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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

Dr. Margaret Brady, Director of Music

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden

Craig Skeppstrom, Junior Warden

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Sue Diebold-Martin, Treasurer

Katie White, 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
Mike Rowe	11 - 6
Randy Lemcke	11 - 6
Joey Rayner	11 - 6
Sue Campbell	11 - 7
Gabriel Zawadzki	11 - 10
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
Jody Rowe	11 - 27
Danielle Tabbert	11-29

***November Anniversaries  
Happy Wedding Anniversary!***

Melinda & Andrew Crowley 11-11

## Voice of the Swan

November 2015

The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

I've been thinking a lot about gratitude lately and the power it has to shift our focus and even to help keep our eyes better fixed on God. As many of you know, I am one who keeps two journals. One in which I pray and dialogue with God and a second that is my "gratitude journal" in which I keep track of daily blessings. My gratitude journal is filled with lots of perhaps seemingly mundane entries, but they are the things that bring me joy; whether it's an excellent meal cooked by Mike, the beautiful fall colors, or texted pictures of a dear friend's new granddaughter. I like to take time at the end of the day to make note of the things I am thankful for. Throughout the day, I find myself thanking God for my many blessings. I was reading Psalm 34 today and the first verse seemed fitting for this month's newsletter article:

*I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

As we begin this month of November in which "giving thanks" is a national holiday, I want to reflect on practicing gratitude and praising God. Years ago I read a number of books on praising God. Two of them that I recall having an impact on me were *Prison to Praise* and *Victory on Praise Mountain* both by Merlin K. Carothers. They are both personal accounts of Merlin's experience with God and how praise became a vital part of his spiritual walk even in adversity. As I read these books and related scriptures I found praise was a powerful spiritual practice. Why we praise God even in the midst of difficult circumstances we show that we trust God and God's ability to work things out in our behalf. I bet that's why Paul wrote to the Thessalonians: *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) God is with us no matter what is happening in our lives!! When we praise God for the good things in our lives we show our gratitude for our many blessings. Isn't it nice to be appreciated? Perhaps God enjoys gratitude as much as we do!

How might we be changed if we all practiced gratitude this month as we head toward Thanksgiving? Maybe you are one who already practices gratitude in a disciplined way and you know the benefits of praise, or maybe this would be a new challenge for you and a way to grow. In my praise readings I encountered a verse people quoted a lot, "God inhabits the praises of His people." It took a little searching but it's from Psalm 22:3 *Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.* (NRSV) The King James Version of this verse is: *But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.* Other translations say that God dwellest in the praises of Israel. We of course are Israel, adopted into Abraham's family through our belief in Jesus. When we praise God, we make ourselves a fit place for God to dwell!!!

As I count my blessings, you can be assured you are high on the list! I am so thankful to be serving among you and so grateful for the many gifts you share in this place!!! Looking forward to all this season of Thanksgiving holds!

With Love and Gratitude,

Marion +

# Senior Warden Report

So, from last month's newsletter to this month's the leaves went from changing colors to having to be raked up. The colors this time of year are absolutely gorgeous and it's worth the inconvenience of raking. Ah, the gifts that God gives us!

What a great turnout at the Brats and Bingo night October 17<sup>th</sup>! Wiedrich Hall was all decorated in Fall colors, plenty of brats, and lots of bingo fun. We are so thankful for Karen, Peola and everyone else that helped in making this a wonderful night of fellowship and fun. It's a beautiful thing to see everyone's gifts coming together to put on an event like this. No question, I can see another event like this in the future.

Speaking of gifts, I'd like to bring to your attention some of the things going on around the grounds at St. Hugh. Of course, Craig Skeppstrom, our Junior Warden works so hard and does such a fine job taking care of the grounds at St. Hugh. I don't know what we'd do without the gifts that Craig brings to St. Hugh. Way back when, I took the word 'coincidence' out of my vocabulary. God works in our lives every day. Period. A short while ago, a painter named Matt needed to do some community service and approached Marion and asked if we had any painting that needed to be done at St. Hugh. DO WE?!?!? There have been many conversations lately about all the areas that needed to be freshened up, but without extra money in the budget we would need to rely on volunteers. Well, Matt shows up and God answers our prayers with something my best friend, Tom calls a "God thing". The new fascia that was put on when the new roof was installed got painted which also prevented any of our parishioners from having to go up on the roof. The sidewalks got powerwashed, the hallway coming into the Church is getting painted and, the icing on the cake.....the cross and the bell tower are getting a makeover. We thank Matt and appreciate his work, but most of all, we thank God for being the Great Conductor and orchestrating another "God thing" for us.

There is no shortage of gifts at St Hugh and with every passing day we become aware of another gift that someone's brings to the Lord's table. During this time of year when we call to the parish to offer up their Time, Talent and Pledges I ask that you continue to give of yourself as you always have and find it within yourself to step out of the box and see if there isn't a gift that is hidden deep down and is just itching to come to the surface. It's there. Receiving a gift is very special, but the best and most meaningful gift is the one we give.

Thank you, to everyone and all you do.

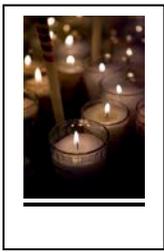
*Dan Dolney, Senior Warden*



Set your clocks before you go to bed -  
Saturday night, October 31<sup>st</sup>!



*Sunday, November 1st Food Pantry Sunday  
Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and  
delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center. It's Prayer Partner Sunday, too!*



Taize - Healing Service is the second Sunday of the month... November 8th @ 7pm.

## 2 Giving Opportunities to Help the Community

### Soup Kettle Christmas Gift Bags

This year our December shift at the Redeemer soup kitchen falls on Christmas Eve, and we would like to once again distribute a gift bag with warm socks, an apple, an orange, and a chocolate bar to each guest. All parishioners are invited to participate in this effort either by donating socks or money to buy the food gifts. Socks may be put in a basket in Wiederich Hall from now until Advent 4 when we will assemble the bags. Money may be put in the offering plate; just be sure it is designated for the soup kitchen.

If you have any questions, please direct them to me,  
Marty Owens

## AND

We are collecting for the giving tree in Wiedrich Hall, starting Sunday, November 29. We are collecting trial sized personal care items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, lotions, etc. Please bring them in, we'll take the donations to the Community Crisis Center in December, after Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. As you are shopping or are staying at a hotel that provides these items, please consider donating to the cause.



### *Parent's Christmas Shopping Day Out*

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

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> Noon til 4PM

# Notes from the Music Department

Choir Rehearsals: November 4, 11, and 18. NO REHEARSAL November 25

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Advent Retreat: December 5: 8:30 to 3PM for St Hugh and Church of the Redeemer

November Newsletter:

Dear St Hugh Family:

Many thanks again to all the volunteers and substitutes who have been bringing beautiful music from our community! In the month of November, we celebrate All Saints Day with beautiful historic hymns. The choir shares a festival anthem that they sang for Bishop Lee's visit to Church of the Redeemer last year. On November 8, we will take time to pray for our armed forces and celebrate the contributions of our Veterans and we feature our wonderful band. On November 22, after our Thanksgiving Brunch, our children will sing the anthem at the 10:30 service.

It is amazing to think that the first Sunday of Advent falls so soon on November 29th. There are many opportunities to be involved in music and the arts during the Advent season. If you would to be a part of music or any of the worship arts during Advent, including visiting children and friends, please let me know. Thanks again to all our musicians, our gifted singing congregation and thanks be to God!

## Christmas Services for 2015

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 4PM Family Service

7:30 PM Carols

8PM Service

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 10AM Service

Temperature..

Please help when leaving the church to turn the heat down to 60 degrees.

Make sure all the windows are closed, as well.



## The Tree in the narthex 2015

Please add an ornament that best describes you, your family or both!

Looking for a committee to put up the tree in the narthex during the week ending 12/19. This way, it's ready to be decorated on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Let the office know, if this is something you'd like to do.



*Dear St. Hugh family and friends,*

*Please join us for our Annual St. Hugh Glorify Christ Thanksgiving Brunch on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. We are excited to see you and your families at our annual brunch. "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms."*

*For our celebration on November 22, 2015, we would like to have words of Thanksgiving on each table at the brunch. Please tell us, "What are you most grateful for at St. Hugh and/or in your life in 2015?"*

*Please send your responses, no more than 50 words (include whether you want your name included), to Peola Alleyne Mills via email: [peolaa@gmail.com](mailto:peolaa@gmail.com)*

**Thanksgiving Day Service is November 26<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.**

#### **Another Thanksgiving Tradition!**

The National Football League has a traditional series of games played during the Thanksgiving holiday in the United States. It has been a regular occurrence since the league's inception in 1920. Currently, three NFL games are played every Thanksgiving. Here's this year's line up:

Thursday, November 26, 2015 at 12:30 PM ET on FOX that pits the Philadelphia Eagles against the Detroit Lions. Next up, the Dallas Cowboys will host the Carolina Panthers at 4:30 p.m. ET, airing on CBS, followed by the prime-time game on Thanksgiving night with the Green Bay Packers hosting the Chicago Bears beginning at 8:30 PM ET on NBC.

**2016 Pledge Commitment and Ministry Check list are due on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## ADVENT RETREAT 2015

Everyone is invited to an Advent Retreat on December 5th, 8:30AM to 3PM at St Hugh. Our theme this year is "Practicing the Presence of God". 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 November 29.

There is no cost for the retreat. If you would like to order lunch, the cost is \$10 from In The Neighborhood. There is no charge for children to attend. Please submit your registration form and money to the church office by November 29th.

We hope to see you there!

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### REGISTRATION FORM

ADVENT RETREAT DECEMBER 5, 2015 8:30AM-3PM

St. Hugh of Lincoln 36W957 Highland Ave. 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 November 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

# RELICS' Cookie Dough Sale

For local, national and international charities.  
Help us help others with sales of Cookie Dough, Popcorn, and more...

Orders are due on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Please provide a phone number for each customer ordering  
Check payable to St. Hugh of Lincoln Church  
Please place orders and checks in the "Sweets" box in Wiedrich Hall

Extra flyers/order forms are available in Wiedrich Hall.

Pick up your order on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, noon til 4PM

Questions? Ele Proctor 847-669-9222

## Important Dates for RELICS Fundraising Activities This Fall:

Wednesday, November 4	RELICS monthly meeting in Wiedrich Hall at noon - Shawl Ministry at 10:30
Saturday, November 7	Craft Sale at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 8	Cookie Dough orders are due

## Buildings and Grounds - Positions Available

Watching the leaves fall from the tree, it is obvious that yet another year has rushed by without waiting for us to catch up. This year has been especially busy with many projects and maintenance items being performed. Items such as the new roof, weeding and spreading of mulch and many others. More information will be included in the end of the year report. But for now, we are trying to plan for the future.

As you know, St. Hugh comprises of numerous building and large grounds that need maintaining. In addition to the large church structure, there is the Rectory and shed and over five acres of property. With this in mind, we would like to form a committee or several committees to assist with some of these projects.

Items such as in the buildings, replacing light bulbs, cleaning and replacing the furnace filters, adding salt to the water softener and many other small items. Obviously, larger tasks such as the roof are and should be left to contractors. But we can do the routine repair projects that occasionally occur, such as replacing electrical switches, emergency light batteries and small plumbing projects.

Maintaining the grounds is a constant project. While the lawn is mowed and trimmed, the weeding and maintaining of the gardens.

We are in need of helpers. Volunteers with some skills, or at least a willingness to assist with the maintenance in the near future. If we could get a few people willing to be called upon when a project needs to be performed, we would be able to complete projects in a timely fashion without burning anyone out.

We need people to help with occasional yard maintenance, as well as electrical, plumbing and general maintenance. Any help will be greatly appreciated. It could be an opportunity to learn a new skill as well.

Please contact either Craig Skeppstrom (847) 899-0135, or Jean Horlock (224) 678-3894 to indicate your interest in assisting this effort or to ask any questions.

## Brats and Bingo Follow Up

What an exciting evening....St. Hugh held an All Parish Brats and Bingo event on Saturday, October 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Weidrich Hall with a special event, "World's Best Apple dessert (anything)" contest.

We had six entries from St. Hugh family, "throw down the gauntlet" and compete for the top prize, "World's Best Apple dessert (anything)" Winner and a special recognition award for Innovation.

Our judges were experts in the field of dessert, whether making desserts or eating dessert!!! Our lead judge, Richard Shelby, Engineering Manager, University of Illinois graduate and son of our great friend and baker, Josephine Shelby, a former member of St. Hugh.

Edward Zahrebelski, graduate of Columbia College, NY, New York, future Engineer and Data Scientist, and an emerging chef in desserts and meats.

Alison Zakon, Barnard College senior, emerging dessert baker, and future lawyer

So who won? The top prize went to Laura Severson, our top vote getter and grand prize winner for "World's Best Apple Dessert (anything)" Winner. Laura received an Anne Klein Fashion Fit Smart Watch. A modern digital watch which lets her swap between various views, including the time and date, number of calories burned, number of steps taken, and sleep monitoring with a unique interchangeable strap design (classic bangle bracelet or flexible black silicone strap to easily fit her mood and activity). Additionally, a certificate for Laura, World's Best Apple Dessert winner was shown and announced at the 10:30 a.m. service on October 25, 2015.

Our Innovator award went to Carol Tobin. A certificate for innovation was presented to Carol Tobin at the 8:00 a.m. service on October 25, 2015. Carol also received a \$40.00 cash award for her delicious apple dessert.

We had additional winners: Donna Jamrog, 2nd place, who received a Bed, Bath, and Beyond gift. Catherine, 3rd place, received a Bed, Bath, and Beyond gift.

Special thanks to all the participants who entered the World's Best Apple (Anything) dessert.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Brats and Bingo event! Special thanks to all who brought family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers to a great St. Hugh event.

And finally, a million thanks to Karen Warner for a tremendous and outstanding event. From the planning, to cooking, to executing a very fun and enjoyable event for us. Many thanks to our wonderful rector, Marion Phipps, for her support and willingness to let us do what we do best (share our talents). Extra special thanks to Mike Phipps as the Bingo Announcer, Mr. Tobin, the Jamrog family, and all those who helped setup and/or clean up for the event.

As Edward, one of our judges left St. Hugh, he stated, "please tell all the contest participants their desserts were delicious. It was a very, very hard decision." Edward also commented, "everyone is so friendly." "The brats were great." "Glad we came and thank you for inviting us to be judges."

On the night of October 17, 2015, we showed the "world" we live St. Hugh's mission...To know Christ (fellowship among each us), love Christ by showing warmth, kindness, courtesy, and joy to each other, and to our visitors by glorifying Christ!

## **Vestry Member Biographies**

### **Barbara Badeau**

My journey that brought me to St Hugh. I was born in Chicago and lived there most of my life. Soon after high school I got married and we had three sons. Lost my first husband In 2000. I remarried 2 years later and together we have 6 children and ten grandchildren.

In 2009 our daughter was killed. While we were grieving her loss. We were searching for a church and someone to bless our home. Our search brought us to St. Hugh and Marion. When we met with Marion we knew immediately we belonged here. I feel truly blessed to have St Hugh and my church family. Thank you for all you done.

### **Dick W. Rayner**

Born and raised at Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, as a third generation member. My first wife (Carol) and I were married at Redeemer, she was buried in 1978 after a bout with cancer. I have two grown children, Kristin (John) and her three sons living in Tampa, Florida., Jamison (Ana) and their son Andrew and a boy that is 7/9ths in development, live in Elgin. Marlene and I were married in 1980, when she became an instant mother of a 12 and 9 year olds. Marlene was the first treasurer at St. Hugh of Lincoln, when it became a parish.

I own and operate Rayner Covering Systems, a fabricator of safety swimming pool covers, spa covers and temporary storage systems for the highway salt industry. I spent a term on the Board of Education of School District U-46 in the 80's. Currently serving on the Elgin YMCA and Camp Edwards boards and the Vestry of St. Hugh of Lincoln.

My quiet time is sailing in Florida, where we have a sailboat in St. Petersburg.

### **Cheri Walter**

Cheri lives in Hampshire with her husband of 11 years, Rick, and their two Tonkinese kitties, Bart & Lisa. A private pilot with a newly minted Instrument rating, she enjoys flying their Cessna Skyhawk. In addition, she enjoys gardening, reading and learning new things.

Professionally, she's been a public servant with the FAA for over 23 years and currently works to educate pilots and controllers on safe surface operations at airports.

A cradle Episcopalian, Cheri served as an acolyte while growing up at St. Paul's in McHenry, where she met Marion and Mike. At St. Hugh, she is a member of the altar guild and vestry and has trained as a congregational wellness advocate through Living Compass. A perpetual early-riser, look for Cheri at the 8:00 service.