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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  
Debbie Wild, Senior Warden  
Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden  
Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant  
Sue Diebold-Martin, Treasurer  
Ash Emmanuel, Vestry Clerk  
Jeanne Rayner & Cheri Walter, 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
Sharon O'Hara	10 - 18
Kacy Rauschenberger	10 - 18
Andrew Crowley	10 - 23
Daniel Herrmann	10 - 25
Melinda Crowley	10 - 27

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

<i>Karen &amp; Jeff Warner</i>	10 - 5
<i>Meg &amp; Mike Swartz</i>	10 - 13
<i>Mike &amp; Sue Diebold-Martin</i>	10 - 14
<i>Cheri &amp; Rick Walter</i>	10 - 23

# Voice of the Swan

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Dear Friends,

We recently started a new Bible study in the Rector's class using a workbook by Beth Moore, titled *Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John*. The study looks at John, one of the sons of Zebedee, who called himself the beloved disciple, but also considers that we, too, are God's beloved. We ordered a couple extra books if anyone is interested in joining us let me know. The group is welcoming and informal and we have good conversations around the study material. This study has me thinking not only about the fact that I am beloved, but also about the fact that every person on the planet is beloved!

In the Autumn issue of *Plough*, a spiritual periodical I get, the question is posed "What Makes Humans sacred?" Peter Mommson, one of the editors of the *Plough*, wrote a long list of diverse folks and declared each person on this earth sacred. He went on to say:

*This absurd claim is the joyful surprise at the heart of the gospel. Each person, just or unjust, is created in the image and likeness of God. Each is someone for whom Jesus died. As Christians our faith only makes sense if the proposition that humans are sacred is true.*

When I consider others as God's beloved children, made in the Imago Dei, the image of God, it forces me to consider how precious each and every human being is to God. There is no room to count others as "less than" for any reason, even if they are not in my social, economic, or religious sphere.

This is the challenge of living out our Baptismal Covenant, to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves." People are diverse, complicated, and some can even be difficult, and the reality is that there are some who may find us difficult! No matter what a person's race, creed, economic status, or educational level the common denominator for all people is that we are beloved children of God! I think about the psalmist asking God;

*When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what are mere mortals that you care for them? (Psalm 8:3-4)*

The psalmist then continued:

*You have made them a little lower than the heavenly beings, and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them the rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet. (Psalm 8:5-6)*

If God thinks so highly of us, how can we think any less of ourselves or anyone else? We are in fact beloved! And that holds true for everyone! How might we, as believers, impact our world if we lived out of a sense of our own preciousness to God along with a sense of the preciousness of others? Something to ponder in these days when so many in our world seems to disregard the sacredness of the "other." I am so grateful for each of you, and a community where we can be regularly reminded of how beloved we are. May we be quick to invite others into God's love and saving grace!

With Love and Gratitude,

Marion+

## Senior Warden Report

As I write this article, there is a cool breeze coming in my front door. Fall has arrived. September has been a beautiful month, with the transition from summer to fall being ever so subtle. I heard that it has been one of the hottest Septembers on record, but who knows now with the cooler weather moving in. The weather for the annual picnic was wonderful, and attendance was high. The food was fabulous, as always, and the games were fun and plentiful. There is talk of having two tents next year to accommodate the growing crowd.

In October, we have the annual Pet Blessing, which always promises to be interesting and lots of fun. Sue Campbell may be taking pictures of your pet being blessed, so be sure to come and bring your various extra special "family members."

Sunday school has started again and the children are busy learning more about our wonderful God. Is it just me, or are the kids growing like weeds? My class of little ones are already learning to read!

November is just around the corner, and we will be having our annual Thanksgiving brunch. We will need lots of people to volunteer to help, from planning to setting up to clean-up, and of course, to bring food. If you would like to help plan, please let me or another member of the vestry know.

Karen has noted on the worship assistants list that we need more acolytes. This is an important part of our worship, and I encourage everyone to consider trying it. The training isn't difficult, and the rewards are great!

I would also like to ask you to consider becoming a vestry member if you haven't already. It's a rewarding ministry, and a good way to get more involved in church life at St. Hugh. If you have any questions about serving on the vestry, talk to me or Marion or any other vestry member. If you would like to serve, let us know, as new terms start in January.

May God bless your life as you seek to know Him better.

Debbie Wild  
Senior Warden



**Pet blessing at the 10:30AM service in  
Wiedrich Hall, Sunday, 10/2.  
Please bring your pet on a leash or in a cage.**



Taize - Healing Service is the October 9th @  
7PM

## Important Dates

- ✠ Pet Blessing - Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 10:30AM service in Wiedrich Hall.
- ✠ Cookie Dough Sales begin – Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>
- ✠ Halloween party - Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Noon til 3pm Sign up!
- ✠ Time change on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. "Fall back" - set clocks back Saturday night
- ✠ Annual Parish Thanksgiving Brunch on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM.  
Watch for a sign up!
- ✠ December 18<sup>th</sup> – Soup and Grilled cheese Coffee Hour and Greening of the Church  
after the 10:30 service



Please join us for our Annual Halloween Party **Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** from Noon – 3PM. We have lots of fun and games. Kids and grandkids are welcome! Please sign up in the fellowship board so we have a head count.

Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee & Dean Dominic Barrington invites you to a pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel.

May 9 – 20, 2017

See the main bulletin board for more information

### Episcopal Church Women

Diocese of Chicago

Women's Fall Retreat

Wisdom and Reflections

October 29 – 30<sup>th</sup> The DeKoven Center

Racine, Wisconsin

See the main bulletin board

# 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!

## *The Annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-Off! Sponsored by St. Hugh Relics for National and International Charities*



*Sunday October 16th*

*Please join us for a cookie tasting after both  
the 8AM and 10:30AM services!*

### **Building and Grounds Update by Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden**

So far this year the buildings and grounds at St. Hugh have remained in good shape. Maintenance expenses have not been more than expected including several small contractual improvements, such as the columbarium and sidewalk alignment. Also, doesn't our church bell tower and cross in front look great!!

Please look for a couple of significant sign up sheets in October; one, to help pull some weeds and a little light yard work on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The other, to provide parking lot help and general assistance to the voters coming to and leaving St. Hugh on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, if anyone notices something in the building broken or amiss, please contact Karen in the office or myself. Thank you in advance for your help!

## **From the Treasurer**

Year-to-date income as of August 31<sup>st</sup> is \$137,573.95 and expenses are \$121,625.75. For the month of August, income was \$18,599.75 and expenses were \$13,276.00.



### **St Hugh's Flat Swan Project has begun!**

As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we are sending St. Hugh's Flat Swan on an adventure. We want our families, friends, and neighbors to know that wherever we travel, He travels with us.

To be a part of this fun project, grab your own Flat Swan from Wiedrich Hall, take a photo of him on your travels, and share the photo/s with us by posting on Facebook at [facebook.com/sthughepiscopal](https://facebook.com/sthughepiscopal). (Or via email: [sthugh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sthugh@sbcglobal.net)). Tell us where you and Flat Swan are and tag your post by adding "#flatswan" and/or "#sthugh50" to the post.

### **Labyrinth**

A number of years ago, while I was attending General Convention, I heard a guy talking about labyrinths with much passion who said he was happy to put a temporary labyrinth with spray paint for anyone who wanted one. I have found it a useful meditative practice to walk a labyrinth and thought it would be wonderful to have one on our beautiful grounds at St Hugh. Well, I went to talk to this man and found out he was Fred Peeley, Jr and he was more than willing to spray a labyrinth for us. After it was sprayed on, he said it could be maintained by spraying weed killer along the paint. Thanks to Roland Hopson, Craig Skepstrom and Stephen Wendorf, we have such a labyrinth out in our field just below where we celebrate our outdoor Eucharist. There is no right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. You began at the entrance and follow the path and it takes you to the center. After you get to the center, you can wind your way back through the path and out. It's not a maze it's a path and as you walk it, pay attention to where your thoughts go. When I was first told about labyrinths, I didn't get the point of it, until I did it, and when I did,

I was pleasantly surprised at how it was for me! Each time walk a labyrinth I experience something different. Why not give it a try before the snow covers it up for the winter? If you'd like to learn more, I am happy to have conversations about it anytime! Also, if you Google "labyrinth" you can find a wealth of information. Happy wandering and wondering!

Peace,

Marion+

## **The Memorial Gardens of St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church**

It has long been a custom among Christians to bury the dead in or near the place where believers gather for prayer and worship. In the spirit of this tradition, St. Hugh Church has set aside a portion of its grounds for the interment of the dead.

The Memorial Gardens are located close in proximity to our sanctuary where parishioners gather regularly to pray, to worship and to share in the administration of the sacraments.

Our Memorial Gardens are set aside as a place of tranquility and of natural beauty. It is a place where parishioners can quietly remember those who have gone before us, a place for prayer, a place for meditation.

The plots are each designed for receiving an urn containing the cremated remains of one person. Plots are reserved exclusively for members or former member of St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church and the immediate family of these members.

The St. Hugh Memorial Gardens are maintained under the supervision of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church.

Further information about the Memorial Gardens may be obtained from the Church office.

## **Pet Blessing memory cards**

To help commemorate our 50th anniversary year, St. Hugh will be offering special photo memory cards of your pet's blessing on October 2. Each family that brings a pet to be blessed will have a photo taken of the moment. Each card will include your pet's (or pets') photo, the date, and a special blessing message.

The 5 x 7 inch, professionally printed, photo cards can be ordered for \$7. Additional copies are \$5. Checks should be made out to St. Hugh. Please include "Pet Photo" on the memo line. Cards will be delivered on or around November 1.

Questions or concerns? Contact Sue Campbell: [campbell.hspro@gmail.com](mailto:campbell.hspro@gmail.com) or 847-850-9411.