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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
Dan Dolney, Senior Warden
Craig Skeppstrom, Junior Warden
Margaret Brady - Organist/Choir Director
Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant
Cherry Babo, Treasurer
Mary Baumrind, Asst. Treasurer
Carrie Reynolds, Vestry Clerk
Jeanne Rayner, Altar Guild

**September Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!**

Linda Youngren	9 - 2
Lynn Fafinski	9 - 9
Christopher Scheffel	9 - 12
Josephine Shelby	9 - 18
John Fafinski	9 - 19
Mary Meyer	9 - 21
Tom Youngren	9 - 21
Virginia Boerger	9 - 24
Janet Kuttbauer	9 - 26
Tatianna Agee	9 - 27
Marge Zawadzki	9 - 28
Karl Rauschenberger	9 - 30

***September Anniversaries
Happy Anniversary!!!***

<i>Karen & Randy Lemcke</i>	9 - 7
<i>Jackie & Jim Chaltin</i>	9 - 10
<i>Connie & Scott Scheffel</i>	9 - 21

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The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church



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Dear Parish Family,

I want you to know how much I have missed being with you all for most of the month of August. I appreciate more than words can convey this opportunity to be with my family as my Mom makes her way towards heaven. I wish I could have been in two places at once and participated in the parish bike ride, the special Caribbean dinner and Emma Rowe's baptism. I miss celebrating the Eucharist with you and the visits and conversations that happen throughout the week. I look forward to returning in September to begin the new Sunday school season with our Outdoor Eucharist and picnic.

This fall in September and October, we'll spend three of our Adult Education Wednesdays on a Spiritual Gifts Workshop led by The Rev. Rachael Gregory, who has filled in for me the past couple Sundays. We had the pleasure of serving as Chaplain's together at Camp Chicago and I know she has a heart for God and God's people. Hope you can join us September 11th, 25th, and October 9th for this spiritual gifts workshop, designed to help you uncover or rediscover your spiritual gifts. God has given each of us spiritual gifts to build up the Body of Christ, and that's what the church is. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good." The Spirit distributes gifts to each of us to make God's church equipped with all it needs to do good work in the world. I am eager to see what new things God has in store for us to do! Please sign up for these workshops and we'll order the booklets for everyone. Rachael wants to go with a different one than she first thought and the cost is \$10.00. If that cost is prohibitive for anyone, let me know, I'd be happy to get it for you.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all and I appreciate all the prayers you are saying for me and my family. I am feeling the power of those prayers. I was reading some scripture and came across a couple fitting verses in Psalm 63:7-8: "Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me." I do feel God's hand upholding me along with all your thoughts, prayers, texts and emails. I appreciate the outpouring of support as I walk in the "valley of the shadow of death." My heart is heavy but also grateful for each moment I've been able to share a kiss or a hug or an "I love you" with my Mom. Life is sacred and precious. Don't miss a day to let your loved ones know what they mean to you! I love you all and am so grateful to be serving as your priest. Thanks to Karen and Dan and all who are continuing to share their gifts to keep life at St. Hugh running smoothly!

" May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other." (Genesis 31:49).

With Love and Gratitude,

Marion+

Senior Warden Report

August 2013 was filled with many events. We celebrated birthdays and anniversaries with Marion's birthday taking center stage. May we enjoy many more birthday celebrations with her in the years to come! We had our Military service, Taize healing service, and, of course, got the kids back to school, too. The RELICS hosted the Glorify Christ Caribbean Fete that featured some absolutely wonderful island dishes. If you couldn't make it, you missed something special. Many thanks to Peola Alleyne-Mills for heading up this feast. And even better yet, the free will offering netted over \$900 which, as you know, goes ENTIRELY towards outreach. Thank you ladies!

And, of course, we celebrated the Baptism of Emma Elizabeth Rowe. What a wonderful thing to witness a baby being brought into God's family. Of course, she's a big part of the St Hugh family now and we look forward to seeing her walk the aisles of St Hugh with her sister Bella and brother JJ. WELCOME!

However, LIFE events seemed to be at the forefront this August. As you probably know Marion and Mike had to cancel their vacation to Washington State and drive to Florida to be with Marion's Mother as her journey Home to the Lord approached sooner than expected. As of this writing, Marion Kyger is slipping away but is surrounded by Marion and all her loved ones as she takes her final steps in her journey. She has all the love and prayers from her extended family here at St Hugh.

I, too, was called away to be with my Dad, Bill Dolney, as he was being called Home. I flew out the next day and was able to spend valuable time with him. I don't know if he knew I was there, but that's OK, I knew. Along with my brothers Mike and Pat and my sister Diane, we let him know that we loved him and it was OK to go.....Mom was waitingGod was waiting. I stayed in his room the first night I was there and the third night and finally in the early morning hours of that fourth day he simply breathed his last. To be happy and sad for the same event is strange, but fitting. We grieve, but not as those who have no hope. Dad was a war hero, a blue-collar worker for GM, baseball and softball umpire, and delivered Meals-On-Wheels until age 89. He gave me my love of baseball, instilled in me his work ethic, but most of all this quiet man who rarely showed emotion taught me what real love is. He SHOWED me every single day in the way he took care of my Mother as she was dying of pancreatic cancer. What a man he was. I can only hope and pray that someday I can be the man he was. That bar has been set VERY high.

So, from Emma to Marion's Mom to my Dad.....what a wonderful and bright future they ALL have.

Dan Dolney
Senior Warden



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

*Sunday, September 1st Food Pantry Sunday
Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and
delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.*

A parishioner requested that this birthday prayer is printed in the bulletin for all to read. Dan Dolney delivered the prayer at the 10:30AM service on Sunday, August 4th in thanksgiving for Marion's birthday:

“Dear Lord, we thank you for all the blessings you've given Marion this past year. Continue to walk with her, bless her, and inspire her in her journey in the coming days, weeks and months. For when you bless and inspire Marion, you also bless and inspire us.”



The Outdoor Eucharist/Sunday School Kickoff is Sunday, September 8th. See the Parish Picnic Sign-up to bring a dish to share on the bulletin board near the nursery. The church is providing the meat, buns, condiments, paper and utensils. Sign up so we have an accurate count for purchasing. Please bring your own beverages.



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.

RELICS Update

We all enjoyed a wonderful Caribbean evening on August 24, and thank Peola and her committee for the delicious food and Fay Kitchin and her committee for their great organization skills. Also we thank our St. Hugh members for supporting this event.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 4, at noon in Wiedrich Hall. We will focus on preparing for the November craft sale.

St. Hugh.... The numbers now and then.,,,

I found the parochial report from 1991 from our church...
I thought it was interesting, so I'm sharing a few statistics.

Members:
1991: 139
2012: 193

Easter Sunday attendance:
1991: 80
2012: 134

Average Sunday attendance:
1991: 56
2012: 77

Pledging Units:
1991: 30
2012: 50



Save the date to come to help out here at St. Hugh. Friday, September 13th starting at approximately 2:30PM til 5PM. Working in cooperation with Church of the Redeemer. More information to follow in this Newsletter. See the sign up on the bulletin board.

Iraq War veteran runs The Big Read

THE BIG READ comes to Elgin.

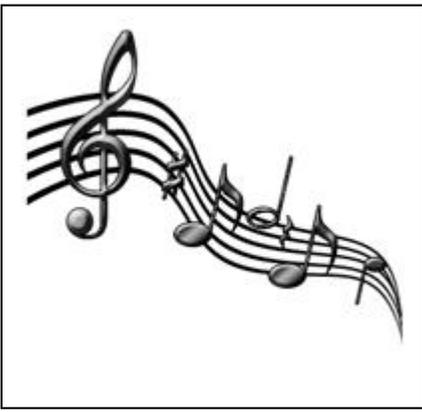
Everyone is invited to participate in Elgin's first BIG READ. The book selection is The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien, a fictionalized account of a soldier's experience during the Vietnam War. Throughout the months of September/October, Elgin will hold a variety of activities, commemorating the 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



Dear St. Hugh Family:

I am happy to return to church this Sunday after two weekends of travel. I miss you all!

This fall there are many opportunities to share your musical gifts and spread your wings at St. Hugh. Choir begins rehearsing on Wednesday September 4 at 7PM. We are trying something different in September; we are meeting on different nights of the week. If scheduling has ever stopped you from being in the choir, here is your chance to join us.

Here are our rehearsal dates in September: Wednesday

September 4 at 7PM, Thursday September 12 at 7PM, Tuesday, September 17th at 7PM and Tuesday September 24 at 7PM. We have a "pick up" welcoming policy at our choir: come when you can! I am also available during the day on Thursday and Friday if you need any extra help. 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!

Thanks again for the joy and the opportunity to serve with you at our wonderful church!
Blessings, Margaret

Each month we will feature a member of the Vestry with a short bio..

Mary Baumrind is our first member to share...

Born the third child to Harald and Julie Suess in Haan Germany. I had four siblings (lost my younger sister in 2009) and spent 20 years of my adult life in different European countries. After high school, I attended Lawrence University in Appleton WI. Since Graduation I have had several different careers: CPG Sales for Scott Worldwide, Managing and opening TGIFriday's, staffing, and now independent recruiter. I am married to a wonderful man Brian and we have a son named Alec and a black and tan Coon hound named Huckleberry. We live in Schaumburg. Brian's is originally from New Jersey and my family is spread out in the West coast, Denver and Germany. We both moved to the Chicago area for jobs and have settled here for the last 20 years. We enjoy family, traveling, sports and friends. Brian is a huge Yankee's and Giants fan where my teams are Red Sox and the Packers. So, needless to say, our house can be a terrifying place to be at playoff time.