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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
Ed Jamrog, Treasurer
Katie White, 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
Judy Calderon	10 - 10
Rudy Gebala	10 - 13
Susan Toomire	10 - 14
Don Watson	10 - 16
Donna Jamrog	10 - 17
Maiyari Manderico	10 - 18
Sharon O'Hara	10 - 18
Kacy Rauschenberger	10 - 18
Daniel Herrmann	10 - 25

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

<i>Sharon & Stephen Wendorf</i>	10 - 4
<i>Karen & Jeff Warner</i>	10 - 5
<i>Mike & Sue Diebold-Martin</i>	10 - 14
<i>Cheri & Rick Walter</i>	10 - 23

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Parish Family,

Well, autumn officially began this week, though we kicked off our fall programs earlier in September. There are lots of things happening around the church and I hope everyone can find something to enhance their spiritual growth! We have two Sunday school classes for the younger children thanks to Karen Lemcke, Debbie Wild, and Shalani Emmanuel for teaching our Sunday School students this year! I've added a third monthly class for the junior high and high school kids. We are meeting after the 10:30AM service on the second Sunday of the month. For starters, we are going through the Living Compass Teen Wellness book and having conversations about how faith can make a difference in our lives and the challenges that we face. In the Rector's class we are studying N. T. Wright's *The Early Christian Letters For Everyone* which covers the epistles of James, Peter, John, and Judah. This class is open to anyone and its not too late to join in if you're interested. These early letters were written to believers in the new church, by followers of Jesus and provide lots of practical guidelines for Christian living. This book provides insight into these early works and challenges us to grow in our own faith journey. We also are running a Living Compass Mindful Eating class that began in September with two more classes in October. The Mom's group is studying a book together called *Screamfree Parenting* by Hal Runkel. There are other Bible studies along with the book club available as well and I hope you all can find something that interests you. Christian formation is a lifelong process and we hope to provide numerous opportunities to reach as many folks as possible.

I attended a conference at Willow Creek this week with a number of Episcopal priests from around the country who have participated with their churches in the Spiritual Life renewal program, we got involved in last year. This program is now a Ministry of Forward Movement and is called *Renewal Works*. We met with the Rev. Jay Sidebotham and the Rev. Clarence Langdon who helped translate Willow Creek's *Reveal* study into more Episcopal language along with some of the leaders from Willow Creek who were an integral part of their *Reveal* study. Bill Hybels, their senior pastor joined us for a couple hours and shared his experience with this study at Willow. *Reveal*, and our counterpart *Renewal Works* begins as a survey tracking spiritual practices and growth in congregants. Of what has been gleaned from these studies, the most significant indicator and instrument of spiritual growth is personal Bible study. I know this to be true in my own life and my hope is that each of us will continue to be passionate about studying God's word and becoming all that God is calling us to be!

If the Bible seems daunting to you, remember our prayer book and service are filled with scriptures and the more you read the Bible, the more familiar it becomes. There are treasures to be gleaned and wisdom to be gained. The Bible is far more than a history book of God's relationship with God's people. In fact, it says in Hebrews 4:12 that "*Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*" My prayer for each of us is that we may regularly engage God's word and allow God access to our lives that we all may be transformed into the likeness of Christ. I look forward to all that is to come and feel privileged to be serving God and you in this place!

Love and Blessings, Marion+

Senior Warden Report

There's a nip in the air, it's getting darker earlier and the leaves are starting to turn.....October is here! Each season is beautiful for its own reason, but Fall is an exceptionally beautiful time of the year.

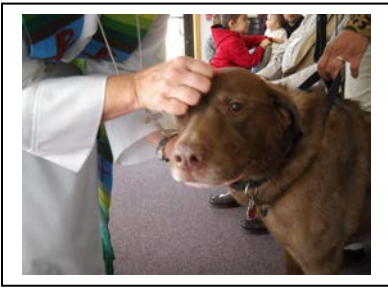
There's a lot going on behind the scenes at St Hugh at this time of the year. We kicked off the annual Time, Talent, and Pledge Drive a little earlier this year. There's always a ton of things going on the deeper we get into the calendar year and we didn't want to get behind. Last year we did get behind and we're feeling the effects of it now. We don't want that to happen again this year and we've taken steps to prevent it. Aside from starting earlier, we formed a Finance Committee to advise the vestry in financial and budgetary matters. Let me take a second here to thank the committee that consists of Tom Youngren, Keith Rauschenberger, Craig Skeppstrom, Dick W. Rayner, Randy, Lemcke, Pat Maine, our Treasurer, Ed Jamrog, Frank Transue and me. I can't thank them enough for giving their time and talent to this effort. With your help we will right the ship for 2014 and keep it on course for 2015.

We've designated November 2nd as the date to return your Time, Talent, and Pledge sheets. And while there always seems to be a lot of emphasis on Pledging....and we DO emphasize it.....I would also ask that, after you check off the ministries you'd like to participate in, go back through it and check off another that may be a little out of your comfort zone. Whether it's ushering, chalice bearer, acolyte, hosting coffee hour or any of the many other ministries at St. Hugh, give it a try. Participation enhances the worship experience to a whole new level. Isn't it time to jump in instead of just dipping your toe into the water? When you get to the Pledge section just be your usual generous self. If you'd like to be a little more generous, please, by all means, go for it! Seriously, remember that all the ministries at St. Hugh are funded ONLY through pledges. When it comes to a Church budget we need to be asking each other, "What else can we do?" and not, "What do we need to cut?"

I thank all of you for everything you do at St. Hugh. Your continued giving for whatever needs to be done is heartwarming and, of course, very much appreciated. May God bless each and every one of you.

Dan Dolney
Senior Warden

Sunday, October 5th Food Pantry Sunday
Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and
delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.



**Pet blessing at the 10:30AM service Sunday, 10/5.
Please bring your pet on a leash.**



Taize - Healing Service is the
second Sunday of the month...
October 12th @ 7PM

Diocesan Convention..... looking for delegates...
The Convention is Friday, November 21st and Saturday, November 22nd,
starting at 8AM in Lombard.
Let Marion or Dan know by Monday, September 29th

Important Dates

Pet Blessing - Sunday, October 5th at the 10:30AM service in Wiedrich Hall.
It's also Prayer Partner Sunday and Food Pantry Donation day as well.

Halloween party - Saturday, October 25th, 2 - 5PM Sign up

Time change on Sunday, November 2nd. "Fall back" - set clocks back Saturday night

Chili Cook off and Ice Cream Social - Saturday, November 8th 5 - 7PM

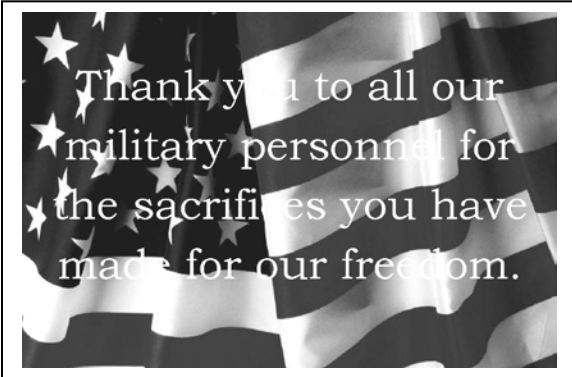
Annual Parish Thanksgiving Brunch on Sunday, November 23rd at 9:30AM.
Watch for a sign up!

December 6th - Church of the Redeemer and St. Hugh Advent Retreat
@ Church of the Redeemer

December 21st - Soup and Grilled cheese Coffee Hour and Greening of the Church

Mom's Group meets on Wednesday, October 1stth at 12:30PM

and tentatively, Wednesday, October 8th and 22nd.



The Military Prayer Board/Bulletin List

It's time to update the board, data base and our list for the bulletin. We are looking for birthdates and addresses of active soldiers, too. Please let the office know ASAP, as we'd like that to be done by Veteran's Day in November.

Thanks to Roland Hopson for his photograph of the Vietnam Memorial wall, with the incorporation of the soldiers from the Korean Memorial. The boy is the photo stood and looked at the name on the wall for about 5 minutes and didn't know he was being photographed. The pictures were taken on a recent trip to Washington, DC taken by Roland and Bev Hopson, Dick & Jeanne Rayner, Jim Ceithaml and Marty Owens. Ed Jamrog provided the glorious photo he took of the Arizona Memorial when he and Donna visited. It would make a beautiful postcard.

Thanks to Marge Zawadzki who sends out the birthday cards from the parish. Don't forget about our Military Services on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7AM and the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7PM.

2014 Christmas Eve Service Times Survey

What is your opinion of changing the times of the services for 2014 to:

4PM Service remains

_____ Yes, I like it 7:30 Carols & 8PM Service (No later service)

_____ No, leave it the way is it (4PM service, 10PM Carols, 10:30PM service)

Thoughts and suggestions:

NAME: _____

Place in the mailbox on the office door at your earliest convenience. Thanks!

Another Goodbye



We are ending the month of September celebrating the life of Josephine Shelby who has been an active member of St. Hugh for a number of years. Faithful in worship, prayer, Bible study, and an active member of the R.E.L.I.C.S. she touched the hearts of many of us. Thanks to Jane Watson for coordinating another luncheon and to all who stepped up to offer food and assistance to provide a meal and time of fellowship for Jo's family and friends as they say goodbye to this dear soul. Thanks to Craig Skeppstrom for preparing her spot in our Memorial Garden and thanks as always to our altar guild for all they do behind the scenes to help beautify our worship! We have had too many goodbyes this past couple years and too many opportunities to grieve. But I find comfort in Paul's words to the Thessalonians *"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope."* Death is not the end of Jo's story and the thought of her catching up with her buddy Virginia and others who have gone before makes me smile.

My friends:

"Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of the One who made us, and the One who loves us, and the One who travels with us, be with you and those you love this day and always.

AMEN." Adapted from Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821– 1881)



Please join us for our Annual Halloween Party Saturday October 25th from 2:00-5:00PM. We have lots of fun, games and pumpkin carving. Kids and grandkids are welcome! Please sign up in the fellowship board so we have a head count.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour hosts give us wonderful snacks to feed our bodies as well as our souls. The hosts make coffee, serve juice/soft drinks and various goodies for the congregation to enjoy after service. This ministry not only provides sustenance but gives us a time to socialize with friends and make new acquaintances. The schedule usually provides three to four opportunities a year to host. As host you bring whatever light snacks you wish, set up the table before service (paper goods, etc. provided), serve coffee (provided by the church), and clean up the kitchen after everyone is finished. Coffee Hour hosts are a most appreciated service!! Let me know if you would like to join our group of dedicated servers.

Beverly Hopson, Coffee Hour Coordinator