the Ordination of a former parishioner of St. James in  
West Dundee and St. Hugh! Blessings and best wishes.*

The Rt. Rev. Dr. C. Franklin Brookhart, Jr.,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Montana  
By the laying on of hands and  
the Invocation of the Holy Spirit,  
will ordain to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate

MARCIA LOUISE LAUZON  
&  
CONSTANCE ANNE CAMPBELL

Sunday, May 18, 2014 @ 4:30 PM  
Saint Peters Cathedral  
511 North Park Avenue  
Helena, Montana

You are cordially invited to join with us  
as we celebrate this very joyous occasion.

Reception to follow  
with finger foods, desserts,  
and refreshments.

## Older Americans Month

A meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens resulted in President John F. Kennedy designating May 1963 as Senior Citizens Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 65 and older through ceremonies, events and public recognition.

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**43.1 million** The number of people who were 65 and older in the United States on July 1, 2012. This group accounted for 13.7 percent of the total population.

**92.0 million** Projected population of people 65 and older in 2060. People in this age group would comprise just over one in five U.S. residents at that time. Of this number, 18.2 million would be 85 or older.

**2.4 million** Projected number of baby boomers in 2060. At that time, the youngest baby boomers would be 96 years old.

**2056** The year in which, for the first time, the population 65 and older would outnumber people younger than 18 in the U.S.

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## Income and Poverty

**\$33,848** The 2012 median income of households with householders 65 and older, not significantly different from the previous year.

**9%** The percent of people 65 and older (3.9 million) who were in poverty in 2012.

**\$170,516** Median net worth for householders 65 and older in 2011, down from \$203,015 (in 2011 dollars) in 2005.

**14.8%** Percent supplemental poverty rate for those 65 and older, equating to 6.4 million people. Excluding Social Security would leave the majority of this population (54.7 percent or 23.7 million) in poverty.

## Serving Our Nation

**9.6 million** Estimated number of people 65 and older who were veterans of the armed forces in 2012.



**4.3 million** Number of full-time, year-round workers 65 and older with earnings in 2012, up from 1.3 million in 1992.

**82.6%** Proportion of people 65 and older in 2013 who had completed high school or higher education.

**25.3%** Percentage of the population 65 and older in 2013 who had earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

**80.7%** Percentage of householders 65 and older who owned their homes as of fourth quarter 2013.

## **Kid friendly Stations of the Cross Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**



