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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
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 Dr. Margaret Brady – Director of Music
 Karen Warner, Administrative Assistant
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 Cheri Walter, Altar Guild

September Birthdays
Happy Birthday!!

Linda Youngren	9 - 2
Brenda Link	9 - 9
Christopher Scheffel	9 - 12
Susan Zimmerman	9 - 12
Murriel Riedesel	9 - 15
Susan Kennedy	9 - 20
Tom Youngren	9 - 21
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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September 2017

The News Letter of St. Hugh of Lincoln Church

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Dear Friends,

It has been an amazing year celebrating our 50th Anniversary as a church community! Thanks to all who participated in our various events and to all who helped with the planning and implementing our various activities! We have much to celebrate!! Sunday, September 10th will conclude our year's festivities with our annual Outdoor Eucharist/Sunday School Kick-off/Church picnic. This year we will have the honor of having Bishop Jeff Lee joining us that day to preside at the Eucharist. We will have only one service that day at 10:30AM. The vestry will meet with the bishop at 9:00AM and he will meet with those being received into the Episcopal Church at 9:45AM. We are catering chicken, potato salad, cole slaw and potato wedges. If you'd like, you are welcome to bring additional sides and desserts. Please bring your own beverages.

We have added one Sunday School teacher for the upcoming year and would like to add one more. Thanks April Albrecht for joining our teaching staff. The criterion for teaching is to have a heart for God and God's people, to enjoy children, and to take the Keeping God's People Safe training. If you are interested in teaching, please let me or Debbie Wild know. We have a couple different curriculums we are using with three different age groups. The Keeping God's Safe Training is done on line with a follow up conversation with me. Level One training which has three parts is required for teaching Sunday school. You can access the training at: <http://www.safeguardingonline.org> You sign in with your email as your user name and the password is: diochicago312 If you have taken this in the past, I found that my old user name and password allowed me to access the site as well. Please feel free to contact me if you are having any difficulties signing on to take the course. Following each section, there is a quiz, but if you answer anything incorrectly it allows you to review the material and answer again.

The Rector's class, which meets between services from 9:00AM or shortly thereafter until 10:10AM will start off the year with a brief study on prayer for the first couple weeks utilizing a devotional *Prayer Changes Things*. There are many copies available for those who are interested. If you've wondered about Rector's Class here is an opportunity to join us to try it out. The daily readings are brief, but I'm hoping will provide us with some good fodder for growing our prayer life and drawing nearer to God. During Rector's Class we will discuss the readings along with our experiences with prayer. We will decide as a group, what our next book to study will be. The conversations we have are generally interesting and fun. Please join us!

Another upcoming event this month is a dinner provided by the R.E.L.I.C.S. in which I will do a presentation on some of my gleanings from sabbatical. I view much of ministry as sowing seeds, and I went on sabbatical seeking to refill my "seed bag." I hope you can join us on Thursday September 28th at 6:00PM to hear more about what I came home with!

Part of what I've been processing, is the current turmoil in our own country. I am troubled by the racism that is still so prevalent and the ongoing gun violence that permeates our news cycle. The Diocese is sponsoring an event on Saturday, September 30th from 9:00AM to Noon, in which the Rev. Julian DeShazier, senior pastor of University Church, Chicago, will lead an open discussion on racism, poverty, and gun violence. The event is free of charge and a light breakfast will be served. If you are interested in attending this you can register on line. The link to this is: <https://www.episcopalchicago.org/our-stories/2017/08/08/conversation-rev-julian-deshazier> I have signed up for this event and I hope some other folks will decide they'd like to attend. If we, as the Church, are going to be effective change agents, i.e. salt and light in this dark world, we need to stay informed and keep looking at things from other's perspectives. I am ever seeking direction and wondering what more we can do to help spread God's Kingdom.

I am looking forward to this new season and all it will bring while soaking up what remains of summer! I hope and pray you are doing the same!!

With Love and Gratitude,
Marion+

Senior Warden's Report

So, that was summer. I hope you didn't blink. My apologies to anyone who missed a report from me in the August edition of The Swan. To recap, August got us back to school and back in time. Several families enjoyed our Back to School night. There were goodie bags, ice cream, popcorn and a movie under the stars. If you missed it this year, don't worry. We are looking forward to the event again next fall. On Sunday, August 20, we sent the kids back to school blessed and happy and we were all sent back in time during the 60's themed coffee hour. We all owe a huge thank you to the Dolney and Parse families for their time, energy, and thoughtfulness in planning a great event.

Now here we are looking ahead to a fresh, fun September. As always, the first Sunday of the month will be prayer partner and food pantry Sunday. Prayer partner Sunday has become my favorite Sunday. For those of you who don't know, choosing a prayer partner is easy. After service on Sunday, look for a small basket with prayer partner cards. Pull a name from the basket, then add a card with your name. Throughout the month, add that person to your prayers and know that you have the power of prayer in your corner, because someone else has added you to theirs.

The Vestry and Team 50 have put the finishing touches on plans for the September 10th Anniversary Outdoor Eucharist and Parish Picnic with Bishop Lee. It is shaping up to be a lively event full of celebration, live music, fellowship, and fried chicken! This is to be a parish picnic like no other. I am also looking forward to joining the RELICS on September 28 for dinner and a presentation on Marion's recent adventures. As always, all are welcome to this event. Come hear how Marion's "seed bag was refilled" during her sabbatical.

Sue Campbell
Senior Warden

News from Buildings and Grounds

Wow! Here it is, almost Fall and our outdoor Eucharist service is less than two weeks away--- what a nice way to complete our 50th year, St. Hugh of Lincoln birthday celebration. We will have two large tents set up for this special occasion and parking will mostly be more in the grass to the south of the church; when you arrive keep an eye out for directions and assistants to help you park. The center of the main parking lot will be reserved for people going back and forth to the building, and those that have mobility issues.

The burn pile behind the vicarage has been replaced by grass sod that appears to be taking hold quite nicely, On Thursday, Sept. 7, we will be laying out the groundwork for a new labyrinth along the northeast side of the church grounds along Highland Ave. If you are curious, come over and watch after 8:30am. The main reason for the change is that future parking lot expansion will likely need this area where the labyrinth is at now.

A big thank you goes out to Nick Mavros and Cheri Walter for getting our digital sign out front working to perfection again! If you recall, the sign stopped working during last year's Christmas worship services, Thank you, Nick and Cheri!

The large storage room in the newer part of the basement is almost ready for organizing and storing church equipment that now is stowed in the two classrooms on the west side of the basement. I will be contacting our various committees that have equipment as to when we can start moving things back in the storage room

The elevator in our church remains out of order. We are awaiting a written cost estimate for a new elevator since the old one can no longer be fixed. We have been told this would be about \$18,000.00.

We have made some accent improvements to our landscaping just outside the large windows in the sanctuary and one of our landscapers will be removing weeds immediately around the church just before our outdoor service so that things will look really nice. I will be scheduling a Fall outdoor cleanup weekend late in October just as we did last year.

Well, I'm getting excited about our service on the 10th and am looking forward to seeing you there!

Stephen Wendorf, Junior Warden

NO TAIZE - HEALING SERVICE THIS MONTH

Sunday, September 3rd Food Pantry Sunday

Please bring non-perishables to church to be blessed and delivered to the Elgin Community Crisis Center. In addition, the Crisis Center is in desperate need of toiletries of any size: soap, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant are most needed.



St Hugh Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays September 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:30PM

All school age children (first grade and up) are welcome to stay after church this Sunday, September 3, for a half hour of snacks and choir talk with Margaret. Parents, if you would like your child to be involved, could you send me an email? And if you have any song suggestions, that would be wonderful!

Thanks, Margaret margaretmbrady@gmail.com

Join us for Dinner and “Seeds from Sabbatical”

On Thursday, September 28th, the RELICS are hosting an All Parish dinner followed by “Seeds from Sabbatical” – Marion’s sharing of photos and experiences from her summer travels. The evening starts at 6pm with an informal social time featuring wine and appetizers followed by dinner at 6:30 and Marion’s program around 7:30. After dinner, everyone will be given a ticket for a drawing by Marion to be made at some point during her talk to win a souvenir she brought back from the Holy Land. The evening will conclude at approximately 9:00pm.

To register, sign-up sheets are posted on the church bulletin board or you may call the office during the week. It is hoped your family will attend the full evening, but you may choose to register for one or both events prior to the registration deadline of Sunday, September 24th.

While the dinner provided by the St. Hugh RELICS is complimentary, a free will offering will be taken for the Magdalene House in Chicago to aid in its mission work of assisting women survivors of trafficking, addiction and homelessness.

Mark your calendar and plan to join the fun at this All Parish special event!

Children's Ministry Update

September 10 marks the beginning of a new year of St. Hugh Children's Ministry activities. This year we will be offering the following programs:

- For children in pre-school through kindergarten, the Spark program will again be used. This curriculum presents Bible stories in a fun, age-appropriate format, and provides the kids with an opportunity to respond through discussion and creativity.
- Children in 1st through 3rd grade will be in their own class, and will also use the Spark curriculum for this age group. The Spark program used in both classes is coordinated with the lectionary so that the kids will focus on the same scripture that is used in church that day.
- Children in 4nd grade and above will be able to participate in a program provided by the Episcopal Church for children's ministry.

If you are not already involved in Children's Ministry, please consider it. Many people who try it find they are blessed as God speaks to them through the lessons and the children. We would love to have enough volunteers that we could have a regular rotation, so that it is not a full-time commitment. Please speak with Marion if you are interested in joining this ministry.

We also want to extend a big welcome to Lisa Parth and April Albrecht, our newest Sunday School teachers.

UPDATE: St. Hugh's AED (automated external defibrillator) was installed on August 31. The unit was granted to St. Hugh from the City of Elgin. In exchange, representatives from our organization will provide 50 hours of volunteer activities for a City sponsored event or task.

Also, the church will be adopting and posting an AED protocol for sudden cardiac arrest emergencies and a policy for the maintenance, coordination, training and communication of AED procedures. This protocol will include the names of parishioners who will be members of an emergency response team and are trained and certified in CPR/AED use and considered anticipated rescuers.

CPR/AED training and certification classes will be offered at St. Hugh at a later date. As volunteer opportunities arise to fulfill the grant requirements, they will be posted and shared. If you currently volunteer time that you feel may count toward the grant fulfillment, please let us know!

If you are currently CPR/AED certified and wish to become a member of the response team please contact any Vestry member.

RELICS September 6 Meeting

RELICS will meet on Wednesday, September 6, at noon in Weidrich Hall. Major agenda items are planning the September 28 all parish dinner and preparing for the craft sales at Christ the Lord Lutheran and the Diocesan Convention in November.

The RELICS approved a \$300 to Episcopal Relief and Development for Hurricane Harvey Response Fund. See in the Newsletter more information, should you like to donate through their organization.

HELP WANTED

We are in need of some more folks to help out in the nursery and as acolyte and ushers during the service. We have had trouble having enough volunteers for the nursery and are looking into hiring a second person to help Leslie. Volunteers then could be used to fill in when Leslie or the other staff is out of town. If you know of anyone 18 or over who might be interested in spending an hour in the nursery please have them contact me. If you are willing to be a volunteer in the nursery you need to have been attending St. Hugh for at least a year and you must complete all three parts of Level 1 Keeping God's People Safe Training. Usher duties include passing out the service bulletins, welcoming folks, taking up the collection by passing the offertory plates during the offertory hymn or anthem, bringing up the offering along with the elements for communion, directing the "flow of traffic" to communion, and getting a head count of attendees. If you are interested in this ministry please let Marion or Ele Proctor know. Thanks!

RELICS

At the August RELICS meeting Jaime Garcia of Centro de Informacion, came in and explained the organization he represents. The RELICS made a \$100 donation to Centro de Informacion for their September Fundraiser.



General Newsletter Notes:

This wonderful article, put together by Joanne Clevenger, about St. Hugh's 50th anniversary celebrations appeared in the Daily Herald on August 27.

<http://www.dailyherald.com/submitted/20170815/st-hugh-of-lincoln-parish-celebrates-50th-anniversary-sept-10>

As the elevator repair is still an ongoing project, those needing easier access to the church building for services may use the west entrance through the memorial garden and columbarium.

Keeping Gods People Safe training is required by the diocese for many parishioners involved in service ministries and needs to be renewed every 5 years. PLEASE check to bulletin board this month to see if it is required of you. If you are not sure, or if you need to renew your training, contact Marion or Sue Campbell.

Staff and Vestry have made the decision to hire an additional staff member to assist Leslie with the nursery duties each Sunday morning. If you, or someone you know, are interest in children's ministries, willing to commit to this weekly task, and are 18 years old or older, please contact the church office, Marion, or a member of the vestry.

St. Hugh's Kids book drive kicked-off on August 18th. They are asking for donations of new or gently used children's books (ages birth to teen) please be dropped in the collection box in Weidrich Hall on or before September 11. All books collected will be delivered to Elgin's Centro de Informacion's book basket and distributed to their young visitors.

St. Hugh will be playing host to the Elgin Police Department's Coffee With A Cop on Monday, October 2 at 7:15pm. The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. This is achieved by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and getting to know the officers in your neighborhood. This is a public event. All are welcome. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

Sunday, October 1st Pet Blessing at 10:30AM Service in Wiedrich Hall – pets on a leash, please!

Say cheese! We will be taking an all-parish group photo following the outdoor service on Sunday 9/10. This photo will help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the St. Hugh of Lincoln family.

HURRICANE HARVEY 2017: WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?



Starting on Sunday, as the scope and devastation of Hurricane Harvey became apparent, my email box began to fill with some version of: "What can I do to help?" I praise God for these emails.

When we see images of people suffering, we want to do something. That's understandable. As Christians, we are called to seek and serve Christ in all people and never more so than in times of crisis.

For those still in the midst of the disaster, please follow the advice of your local authorities. Take care of yourself and your loved ones. Otherwise, you won't be able to help anyone else later on.

For those of us observing and praying from afar, it's important to remember that this is a **marathon and not a sprint**. In addition, the tricky part is responding in a way that is timely and appropriate. Understanding the phases of a disaster can be useful in determining how you can help.

Most disasters have three distinct, if sometimes overlapping phases: **Rescue, Relief and Recovery**.

Phase 1 - Rescue

The Rescue phase is focused on saving lives and securing property, and is most acute in those parts of a region that are directly flooded. Police, fire departments and other government agencies are best able to do this work. They have equipment that can clear roads and debris and find people. The Rescue phase can take one to two weeks, sometimes longer.

In the case of Harvey, the disaster hasn't yet stopped and so the Rescue phase is taking place in the midst of the crisis. It can be heartbreaking to watch, I know. However, I urge all of us to be patient. Please pray for those who are suffering as a result of this tragedy and for the professionals who are risking their lives to save others.

Phase 2 - Relief

The next is the Relief phase. We and our partners began preparing for this phase as soon as it was clear how massive Harvey was going to be. During this phase, the local church will be one of the first places people go to seek assistance and shelter. Because they are prepared and experienced in disaster response, we know that our partners in Texas and elsewhere will be active in the Relief phase. This is where Episcopal Relief & Development is focusing its resources right now.

Phase 3 - Recovery

Eventually, we get to the third and final phase: Recovery. During this period, the emphasis shifts to restoring services, repairing houses and buildings, returning individuals to self-sufficiency and rebuilding communities. The challenge of the Recovery phase is that most of the television cameras have moved on, but the human suffering has grown. It is a chronic state, not a crisis. However, it is the phase that **the Church excels in**, because we are part of the communities that have been impacted and can best identify needs and work with the community to address them efficiently.

So, in light of the above, let me offer the following advice about how you can help:

Financial Support

Now is the time to offer financial support. [Contributing to Episcopal Relief & Development](#) will ensure that we have enough resources to support the work of our church partners as they serve the most vulnerable in their communities. They are best positioned to assess needs and timing for response efforts.

One of the immediate ways Episcopal Relief & Development and our partners help individuals is by handing out gift cards to local stores so that people can choose what they need the most. It not only affords people dignity it also helps stimulate the local economy, which needs to recover post-disaster. Learn about the other ways we assist during the three R's of disaster [here](#).

Volunteering

The best approach is to wait until those affected have indicated what kind of support is most needed and whether they are **ready to house and utilize volunteers**. Inserting ourselves at the appropriate time alleviates additional stress and complications that can actually make things worse. If you think you would like to volunteer please register with Episcopal Relief & Development's [Ready to Serve](#) database. This list of volunteers will be shared with the impacted dioceses once they are ready to use and support volunteers. They will contact you if and when they need help.

Donating Goods

My firm recommendation is **DON'T DO IT**. I can't tell you how many piles of discarded clothing I saw in parking lots throughout the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. After major disasters, diocesan staff have limited capacity to receive, store or distribute donated goods. Here's a great article about the challenges of communities receiving donated goods: <http://www.npr.org/2013/01/09/168946170/thanks-but-no-thanks-when-post-disaster-donations-overwhelm>

An effective response requires us to discern what is most helpful and appropriate at any given time. Let's continue to hold those directly impacted in our hearts and [prayers](#) throughout their recovery, long after the media images fade.

To send a contribution by mail:

Episcopal Relief & Development
P.O. Box 7058
Merrifield, VA 22116-7058



Just a quick reminder that on September 10th the St Hugh parish will be concluding our year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration with our Outdoor Eucharist and All-Parish Picnic. In addition, we're very happy to be able to have Bishop Jeff Lee of the Chicago Diocese join us as Celebrant. When the bishop visits, it is the tradition of the church to give the open plate offering that day to their discretionary fund. Feel free to put cash in the plate or a check to St. Hugh with it marked Bishop's Discretionary Fund in the memo. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

We expect a large turnout and parking will be at the back of the field in front of the tree-line. If you are able to car pool, please do. We will have people directing traffic to the proper area. Also, know that handicapped parking will be in the designated spaces in the parking lot.

The food will be provided, however, please bring your own beverages. If you would like to bring an additional dish or dessert to pass, again, please do. While we ALWAYS have plenty of food, we love to eat and it all seems to go.

Say cheese! We will be taking an all-parish group photo following the outdoor service on Sunday 9/10. This photo will help commemorate the 50th anniversary of the St. Hugh of Lincoln family.

This has been an incredible year of celebration so let's cap it all off with a wonderful day of Eucharist, prayer, fellowship and fun. See you there!

Dan Dolney
50th Anniversary Committee Chairman