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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

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Margaret Brady - Organist/Choir Director

Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant

Ed Jamrog, Treasurer

Katie White, Vestry Clerk

Jeanne Rayner, Altar Guild

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday!!

Millie Watkins	9 - 2
Linda Youngren	9 - 2
Brenda Link	9 - 9
Christopher Scheffel	9 - 12
Josephine Shelby	9 - 18
Tom Youngren	9 - 21
Janet Kuttbauer	9 - 26
Tatianna Agee	9 - 27
Marge Zawadzki	9 - 28
Karl Rauschenberger	9 - 30

September Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary!!!

<i>William & Melinda Herrmann</i>	9 - 2
<i>Karen & Randy Lemcke</i>	9 - 7
<i>Randy & Theresa Hetfield</i>	9 - 15
<i>Mike & Jody Rowe</i>	9 - 20
<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,

1 John 4:7 states: "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God." We experience this kind of love regularly at St. Hugh and this month was no exception! Special thanks to Jane and Don Watson for all they did to host a lovely luncheon for Glenna Kleinsmith's family and friends following a celebration of her life. Thanks to Dan Dolney, along with Rita and Jose Padilla for their help with set up, and thanks to all who contributed food and beverages and to the many R.E.L.I.C.S. and others who were there helping to serve and clean up. I'd like to mention you all by name, but fear missing some. Our funeral luncheon ministry is a vital part of the hospitality we offer folks who come to St. Hugh. It is a labor of love and such a comfort to families at a difficult time. Thanks to all who offered this loving support to Glenna's family and friends. If anyone would like to help with this or even cochair this ministry with Jane, please let me or her know. While it was sad to say goodbye to another friend, we give thanks for her life and resurrection!

When I reflect on the craziness of the world we live in, I keep pondering how our faith can make a difference and surely, love is at the heart of it. How do we respond as people of faith to the injustices many folks live with on a daily basis? I've been reading numerous articles and blogs on this lately and I continue to pray for peace in our troubled world and right here in our own country and communities. The Very Rev Gary Hall, Dean of the Washington Cathedral and more former Dean from seminary preached a powerful sermon August 24th on the difficulties of this summer and our response as Christians. You can read it here:

<http://www.nationalcathedral.org/worship/sermonTexts/grh20140824.shtml> or go to the Washington National Cathedral's web page and find a link under the worship tab to listen to it. Our faith can and should make a difference to the hurts in the world about us. May we continue to pray and be open to the possibilities of how God may wish to use us to bring healing and reconciliation wherever it is needed.

Fall is just around the corner and we will kick off Sunday school at our Outdoor Eucharist/Church picnic on September 7th. Our Sunday school is growing and we will have a couple classes this year for our toddlers and primary school students. In addition, I'm going to start meeting with the junior high and high school students after church on the second Sunday of the month for starters and we'll see where it goes from there. This will begin September 14th which will be in part fun and fellowship, but also, some teaching regarding their faith and how their relationship with God can help them through the challenges they are presented with daily in this world of ours! The Rector's class is also beginning on September 14th at 9:00AM between our services and we will be studying The Early Christian Letters utilizing N.T. Wright's commentary. All are welcome to join us in this study of James, Peter, John, and Judah!

We will be offering a Living Compass Program on mindful eating which you can read about in a separate article over four Thursdays in September and October. There are many opportunities to grow your faith here at St. Hugh and if you have something your interested in studying let me know. The adult education class that meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays is always open to different topics and books of the bible to study and reflect on. Hope you've had a refreshing and joyous summer and I am looking forward to some wonderful events in the fall!

Love and Blessings,

Marion+

Senior Warden Report

By now, the kids should all be back in school and the parents all breathing a collective sigh of relief. And, although most of them would not admit it, the kids are probably glad to be back to school, too.

August was kicked off with a bang this year at St Hugh. On August 2nd, Jose and Rita Padilla, along with family and friends hosted a fantastic Mexican dinner with your free-will offering going towards our Roof Fund. First of all, the food was out of this world! They served chicken fajitas, rice, beans and, EVERYONE'S favorite.....Jose's guacamole. It was heavenly (no pun intended). Secondly, the generosity of our St Hugh family stood out front and center once again. The free-will offering yielded over \$3500.00!!!! We are well on our way to a new roof at St Hugh. I know I speak for Marion and the entire Vestry when I say, "THANK YOU, SO MUCH!"

September is somewhat of a "start back up" month at St Hugh. Our annual Mass on the Grass and picnic on Sept. 7th also kicks off the new year for Sunday School. There's something special about seeing the little ones enjoying themselves that truly warms the heart. The Elgin Episcopal Book Club starts their new book review on Thursday, Sept. 4th and the Rector's class starts back up on the 14th.

And finally, we said good-bye to our dear friend Glenna Kleinsmith. What a wonderful person Glenna was. She always came in with a smile and we both thoroughly enjoyed teasing each other. Glenna was in the Altar Guild, a Chalice Bearer and participated in everything she could at St Hugh. Most of all, Glenna was a woman of incredible and unshakable FAITH. She had the Faith and the Hope of being welcomed into Heaven by her husband and two children who went before her. We grieve, but not as those who have no hope. We will miss you, Glenna. And, I, for one, thank you from the bottom of my heart for making me smile every time we met. 'Til we meet again.

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden



The Outdoor Eucharist/Sunday School Kickoff is Sunday, September 7th. See the Parish Picnic Sign-up to bring a dish to share on the bulletin board near the nursery. The Vestry 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 note, no 8AM service this day.



Taize - Healing Service is the
second Sunday of the month...
September 14th @ 7pm.

Sunday, September 7th Food Pantry Sunday
Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and
delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.



September 3 Choir Rehearsal 7-8:30
September 10 Choir Rehearsal 7-8:30
September 17 Choir Rehearsal 7-8:30
September 24 Choir Rehearsal 7-8:30

Dear St. Hugh Family:

I am very excited about our "new year"! Our St. Hugh Band will be featured at the outdoor service on September 7th. If you are interested in joining the band, let me know. We welcome the choir back on September 14th. I have so enjoyed working with individuals and small groups this summer. If you have any interest in sharing your talents or your children's or grandchildren's talents, let me know. Here's to a blessed New Year here at St Hugh! Margaret

Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago

Present the **2014 Fall Forum**

Saturday, October 18, 2014

9:00am – 3:00pm

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

203 South Kensington Avenue La Grange, IL

Being hungry in Illinois is a fact of life for far too many families.

Our forum will begin with a panel discussion on the issues of hunger in Illinois as it affects our rural and urban families, children and the elderly. During our afternoon sessions, we will exchange ideas about the solutions and learn ways that we can help feed our neighbors.

Additional information and the registration form can be found on the ECW website:

www.ecwchicago.org

Elgin Episcopal Book Club:

The book club will meet next on the evening of Thursday, September 4, at 7:00. We will discuss The First Phone Call from Heaven by Mitch Albom. This charming novel deals with the events that ensue in a small town in northern Michigan when some of its citizens start receiving phone calls from deceased loved ones. The book is a quick read and it can be obtained through Amazon and in most book stores.



We are excited to kick off the Living Compass Wellness program! Scott Stoner and his team at Living Compass have developed several courses designed to improve wellness. Based on feedback from the congregation, the first offering by St. Hugh's Living Compass Wellness Team will be a study on Mindful Eating. When people think of wellness, they often focus on the body, and concerns such as controlling their weight. True wellness, however, encompasses the body, the heart, the soul and the mind.

According to Scott Stoner, "Mindful Eating consists of slowing down and intentionally enjoying food while increasing your awareness of the social, cultural, moral, ecological and spiritual dimensions of eating. Practicing Mindful Eating on a regular basis can have a positive, transformative effect on your eating habits, relationship with food, and overall health." You can learn more about Living Compass at www.livingcompass.org.

The Living Compass Wellness Advocates, Juanita Brook, Mike Miner, Caroline Onischak, Marion Phipps, Sue Diebold-Martin and Cheri Walter, will facilitate the group based on materials provided by Living Compass. We will be encouraging each other and sharing struggles as well as triumphs as we develop Mindful Eating habits. Participants will be invited to reflect, share insights, and develop attainable goals.

We will be meeting at 7:00 pm in Wiedrich Hall on the following Thursdays: September 11, September 25, October 9 and October 16. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 847-695-7695.



**St. Hugh's
Chili Cook-off & Ice Cream Bar**

Roof Fundraiser on Saturday, November 8th!

