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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
Ed Jamrog, Treasurer
Sue Diebold-Martin, 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
Murriel Riedesel	9 - 15
Susan Kennedy	9 - 20
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 Friends,

I recently came across a video clip entitled "How Wolves Change Rivers" about a natural phenomenon called "trophic cascades" which happen when a top predator is added or removed from an area and how the environment around them then changes. The video covers a classic example that happened in Yellowstone National Park back in 1995 when wolves were reintroduced to the park. They had been absent for about 70 years. (If you'd like to read a bit more about trophic cascades, here is a brief article from Britannica online encyclopedia: <http://www.britannica.com/science/trophic-cascade>) While they knew the wolves would reduce the white tailed deer population many other effects happened as well. The forest had been altered by the increasing deer population due to the absence of the wolves. Much of the vegetation had been grazed so that areas were sparse. Besides killing some of the deer, the presence of the wolves radically altered the behavior of the deer. They began avoiding certain areas of the park especially valleys and gorges where they could be easily trapped. These areas began to regenerate and brought in all kinds of new life with the regenerated forest and vegetation. The regenerated vegetation also helped stabilize soil erosion which helped change to flow of the river. It's a fascinating study and if you'd like to check out this video clip you can use this link to see it: <http://theshrug.com/they-brought-wolves-to-yellowstone-but-they-had-no-idea-this-would-be-the-result/>

As I pondered this concept of trophic cascades, and how life is so delicately balanced and intertwined, I thought about how Christians, too, have the ability to be agents of change. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus reminded his followers:

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)

We have the ability to bring love to the world around us! To be salt and light - hope and peace to those who need it most. How might we continue to impact our community for good? For years our mission statement has been: "To know Jesus. To share Jesus. To glorify Jesus." We recently added a tag line, "See the difference love makes" and sent postcards to newcomers in the area inviting them to our Mass on the Grass and Picnic. We have been blessed to welcome some new folks this summer and have a dozen kids signed up for Sunday school and several smaller kids in the nursery! Whether you are new to St. Hugh or you've been around a long time, I am grateful for your presence and look forward to some wonderful things in the year ahead!!

I will be offering a class from Church Next sometime this fall featuring Bishop Michael Curry our presiding bishop elect, titled "How to be a Crazy Christian." I could do it on a Thursday evening or a Sunday afternoon at coffee hour and we will watch it in the Rector's class as well. Let me know if you're interested and what time would work best for you. He's inspiring to listen to and as we figure out ways to positively impact the world around us, I'm confident he will give us plenty of food for thought!!

Hope and pray you're enjoying these last weeks of summer!! Though the schools are saying its "fall" and the cooler temperatures have invaded us this week, by my calendar we still have over 3 and 1/2 weeks of summer left!!! Enjoy!!

Blessings and Peace,

Marion+

Senior Warden Report - September 2015

I'm getting up there in years, but I remember oh so well the excitement of the last day of school and the beginning of summer vacation. FREEDOM!! And I also remember how excited I was to be shopping for school supplies in anticipation of the first day of school. I reminisced in my mind as I watched Marion bless all the school children along with their backpacks on Sunday, August 23rd. It was so cute to see them with the tools of their trade, but it was also a breath of fresh air because they felt it important to have Marion give the blessing. Also, it wasn't too long ago that the blessing was given to four or five kids. What a nice crowd of kids we now have at St. Hugh! We welcome and thank the parents of our youth, not because we have a beautiful building (although we do), not because we have coffee hour (we do) each Sunday or a great electronic sign. It's the message. It's the message along with the passion and COMPASSION that Marion delivers it. Thank you, Marion! I think I can speak for the St Hugh family when I say, "You're the best!"

Next up in September will be our outdoor service.....Mass on the Grass, if you will, along with the Parish Picnic. More importantly, it's the Sunday School kick-off for the year. With the increasing number of school-age children, it's even more exciting. We can't thank Debbie Wild, Karen Lemke, Shalini Emmanuel and Catherine Balassie for giving their time, talent, and energy to the Sunday School. Their commitment to the kids is inspiring to us all. Thank you to all.

I also want to thank everyone that participated in the weekly sign-up as readers, ushers, greeters, and acolytes. It worked out very well and it was great to see different faces helping Marion at the Lord's Table. We have time and talent pamphlets in Wiedrich Hall or if you'd simply like to let Karen know what you're interested in, we can get you on the schedule. Participation is an important and key way to enhance our spiritual experience, so don't hesitate. God's Blessings to all!

Dan Dolney, Senior Warden



The Outdoor Eucharist/Sunday School Kickoff is Sunday, September 13th. See the Parish Picnic Sign-up to bring a dish to share on the easel in the narthex. 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.**

Sign up for Sunday School on the same sign up board!



Taize - Healing Service is the
second Sunday of the month...
September 13th @ 7pm.

*Sunday, September 6th Food Pantry Sunday
Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and
delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center.*

Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Chicago
Present the **2015 Fall Forum**
at **St. Hugh of Lincoln Church**

Save the Date!

Sharing Our Cultures, Telling Our Stories

Saturday, October 3

Join us as we celebrate cultures that enrich the Episcopal Church. Doors will open at 8:30am for coffee and a visit with our very special guest, Bishop Joseph from South Sudan. A panel discussion will follow and our morning will conclude with a multi-cultural Eucharist. Lunch will follow the service. Further details and registration forms will be included in the September issue of *The Mirror* and will be posted on our website: www.ecwchicago.org

Now that you've given Summer worship ministries a try, please consider getting on the rotation to help out. We are working on the 4th Quarter worship schedule. Please let the office know which "job" you'd like to be scheduled for by Sunday, September 13th 847-695-7695 or sthugh@sbcglobal.net

The RELICS give a big Thank You to all our parishioners who donated, worked and bought treasures at our recent garage sale. To date, our profit is about \$1500 with more expected as items are offered and purchased on E-Bay. We couldn't have done this without the help of MANY.

What is the Flower Guild?

The Flower Guild is responsible for the fresh floral arrangements you see adorning our altar on Sundays and holidays. Each week, a different member of the guild spends about one hour on either Friday or Saturday morning purchasing flowers and arranging them. I have really enjoyed the creative outlet that this ministry provides, and I love choosing the flowers for our altar! **Do you like to create things?** Working in this ministry is ideal for those with an artistic flair and does not require a significant time commitment (about 9 or 10 times per year). **Please contact me if you're interested in being trained and added to the rotation** (katiwhite@knights.ucf.edu or 904-703-7180).

How can I give an offering for flowers?

In addition to brightening our worship space, these flowers are an offering to God, often given by parishioners in thanksgiving or in memory. **Would you like to honor your wedding anniversary or remember the passing of a loved one?** Making a donation for flowers is very simple! **Flowers are \$30.** Be sure to place your contribution in an offering envelope with your name (or pledge number) and clearly indicate that the funds are being given for altar flowers. Also, remember to select a Sunday from the flower sign-up poster on the bulletin board in the narthex – this will be the Sunday that your dedication appears in the bulletin!

Women of St. Hugh: Save the Date!

RELICS invites all women of St. Hugh to join us for dinner on Tuesday, September 29, at 6:00 PM in Wiedrich Hall. In addition to providing dinner, RELICS will host speaker Laurie Dayon, who will discuss her involvement in *Girls on the Run*, a transformational physical activity based on a positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-8th grade that culminates in a 5k running event. More details to follow.

RELICS September 2 Meeting

Please join us for our September meeting on Wednesday, September 2, at noon at St. Hugh to work on T-shirt neck ware for the Fall Craft Sale as well as plan our September dinner.

Dates to add to the calendar:

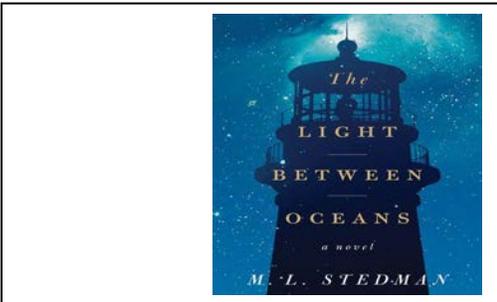
September 29	RELICS Dinner for St. Hugh Women
October 3	ECW Diocesan Luncheon
October 11	Cookie Dough Sale Kick-Off
November 7	Christ the Lord Craft Show
November 8	Cookie Dough Orders Due
December 2	Cookie Dough Pick Up

The Vestry wishes to thank the Parish Membership for their continued support for St. Hugh's initiatives. Your contributions to the Roof Replacement fund allowed us to complete the job without having to borrow money.

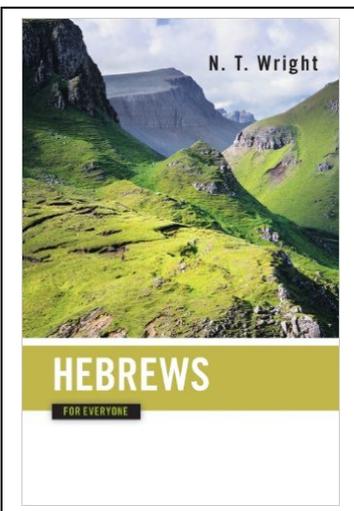
Get to know your Vestry...



Sue Campbell grew up in Carthage, Missouri, where she attended Grace Episcopal Church. She attended the University of Missouri, receiving a degree in Communications. She married Scott in 2002, and they have two daughters, Jane Scott (“Scottie”), and Ruth May. She has lived in the Chicago area since 2004, and in Elgin since 2007. She works for the City of Elgin, and as a freelance photographer.



The Elgin Episcopal Book Club will be meeting to discuss the book, “The Light Between Oceans” by M. L. Stedman at Juanita and Larry Brook’s home on Thursday, September 3rd at 7PM . Any questions, 847-695-5409.



**Rector’s Class Book
Beginning on September 20th
“Hebrews” By NT Wright
\$10 each**

See the main bulletin board for the Sign-UP to order the book.