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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  
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Dan Dolney, Senior Warden  
Craig Skeppstrom, Junior Warden  
Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant  
Cherry Babo, Treasurer  
Mary Baumrind, Asst. Treasurer  
Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk  
Jeanne Rayner, Altar Guild

**October Birthdays  
Happy Birthday!!**

Lindsay Gebala	10 - 4
Deanna Engelke	10 - 5
Mark Rayner	10 - 5
Joey Rayner	10 - 6
Edward Jamrog	10 - 7
James Herrmann	10 - 7
Margie Dutcher	10 - 12
Rudy Gebala	10 - 13
Susan Toomire	10 - 14
Don Watson	10 - 16
Donna Jamrog	10 - 17
Sharon O'Hara	10 - 18
Kacy Rauschenberger	10 - 18
Jamie Demes	10 - 22
Daniel Herrmann	10 - 25

***October Anniversaries  
Happy Anniversary!!!***

<i>Sharon &amp; Stephen Wendorf</i>	<i>10 - 4</i>
<i>Karen &amp; Jeff Warner</i>	<i>10 - 5</i>
<i>Mike &amp; Sue Diebold-Martin</i>	<i>10 - 14</i>

# Voice of the Swan

October 2013



The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1 As I was contemplating what I want to say in this letter, that verse came to mind. Even though, I find myself in a difficult season, mourning the death of my Mom, I still find myself giving thanks to God for the many blessings in my life. You are one of the blessings, I am most grateful for! What a joy it was to return last month to our Outdoor Eucharist and picnic. When I arrived at church that morning, set up was well under way, with many joyful hands helping make the work light! There were many hugs and smiles and it was a marvelous homecoming! Thanks to all who made that such a great event! I can't begin to adequately express the gratitude I feel for all the love and support you have shown me as I adjust to my "new normal" - life without my Mom. I appreciate all the cards, conversations, and hugs. You have all helped bring joy to my heart and that has been a tremendous comfort to me.

September has been full of worship, fun, fellowship, and learning opportunities. The rector's class has resumed and we are continuing Beth Moore's Bible study, *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place*. If you're interested in joining us, we'll be happy to help catch you up on the material that's been covered. We have also been doing workshops on our Spiritual Gifts, that my colleague Rachael Gregory has been facilitating. I have heard some more interest in this, so I'll offer another course in the future for those who couldn't make this set of classes.

I met with a couple of our young moms and am trying to create some meaningful ministry for them as they go through the challenges of raising little people. We will meet again on Tuesday, October 8th from 12:30-2:00. This is an evolving ministry and I am open to suggestions. I know the time doesn't work for those working during the day, so maybe we'll do some alternate times as well. One way we can all support our young parents is by keeping the nursery filled with volunteers and graciously giving them space to have an hour to worship. Leslie Scheffel has been a terrific asset in the nursery! Thanks to all who volunteer for this important ministry and thanks to Ele Procter for scheduling our helpers! If you are feeling called to help out, please let me, Ele, or Karen Warner know. All that's required is a love of children and taking the "Keeping God's People safe training. The more people willing to donate some time for this vital ministry, the less often each person will need to serve. We have delightful children here at St. Hugh! Spend some time with them and see!

Lots of events are planned for October and hopefully, there will be something that will pique your interest! If not and you have other ideas for meaningful ministry and events let me know. Much of what we're doing is in response to people's ideas and interests. We will hold our annual pet blessing during the 10:30AM service on October 6th to be held in Weidrich Hall. On October 13th we'll have our annual golf outing; thanks to Randy Lemcke for coordinating! Then, on October 16th there will be a meeting at 7:00PM in Weidrich Hall with Bob Warski to explore a joint book club between us and folks from The Church of the Redeemer. We will also have our Halloween Party on Saturday October 26th from 2:00PM - 5:00PM and a newcomers brunch on October 27th at 9:30AM between our two services. We haven't had a newcomers event in a while, so for those who have come in the last couple years, know we are celebrating your life among us as well! Hope you can join in the fun!

As I reflect on the month past and the month to come, I find myself still thinking: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Thanks for sharing God's love with me!

Blessings and Love,  
Marion+

## Senior Warden's October Report

The clean, crisp fall air is with us as we surge into the month of October. But we won't put away the summer clothes quite yet, will we? We all know where we live and we know better.

September was a full month starting off with Food Pantry Sunday. Needless to say, the Crisis Center appreciates our help more than we'll ever know. September 8<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Marion back from Florida with our Outdoor Eucharist and Parish Picnic. The outdoor service is always nice and it gives all a chance to worship together. The picnic was a blast with food, games and fellowship. Thanks to Mike Phipps for organizing the games. Thanks to the Padillas for the fantastic grill and all who cooked and made the "pass-around" dishes. And many thanks to all who came early and stayed late to set up and tear down. What a wonderful day!

The Spiritual Gifts workshop is in full swing with a very encouraging attendance. We all have something to offer and sometimes we don't realize it. Giving one's time and talent can be one of the most rewarding things we can do. Check the bulletin for the meeting days and times.

We had so much fun the first time we met for bowling that we decided to go again. What a great time! The most fun was watching the young ones bowl and get so excited. Keep an eye out for another bowling event in the future.

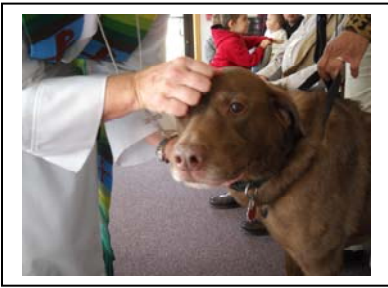
How does the new sign look!?! We are so very proud of it. Slowly but surely we're getting the hang of programming it. If anyone still has it in their heart to contribute to the cost, please feel free to help. We have a few more payments of \$470.50 until it's paid off. If you'd like to pay all or part of a payment, just note it on your check. To kick off the final approach to the remaining payments, I will be paying the October payment in memory of my parents, Bill and Irene Dolney. To them, I have much to be grateful. And to all who contributed and supported the sign effort.....to you I am also grateful. God's blessing to you all.

*Dan Dolney, Senior Warden*

*Sunday, October 6th 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.*



**Pet blessing at the 10:30AM service Sunday, 10/6.  
Please bring your pet on a leash.**



**Taize - Healing Service is the  
second Sunday of the month...  
October 13th @ 7PM**

## **RELICS**

RELICS' October 2 meeting will feature a presentation by one of our younger St. Hugh members, Karl Rauschenberger, who will tell us about the mission project he has been involved in. We will also, of course, discuss the craft show and upcoming cookie dough sale. Join us at noon on Wednesday, October 2, in Wiedrich Hall.

*Dear St. Hugh Family,*

*We are off to another wonderful year! We have had several new friends attending choir and it's wonderful! Everyone is welcome in our ensembles and if you need any additional musical help, I can meet with you one on one. We are trying one more month of a variety of evenings for choir; give us a try! Wednesday October 2, Thursday October 10, Wednesday October 17, Thursday October 23 and Tuesday, October 29. We had so much fun at the outdoor celebration on September 8th that we are bringing the band back for the pet blessing on October 3rd. We have many other opportunities in music and the arts for all ages. Let me know your interests and I will help make it happen! I'm so grateful to be at St Hugh! Margaret 847 508 6337 [margaretmbrady@gmail.com](mailto:margaretmbrady@gmail.com)*

*Calendar:*

*Choir Rehearsal: October 2 - 7PM, October 10 - 7PM, October 17 - 7PM, October 23 - 7:30PM  
and October 29<sup>th</sup> - 7PM.*

*Evening Prayer at Church of the Redeemer 6PM Thursday October 24*

*Advent Retreat for St Hugh and Church of the Redeemer at Church of the Redeemer - December 7 2013*

*Dr. Margaret Brady - Director of Music*

### **Just a reminder...**

Before Church... Listen to God  
During Church... Talk to God  
After Church... Talk to your neighbor

## Save the Dates... see the October calendar!

Pet Blessing - Sunday, October 6th at the 10:30AM service in Wiedrich Hall.  
It's also Prayer Partner Sunday and Food Pantry Donation day as well.

Parish Golf Outing - Sunday, October 13th in the afternoon.  
Time and location to be determined.

Book Interest Meeting - Wednesday, October 16th at 7PM

Military Service at 7PM on Wednesday, October 23rd, followed by Adult Forum at 7:30PM.  
The topic is Immigration with guest, Fr. Uriel Lopez.

Halloween party - Saturday, October 26th, 2 - 5PM.

Newcomer Brunch - Sunday, October 27th at 9:30AM. Both services please join us to  
welcome St. Hugh's newest parishioners. Watch for a sign up.

Time change on Sunday, November 3rd. "Fall back" - set clocks back Saturday night

Youth Lock-in - Friday, November 8th

Annual Parish Thanksgiving Brunch on Sunday, November 24th at 9:30AM.  
Watch for a sign up.

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Church of the Redeemer and St. Hugh Advent Retreat

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Soup and Grilled cheese Coffee Hour and Greening of the Church

## THE BIG READ comes to Elgin!

Sign up on the bulletin board near the nursery

Everyone is invited to participate in Elgin's first BIG READ. The book selection is The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien, a fictionalized account of a soldier's experience during the Vietnam War. Throughout the months of September/October, Elgin will hold a variety of activities, commemorating the sacrifices of our brave American servicemen and women. For more information, contact Gail Board Library or talk with Judy Mavros.

St. Hugh is doing its part by holding a discussion of the book and the issues it raises on Sunday, October 6th, at 2:00, primarily for our parishioners and guests who wish to exchange ideas from this book and/or personal experience. Our facilitator for the event will be Walt Garrett, professor emeritus of Humanities at Elgin Community College.

There will be a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board as we get closer to the date. However, the book is available right now at Gail Borden Library. Check it out and prepare to be part of this community-wide event. We hope it will be the first of many years of BIG READ in Elgin.

Hector Ocampos, an Iraq War veteran, is coordinating the Big Read for the Gail Borden Public Library. The library has 250 copies of the book -- which centers on soldiers during the Vietnam War -- available for check out at the library. Area bookstores will also have copies available for sale.

Here's a link for more information: [couriernews.suntimes.com/...418/...big-read-in-elgin.html](http://couriernews.suntimes.com/...418/...big-read-in-elgin.html)

## Get to Know Your Vestry

**Dan Dolney, Senior Warden**

My wonderful trip that brought me into the St. Hugh family took many twists and turns. Born in western Pennsylvania and brought up in northeastern Ohio, I attended Kent State University and graduated in 1973 with a B.S. in Telecommunications. I made my way to the Chicago area soon after graduation and while I made many trips back to Ohio, Chicago became my home. I have two wonderful children of whom I'm incredibly proud. And if that wasn't enough, I'm incredibly blessed with four grandchildren with another on the way. They not only light up a room, but light up my life.

In 2007, as my Mother was dying from pancreatic cancer, the Good Lord put Amy Laubhan in my life. Aside from the fact that we hit it off immediately, she got me through this difficult time in my life. She also brought me to St Hugh as I've been a part of this family since 2007. The last few years I've served on the Vestry and for the last year and a half have been honored to serve as your Senior Warden. I want to thank everyone for their support, especially during the last month as I dealt with the death of my Dad. The cards, emails, and kind words meant the world to me. Thank you.

### **Behold! We are Doing a New Thing!**



The Rev. Alberto Cutié, parish priest, best-selling author, columnist and well-known international TV and radio host, turns down about 90 percent of invitations for speaking engagements. He agreed to be the keynoter at this year's diocesan convention because he could sense that, indeed, the Diocese of Chicago is doing a new thing.

"When they asked, I felt very privileged and honored," he said from his office at the Church of the Resurrection in Biscayne Park, Florida, where he serves as priest-in-charge. "There is a reunification taking place as the Diocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Quincy come together, and there is a lot of good energy."

November 22-23: [176th Diocesan Convention, Westin Lombard](#)

**Please add to your calendar -**

Mom's Group meets on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM



Photos from the Northern Illinois Food Bank Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

A joint project with Church of the Redeemer

