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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
Debbie Wild, Senior Warden
Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden
Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant
Sue Diebold-Martin, Treasurer
Ash Emmanuel, Vestry Clerk
Cheri Walter & 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

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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

For the past month I have been helping a dear friend with some very difficult life transitions, since she has no family in this area. It has been a real privilege to be used by God in this way. This is the way St. Hugh operates as a church: coming alongside those in need to be Christ's hands and feet to them. As Marion has said, you may be the only "Bible" some people ever see. We need to be sensitive to God's call when it comes, as it often comes as a whisper.

The Halloween party was a great success, with the kids having a wonderful time. Thanks to all who worked so hard to bring joy to our young parishioners. The coffee hour choir concert was also a delightful success. Thanks to Margaret and the choir members for their hard work and inspirational music! We look forward to the next concert.

Fall is definitely in the air as the weather cools and the leaves turn colors. Don't forget to turn your clocks BACK an hour on Sunday, November 6. Do it Saturday night before you go to bed, and you will be on time to church in the morning.

Looking ahead, we have our annual Thanksgiving brunch on Sunday, November 20. We look forward to this time of fellowship with parishioners from both services meeting together at 9:00 a.m. Be sure to sign up to bring a food item, and to offer your help with set-up or clean-up. Many hands make light work! Thanks to Peola for coordinating this fun feast.

To close, here is my monthly plea for more acolytes! We really do need more people to help with this vital ministry. You do all the work while you are in church, so it's a good way to serve for those with busy schedules. Talk to Marion if you are interested.

May God bless your efforts to serve Him this month.

Debbie Wild
Senior Warden



Set your clocks before you go to bed -
Saturday night, November 6th!

*Sunday, November 6th 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 13th
@ 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 Wiedrich 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 27. 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 on Sunday, December 18th. As you are shopping or are staying at a hotel that provides these items, please consider donating to the cause.

Shawl Ministry & RELICS

RELICS meets Wednesday, November 2, at noon to make final plans for the fall craft show on November 5 at Christ the Lord Lutheran.

The annual cookie dough sale is in progress, with orders due on Sunday, November 13.

Shawl Ministry will meet at 10:30 on November 2.

Notes from the Music Department

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 2, 9, 16 and 30 at 7PM

Dear St Hugh:

We are looking forward to a season of beautiful celebrations for All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. I hope you will consider being involved in singing or sharing your artistic gifts in any way possible. Please let me know about your interests and I will help you find a place to grow. Come rejoice in love during these holy days! Margaret

Christmas Services for 2016

Saturday, December 24th 4PM Family Service

7:30 PM Carols

8PM Service

Sunday, December 25th 10:30AM Service

No 8AM, No Sunday School, No Nursery

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 Coffee Hour

One of the nicest things about St. Hugh is the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 AM service. It is a warm and welcoming gathering where you can meet newcomers, catch up with old friends, or discuss church events. Hosts are asked to provide snacks, juice and serve coffee provided by the church. Staple items (coffee, creamer, sugar, paper and serving items, etc.) are provided in the labeled cabinets in the kitchen. Hosting includes setting up the serving table, making coffee, and cleaning up after coffee hour ends.

Everyone enjoys the snacks and appreciates the effort of all who serve. The hosts usually serve only once a quarter. If you would like become a host, please contact Bev Hopson at 847-508-0154.

From the Treasurer

Year-to-date income as of September 30th is \$150,732.46 and expenses were \$133,850.17. For the month of September, income was \$13,158.51 and expenses were \$12,224.39.

All Saints All Soul's Day

Thank you to everyone who has participated in one way or another in keeping our buildings and grounds in great shape this past year!

Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden

P.S. We could still use a few more volunteers to help with parking supervision during Election Day, November 8th! Thank you!

Advent Retreat Planning

SAVE THE DATE: St Hugh and Church of the Redeemer will be sharing an Advent Retreat together on Saturday, December 3rd at St. Hugh. Come at 8:30AM for a continental breakfast. Our sessions begin at 9AM and conclude with the Eucharist at 2PM. There is no cost for the retreat but you may order a lunch from Jimmy John's with your registration for \$10. Registration forms will be out by November 1st and are due to Karen by November 27. We hope to see you there!

PLANNING THE ADVENT RETREAT: Would you like to be involved in planning the Advent Retreat? Let Marion know - we would love to have your input!



Dear St. Hugh family, friends, and visitors,

How quickly the year is passing as we head into the Thanksgiving season. *“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! Psalm 95:02*

Please join us for an exciting, spirit-filled Thanksgiving Brunch at St. Hugh!

Day/Date: Sunday, November 20th, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m. (Between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services)

“I give thanks to my God always ...”

1 Corinthians 1:4.

If you would like to bring a dish or assist with setup or cleanup, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board at St. Hugh. If time is not on your side to bring a dish, please plan to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Brunch with friends and family!

We look forward to seeing you and your family for our great Thanksgiving event!! If you have any questions or comments, please contact Peola A. Alleyne Mills, 630.400.7800 or via email, peolaa@gmail.com

With joy and peace,

Peola A. Alleyne Mills
630.400.7800

Did you participate in the online poll asking for your St. Hugh membership anniversary date?

Here's the link: <http://doodle.com/poll/wzy4wbs6yvgwrphm>

If you've been a member less than 5 years, please mark "new member" option.

If you don't want to utilize the online survey,
please sign the chart on the square table in Wiedrich Hall.



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Save the Date: Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat February 10 - 11 at DeKoven Center

Men of the Diocese of Chicago are asked to save the dates for the 16th annual **Episcopal Men's Pre-Lenten Retreat**. The retreat will take place Friday, February 10 - Saturday, February 11 at DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin. The Rev. Gary B. Manning, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, will lead the retreat. **Learn more and register.** For more information please contact **James Massie by email.**

<http://files.constantcontact.com/dc5bcc8c101/cdad9cdf-a876-4898-85fe-e90e7ed32966.pdf>

posted on the bulletin board as well

Thanksgiving Day Service is at 10AM

Thursday, November 24th

Seeking an acolyte for this service.