

The Saline Psalter

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THE PASTOR PONDERERS

Let Our Light Shine

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 5:15-16

As I shared in my Pastor's Report at our annual meeting, these words from Matthew's gospel came to me when I thought and prayed about where we've been this past year and where we are headed in 2012. Twenty-eleven was a difficult year for us, with the illnesses and departures of some beloved folks. But like any challenge, it has also taught us something about the unique nature of our light—a communal light of hospitality and welcome, compassion and care. In 2011 we shared that light especially in ministry to one another. This coming year, I believe, is the time to focus on the calling voiced in Matthew 5:15-16—not to brag about ourselves, not to stop changing and seeking to grow in Christ, but to share this light that we have with the world around us. Why? To "gain more members"? No. The church exists to serve and transform the world, not to tribalize it. The reason to share the light of Christ that shines so uniquely through Holy Faith is because people deserve a chance to experience it.

What does this mean? Quite simply, it means finding ways to share our community activities with others. Newcomers eat free at our Mission Café, so we can bring friends out to breakfast and—as your new PLT president, Mary Barber, pointed out—they don't even need to stay for worship! Or we may look for new ways to involve community artists in our liturgical life, as the Adult Formation Team has done inviting artists to create a station for the stations of the cross. Or perhaps there are gardeners among our neighbors who would like to be part of feeding the hungry by helping to cultivate our Seeds of Hope Garden. Cyclists and bikers can come get their bikes blessed at this year's bike blessing. Teachers can come be blessed at next fall's back-to-school Blessing of Backpacks worship service. The point is to grow our connectedness with the community around us, whether or not they ever darken the sanctuary door.

I mean, this is a beautiful thing we have going. We are far from perfect, but we have welcome and love for one another and for the stranger among us. We have a thoughtful and progressive approach to scripture and tradition, creative and moving liturgies, a commitment to service. We have, at our core, the desire to seek God together, to grow in spirit and love, and to reach out to our neighbor and the world. And these characteristics and prayers and commitments belong on the lampstand, so that they may give light to all in the house.

Sunday, February 26 at 9:00am & 11:00am

Contemplative Worship & Meditation

Come experience the Contemplative Worship and Meditation service (modified for Sunday communion) on the first Sunday in Lent and let's begin our Lenten journey together on the right note.

The regular Contemplative Worship will also be at its usual time on Sunday evening, February 12 at 7pm.

Ash Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and the
Imposition of Ashes



February 22nd at 7:00pm

Dear Faithers,
Thank you for thinking of me and the generous gift. It is a blessing to come to work each day and be a part of such a wonderful group of people. I love what I do and you make it all the better!

Joan Barbret

Dear Holy Faithful,
Your generosity is so remarkable. Thank you for your extra financial Christmas gift this year. I am especially touched knowing what a financially difficult year it has been for many, and I want you to know that I feel very affirmed and cared-for as your pastor.

Peace,

Jan

Dear Holy Faith,
Thank you for the generous gift this holiday season. It will definitely help during this time of year. I really feel like I have found not only a great job that I love but also a wonderful church family at Holy Faith. Thanks for always making me feel welcome and appreciated.

Jessica Whitaker

LETTERS HOME

Homeless Exhibit

Artist Susan Clinthorne has installed an exhibit about homelessness in our Social Hall, made up of real signs she bought from homeless people and other images. There is an artist's statement to read as well. It will be here through February 10, calling our prayerful attention to the plight of people without homes as we move toward Lent.



In Our Prayers

For Continued Healing from Illness: Rhys, Elaine & Elwood Godfrey, Don Dersnah, Dwayne McGhee, Sam Proud, Kris Paggett, Jeannine, Art Wendt, Mackenzie, Mary Ann Asher, Bill Gloshen, Lorraine Langridge, Samantha, Elizabeth Barnes, Allison Ginsberg, Jerry Sagstetter, David C., Judy, Danielle, Lynn, Margaret Coakley, Max Balden and Kevin Mitchell who is hospitalized with gall bladder issues.

After a Death: for the soul of Samantha Schmidy and her family and friends in their grief.

Special Gifts Offering February 2012 The Hope Clinic

The Hope Clinic is a stunning example of the outpouring of God's love in our local community. Hundreds of local citizens have donated money over several years so that in May of 2011, a new, larger Hope Center at 518 Harriet Street in Ypsilanti became the new home for all the medical, dental, and social work services Hope provides free to low income children and adults without medical insurance.

Over 200 doctors, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, and pharmacists donate their time, along with more than 150 pharmacy students and office volunteers. Scheduled appointments are offered 5 days a week, as well as 2 weekly walk-in clinics. Hot meals and groceries are provided to over 1,700 households every year. Volunteers are available to pray with clients.

Hope places their faith in Jesus Christ as director of their work and they implement this through a Board of Directors. The Pastoral Advisory Council gives essential inspirational direction to the ministry and hosts an annual worship celebration. Hope partners with many local churches, plus a number of agencies and others to ensure that patients and clients receive the comprehensive care they need.

As our Lord made clear to us, this work will always be waiting for us, and volunteers and funds are always needed.

Please make your check out to Holy Faith and note HOPE on the memo line.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Altar Flowers are Given...

February 12 by the Garvey-Erickson Family
In memory of Bob Garvey

Sign up on the bulletin board to buy altar flowers. Two arrangements are \$30 and will remain on the altar for two weeks. The flowers are selected by the florist. If there are specific requests, please discuss your concerns with the florist, Maureen's Flowers at 429-8700.



Donate Your Car

Do you have an old clunker ready for the junkyard? Holy Faith now has an account (under our official name, Faith Lutheran) at a website where you can donate your car, receive a tax write-off, and at the same time provide funds to support our mission. Just click the link in the Stewardship and Giving page of our website for more information.



Holy Faith Intergenerational Choir



*The Christmas choir was so much fun!
Let's not wait until Easter to do it again!*

The Holy Faith Intergenerational Choir will rehearse every Sunday from 10:00-10:30 am in the sanctuary and will sing once a month, alternating between the 9:00 and 11:00 services. If you love to sing, you belong in the choir! Children are especially encouraged to join us!



Pastor's Class starting in March

Christianity and Islam

Stay tuned for dates and times



February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Epiphany 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School Coffee from 10 –11am Youth Group 7-8:30pm	AA Mtg 7pm	Ladies Luncheon 11:30am	Et Al 7pm	Liturgy Team Meeting 5:30pm		
6 Epiphany 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School Coffee from 10 –11am Contemplative Worship 7pm	AA Mtg 7pm	PLT 7:00pm				
7 Epiphany SASS "Three on the Third" 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School 10:00 Mission Café	AA Mtg 7pm		Ash Wednesday 7pm Service			
1 Lent 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00am Worship 10:30—11:00am Sunday School Coffee from 10 –11am Youth Group 7-8:30pm	AA Mtg 7pm					

SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	5 Epiphany February 5	6 Epiphany February 12	7 Epiphany February 19	1 Lent February 26
8:00 Reader	A. Witbart	Leonards	Buchalski/Centlivre	Leonards
9:00 Asst. Min.	A. Leonard	H. Tinsey	M. White	S. Cummings
9:00 Reader	C. Schneider	C. Berger	L. Reifert	J. Cummings
9:00 Ushers	G & C Francis	J & R Wales	S. Proud	K. Cummings
9:00 Greeters	J & L Darling	S & M White	D. Goble	B. Hinerman
11:00 Asst. Min.	M. Ledford	J. Shumate	T. Dersnah	C. Schneider
11:00 Reader	K. Garvey	M. Barber	N. Reed Twiss	
11:00 Ush/Grtr	W. Determan	T. Dersnah	L. Kaufman/G. Donovan	Wayne Determan
Flowers		Erickson Family		<i>No flowers on Altar during Lent</i>
Altar Guild	Jean & Neil Savage			
Coffee Hosts	Brown/Baisch/Marr	Vaillancourt/Bowers/ Schneider	Mission Café Czyrka/Reifert	Goble/Peña
Counters	M. White/S. Erickson	L. Kaufman /B. Arnold	H & N Tinsey	W. Determan/F. Reifert

	2 Lent March 4	3 Lent March 11	4 Lent March 18	5 Lent March 25
8:00 Reader	Buchalski/Centlivre	Leonards	Buchalski/Centlivre	Leonards
9:00 Asst. Min.	L. Reifert	S. White	A. Leonard	C. Schneider
9:00 Reader	B. Johnston	M. White	J. Dodge	C. Sigler
9:00 Ushers	G & C Francis	S. Proud	J & R	G & C Francis
9:00 Greeters	Buchalski/Centlivre	D. Goble	N & H Tinsey	J & L Darling
11:00 Asst. Min.	M. Ledford	M. Barber	H. Herrick-Zilka	J. Dodge
11:00 Reader	K. Garvey	J. Shumate	T. Dersnah	L. Kaufman
11:00 Ush/Grtr	L. Kaufman	T. Dersnah	Wayne Determan	L. Kaufman/G. Donovan
Flowers	No Flowers on the Altar during Lent			
Altar Guild	Jean & Neil Savage			
Coffee Hosts	Harrison/Mitchell	Determan/Gilmore	Mission Café Dindoffer/Ledford	Donovan/Darling
Counters	L. Kaufman	H & N Tinsey	M. White/S. Erickson	L. Kaufman/B. Arnold

Adult Christian Formation Committee

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross have long been used during the time of Lent to meditate on the suffering of Christ as the worshipper makes a walking pilgrimage in church as a substitute for a traveling pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Members and local artists will have the opportunity to depict a station which will be hung in the Fellowship Hall through the Lenten Season.

Sign ups are happening now—there are still a few stations left! *Questions? contact Roxane Chan.*

Light a Candle

In February, the Adult Christian Formation Team will introduce a votive stand into our sanctuary. Located along the side wall, this stand will provide a place to light a candle in prayer for someone or something either on Sunday morning or when the church is open during the week. While it may seem "Catholic," praying with candles and light is actually an ancient practice which is being rediscovered in many churches—including Episcopal and Lutheran.

*When I was a boy, each week
On Sunday, we would go to church
And pay attention to the priest
He would read the holy word
And consecrate the holy bread
And everyone would kneel and bow
Today the only difference is
Everything is holy now
Everything, everything
Everything is holy now
~Peter Mayer, "Holy Now"*

The stand-in treasurer, Mary Barber, would like to thank all of you for the holy laughter, the holy participation, the holy listening and holy speaking...but mostly for the Holy Faith in stepping forward with our 2012 budget. I can hardly wait to see where the Spirit leads us this year!

To hear Peter Mayer play and sing "Holy Now" in its entirety, check out this YouTube video:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfLl1l_Pda4





Welcome Melissa Coppola!

Melissa is our new musician at Holy Faith. As you will hear, she is a terrific player and has a brilliance and creativity that will be an asset to our worship. We are blessed to have her.



Mission Café February 19th

Let's sing about it (but not with our mouths full!)
February's Mission Café will be raising funds for our music mission!



As you know, we are going to have an intergenerational choir which will practice weekly and perform monthly! Since having a regular choir is a new mission, we will need some funds for music!

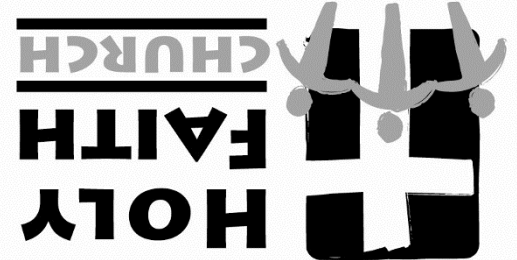
This month's Mission Café will have all of the standard fare, but will have vegan offerings...and ...hold onto your hats—Barbara Vaillancourt is planning on spoiling us with some of her special treats!

This is a great way to reach out to someone who is looking for a great breakfast—or maybe even a church!

If you are planning to be in the choir – now is your chance to be an extra set of hands – please email Mary Barber at mary.barber56@gmail.com or call 734-997-7611.

**Remember – Guests are Free!
Ready? Chew!!**

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