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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
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Craig Skeppstrom, Junior Warden
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Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk
Jeanne Rayner, Altar Guild

**November Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Beverly Hopson	11-1
Brian Baumrind	11-2
Dan Dolney	11-4
Joan Garrett	11 - 4
Bab Imhof	11 - 4
Mike Rowe	11 - 6
Randy Lemcke	11 - 6
Joey Rayner	11 - 6
Gabriel Zawadzki	11 - 10
Paul Moeller	11 - 12

Marty Owens	11 - 15
Dean Johnson	11 - 15
Keith Rauschenberger	11 - 15
Walter Garrett	11 - 16
Roberta Adams	11 - 18
Mike Miner	11 - 18
Sheila Rose	11 - 20
Katie Puccio	11 - 22
Juanita Brook	11 - 25
Helen Hoffer	11 - 25
Jody Rowe	11 - 27
Danielle Tabbert	11-29



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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Friends,

It's been a busy fall so far at St. Hugh with a lot of things still on the calendar! Thanks to all for planning, helping and participating in our various fellowship and educational events. As it says in Psalm 133:1 "*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!*" I feel energized by being with you in worship, fellowship and conversation and have so much gratitude for each one of you and the gifts you share at St. Hugh. In light of that, for our Adult Education on Wednesday, November 13th, at 7:00PM, we will have some continued conversation and follow up from our Spiritual Gifts workshops. Whether you attended the workshops or not please feel free to join us that evening for continued conversation about how our gifts might be further utilized to support our life and ministry at St. Hugh.

This month, we will do our usual collection of food, diapers, etc. for the Crisis Center on the first Sunday of the month and then on the next two Sunday's we will be collecting items to give to the local P.A.D.S. shelter. There are lists of needed items you can pick up at church and also posted on their web site. We are doing this as a way of honoring our veterans, since the Episcopal Veterans Fellowship, who we've supported in the past, didn't do a specific event for Veteran's Day this year. Please give as generously as you can, and if this is a difficult time for you financially, let me know if your church can be of assistance to you. We are blessed so that we can be a blessing and in this season of Thanksgiving, we try to give back in gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Soon we will be looking ahead to next year and doing our stewardship drive so that we can continue to share in God's good works and bring glory to God's name. Thank you all for the many ways you support God's work in the life and ministry of this place and beyond as we reach out to share God's grace with those in need. This is the work of the church and has been since its early beginnings. James, the brother of Jesus, wrote, "*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*" (James 1:27)

I am pleased to announce that The Rev. Scott Stoner will be our special guest visiting and preaching on November 17th and also offering an Adult Forum at 9:00 between our two services. Scott and his wife Holly cofounded the Living Compass Ministry who's materials we used during lent in their devotional booklet. They are committed to wellness and have recently been given a significant grant to help develop the 5th floor at the diocesan center to offer programs that will help people integrate heart, soul, strength, and mind. Scott has brought his leadership to the diocese at some clergy events and led the retreat I went on this spring in San Diego. I can't tell you how excited I am to have him visit us at St. Hugh! He has already provided me with a booklet of resources for the new Mom's group and we will make available the Living Compass Advent Devotional next month. Please mark your calendar and plan on spending some extra time at church in the 17th. It will be worth your while!

As I write this, I am looking forward to our annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 26th and our Newcomers Brunch on Sunday October 27th. Thanks to Peola and the vestry for coordinating and hosting the brunch, thanks to all who will be bringing food and participating and special thanks to Katie White and Mike for all their help with the Halloween Party! If you are new to St. Hugh, or a long time member, we are delighted to have you here sharing in God's work in this place! I am grateful for all that has been and am looking forward to all that's yet to be!

With love and Gratitude, Marion+

Senior Warden Report/St. Hugh Ministry Focus

The frost is on the grass and it won't be long before it's replaced with a beautiful blanket of snow and colder temperatures. It happens every year. In addition to the change in weather, November and December bring us Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As we look forward to these important times in our Church year we also begin to plan for a new year at St Hugh. In particular, new Vestry members. Each year four members conclude their three year term and four new members take their place.

Vestry is our "Ministry of the Month" for November and I thought I'd use this space to tell about it. According to the Vestry Resource Guide, the Vestry is "the legal representative of the parish in matters concerning the property and the relations of the parish to the clergy". Responsibilities of the Vestry range from selecting a Rector, defining and carrying out the mission of the congregation to managing the Church ministries and financial stewardship.

The Vestry consists of the Rector, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and ten others that meet on the 3rd Monday of each month to discuss and carry out the parish business and goals.

Without any question a position on the Vestry is an important commitment. It's a commitment to the Church, to the other Vestry members, but, most of all it's a commitment to God. Before each meeting of the Vestry we pray for guidance and wisdom to do God's work, not our own.

Like all the ministries at St Hugh, Vestry is an extension of our worship. Going beyond sitting in the pew on Sunday to actively participating allows each one of us to mature in our Faith that much more. When I first assumed the duties of Senior Warden I asked everyone to step out of their comfort zone and participate. Whether it was the Altar Guild, Flowers, RELICS, being a lay reader or any of the other ministries, I asked you to simply jump in. Actively participating does something special. I know.

In the coming weeks, Marion and I and the other outgoing members will be praying for guidance as we search for replacements. Ideally, we would be asked "How can I be on the Vestry?" or "Ooo, Ooo, pick me, pick me!" But all we really would like would be to have everyone look deep inside themselves. Share your gifts. Do God's work.

Here am I, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Dan Dolney
Senior Warden



Temperature..

Please help when leaving the church to turn the heat down to 60 degrees. Make sure all the windows are closed, as well.

St. Hugh Clean – Up

9AM – Noon Saturday, November 2nd
Bring your work gloves, your rakes, garden tools.

See you then!



*Sunday, November 3rd Food Pantry Sunday
Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and
delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.*

Please contact Ele Proctor if you'd like to be on the rotating schedule in the nursery. If we have enough people, then our volunteers won't have to work as often, maybe every 6 weeks, maybe it can be stretched even longer. Men and women are welcome to help out. All those participating should have completed the Level I training of Keeping God's People Safe. Look for the angel on their name tags.



St. Hugh's Annual Parish Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 24th at 9AM

See you for brunch!

Watch for a sign up sheet!

Thanksgiving Day Service November 28th 10AM



Taize - Healing Service is the
second Sunday of the month... November 10th
@ 7pm.

**RELICS Meeting... Wednesday, November 6, 12 noon in Wiedrich Hall
Bring brown bag lunch and ideas**



Parent's Christmas Shopping Day Out

Plan to leave the kids here at St. Hugh in good hands while you shop.

Sunday, December 9th

Noon til 4PM

ADVENT RETREAT:

Everyone is invited to an Advent Retreat on December 7th, 8:30AM to 3PM at the Church of the Redeemer. Our theme this year is

"The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light"

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 **December 1st**.

There is no registration cost for the Retreat. If you would like to order lunch, the cost is \$10 which includes coffee, snacks and a lunch from *In The Neighborhood*. 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 money to the church offices by **December 1st**. See you there!

From the St. Hugh Music Director

November Rehearsal Calendar

November 7 Thursday 7PM

November 13 Wednesday 7PM

November 20 Wednesday 7PM

Week of November 24th - no rehearsal

Taize Prayer Service

Last week, we gathered together again for a Taize prayer service. The sanctuary looks so beautiful at night. It's lovely in the spring and summer with late night light streaming in the windows and a view of the trees and the garden outside. But in fall and winter, it is already dark at 7PM and the sanctuary looks like a chapel, lit up with candle light. It is a peaceful oasis away from the distractions and the chaos of the world. Many times, Catherine brings her harp and plays instrumental solos while we pray. We sing together, read together, and sit in silence together. Marion offers prayers of healing and communion. I went forward to pray for healing of my sinus infection, one of the many bugs I have picked up since I started working with children again. Phil stood next to me and put his arm around me. I'm asking for healing prayers for a sinus infection and a man starting his fifth of chemotherapy is praying with me. This is beauty of our congregation and our prayer services. The quiet, the music, the beautiful sanctuary serve to bring peace into our lives and remind us of all that God has done. I want to invite you especially to share the Taize evening prayer services with us.

The next service is November 10th at 7PM.

We hope to see you there!



Dear St. Hugh Family:

It's hard to believe that we are looking forward to the Advent and Christmas seasons. There are many opportunities to share your gifts. We have both choir and band for singing during December. If you have young children at home or visiting family from college or out of town and they might like to share their gifts, we would be delighted to have them. If you also have an interest in the other arts, I would love to give you an opportunity to share. Let me know how you might wish to be involved and how I might support you. Many thanks and thanks be to God!

Margaret margaretmbrady@gmail.com 847 508 6337

YOUTH LOCK IN

On Friday, November 8th we will have an overnight fellowship event for our young people. We will begin at 6:00PM Friday evening and have pizza for dinner and end Saturday morning at 10:00AM. Younger folks are welcome to come Friday evening and not sleep over. Those sleeping over should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and whatever they need for the night. If parents want to come early and join us for breakfast, Mike's making pancakes! Watch for a sign up so we know how many to plan for and what kind of pizza to order.

**Mom's Group will meet on Tuesday, November 5th
and 19th at 12:30PM**

Christmas Services for 2013

Tuesday, December 24th 4PM Family Service

10PM Carols

10:30PM Service

Wednesday, December 25th 10AM Service

St. Hugh will be observing Veteran's Day by supporting PADS of Elgin. On the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of November will be collecting

needed items for PADS. Once gathered, we will deliver them as a Thanksgiving offering from our church.

*Memorial Day is often confused with Veterans Day, and according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, here's why: Many people confuse Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. While those who died are also remembered, Veterans Day is the day set aside to thank and honor **ALL** those who served honorably in the military – in wartime or peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank **LIVING** veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served – not only those who died – have sacrificed and done their duty.*

PADS of Elgin: What We Need

Many items are necessary to the successful operation of our shelter. The following items are always needed. Please contact the office at 847-608-9744 for any additional information or with any questions you may have about donating. All donations are truly appreciated!

Thanks to the generosity of kind individuals we are currently over gifted on bar soap, and we do not have the capacity to store anymore. PADS requests that if you wish to donate bar soap, you do so to another deserving organization. Thank you to all of our supporters for all of your contributions.

Immediate Needs

- Sugar Packets
- Napkins
- Bleach
- Gift Cards in Small Denominations to Meijer, Jewel, Walmart or Kohl's

Food and Housekeeping Items

- Coffee
- Laundry Detergent (Powdered or Liquid)
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Utensils
- Luncheon Plates
- Foam Cereal Bowls
- Kool Aide Packets
- 8oz Foam Coffee Cups
- Paper Plates (Large Sized Please)
- Large Plastic Garbage Bags (13, 39 and 45 Gallon Size Only Please)

Hygiene and Clothing Items

- Foot Powder
- Insoles for Shoes/Shower Shoes
- Men's Work Boots (Sizes 9-12)
- Men's Winter Boots (Sizes 10-13)
- Mens Sneakers (Sizes 10-12)
- Mens Jeans (34-36 Waist Sizes, 32-34 Length)

*Because our guests often carry all of their belonging in their backpacks, we ask that whenever possible personal hygiene items be donated in travel sizes

Please note the date change!!

Elgin Episcopal Book Club: The first meeting of the Elgin Episcopal Book Club, a joint venture of Episcopal Church of the Redeemer and St. Hugh Episcopal Church, will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, **November 21**, at St. Hugh. We will discuss *John Mark*, a novel based on the Gospel of St. Mark, authored by our own Bishop Christopher Epting. Refreshments will be provided.

Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 28th 10:00am
See the sign-up on the bulletin board
if you are able to serve that day.

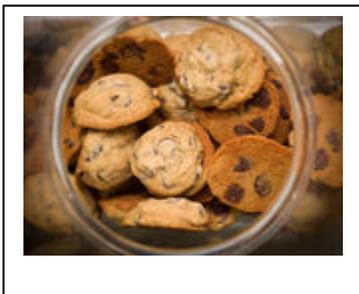


The Christmas Tree in the narthex will be decorated with pine cones and other nature related items. If you'd like to donate, keep the theme in mind.

From the office...

On the quarterly pledge statement there is a \$ figure under pledge

That figure is the total amount given since January 2012. That's when we switched over to the new membership/pledge keeping system. Sorry for any confusion.



The RELICS Cookie Dough Sale orders are due on Sunday, November 10th. See a RELICS member for information.