

# The Saline Psalter

**HOLY FAITH CHURCH**

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**April/May 2014**

## THE PASTOR PONDERERS

### Praying with Beads

**D**id you know that rosaries are not just a Roman Catholic prayer tool? Protestants have taken up the practice of using beads to pray as well, and there are now "Anglican" and "Lutheran" prayer beads, which are like Catholic rosaries, only with fewer beads. You can use them in a variety of ways: to pray various prayers of the daily office or simply to hold each bead while praying for a specific thing before moving on to the next one. (Our PRAY Team has offered a couple of workshops for making your own set of beads and learning how to pray with them.)

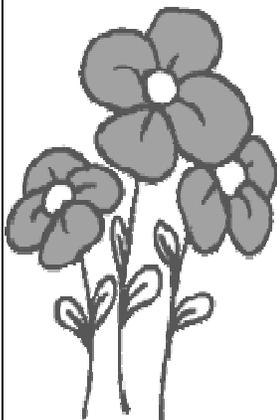
In the Holy Land, not surprisingly, rosaries of various numbers and sizes are sold all over the place. In Bethlehem, the specialty is beads made of olive wood with its dark veins and its scent of olive oil. I have not used beads in my own prayer practice much, but I picked up a small set of these olive wood beads that fit around my wrist, and I have found them very helpful in my Lenten prayer discipline. As I pray for my "enemies" (i.e. people in my life who have caused me harm), it really helps to hold a bead between my fingers, pray for the person in question, and then move on to the next bead and pray for the next person. If I don't have much time, I will skip and do every other bead. If I have longer, I might recite a Lenten prayer on the in-between beads. "Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us," I will say.

Something about taking that string of hard, real spheres one at a time makes the praying more focused and tangible. If my mind wanders, the feeling of the bead returns me to the task at hand. It is a solid, dependable object, a spiritual aid from the material world, a tactile marker of the string of prayers I have set out to pray that day. In the Holy Land, while on the bus from one place to another, it was easy to slide the beads off my wrist and touch my way through my prayers.

If you haven't ever tried this method of prayer, I recommend attending the next prayer bead workshop that the PRAY Team puts on, and see what a kinesthetic prayer tool like this can do.

P.S. How is your Lenten discipline going? Have you found a way to pray for your "enemies" during these forty days? Whether it's through beads, or a simple petition prayed before bed, it's never too late to start...

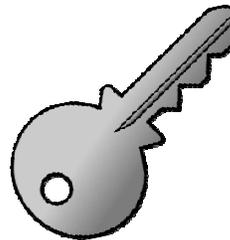
### Spring is A-Comin'



A church yard clean-up day will be scheduled when the weather settles down. Please keep an eye on the announcements and come help clean up after the long, cold winter.

Besides just cleaning up the yard, we are slowly renovating the gardens around the church—so there is plenty to do for everyone!

Questions?  
Contact Jeff Cummings



### Church Door Lock-Up Policy

Please remember to coordinate who will lock the door when you and your group leave the church building. Please check that it really is locked before you walk away.

Also, a reminder that the church door is locked during the day—even when people are in the building. If the door was locked when you arrived, make sure it is locked when you leave.

## Holy Week and Easter Worship

**April 13: Palm Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**

We reenact Jesus' triumphal, "kingly" entry into Jerusalem by blessing palm leaves and offering a dramatic reading of the Passion story.

**April 17: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.**

We remember Jesus' first Communion and commandment to love one another by sharing a simple potluck agape feast with hand-washing and stripping of the altar in preparation for his death.

**April 18: Good Friday, 7:30 p.m.**

We will join other churches in our community at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Saline for an ecumenical Tenebrae service. The distinctive ceremony of Tenebrae is the gradual extinguishing of candles while a series of readings and psalms are read. In this powerful worship, we remember the cross, the death of Jesus who died for our sake, and the darkness that still fills our world and our hearts.

**April 19: Vigil of Easter, 7:30 p.m.**

We kindle a new fire with a simple, quiet Easter Vigil followed by contemplative prayer plus optional contemplative prayer with candles. We then go out prepared to return in the morning to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

**April 20: Easter Day, 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 a.m.**

We rejoice in Christ's victory over death and darkness, bedecking the cross with flowers and singing Alleluia. Both services this Sunday will be the same with music and choir.

## EASTER EGG HUNT 2014

*The Hospitality Committee will be hosting the Easter Egg Hunt to augment the workload of the Easter Bunny.*

We have plenty of eggs but need donations of individually wrapped candy or other small items (e.g. stickers, erasers, gems, etc). A basket is in the foyer for you to put your donations.

Help is also needed to fill the eggs during Easter week and to hide them outside Easter morning.

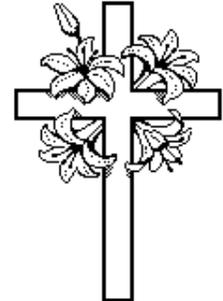
Call Katie Garvey at 355-1595 or email at kgarvey2011@gmail.com if you are willing to help with these tasks. Donations should be brought in by Sunday, April 13th.



## Purchase Flowers for the Easter Altar

Mark your choices on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and make your check out to Holy Faith with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

- 1 stem Lily \$9.50
- 2 stem Lily \$13.00
- 3 stem Lily \$19.00
- Daffodils \$9.50
- Yellow Tulips \$9.50



## SASS EASTER FOOD BASKETS

**H**oly Faith has committed to providing five (5) baskets for families in the Saline area that need extra help. Sign up to bring needed food items for the baskets on the bulletin board.

**All items must be at church by 10am on Sunday, April 13th.**

Thank you to Rosemary Brodie and Marianne and Brian Blevins for coordinating the baskets again!

## PLEASE SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS

for the items you purchase for the baskets and put them in Joan's mailbox. Thrivent will match receipts up to \$300 for an additional donation to SASS.

## Year of the Bible

The Final Few Classes

Dates are the Thursday Pastor's Classes. Sunday and weekday dates follow these dates. Numbers in parentheses are page numbers in Biblical Literacy, by Timothy Beal. Other Bible verses listed are additional readings not found in Biblical Literacy.

DATE	READINGS
April 10, 2014	Day 22: John (243-251)
May 1, 2014	Day 23: Acts (253-256) + Galatians 1:13-17, Acts 11:1-18
	<b>EPISTLES &amp; REVELATION</b>
May 8, 2014	Day 24: Letters of Paul (257-261) + 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Romans 1:16-17; 8:18-39
May 22, 2014	Day 25: Revelation (263-274) + 21:1-8; 21:22 - 22:7

## Financial Update



Through February our pledge income lagged behind the budgeted income by \$400. Our expenses exceeded the budget by about \$3,000.

The increase in expenses are mostly due to an early quarterly payment into the Pastor's HSA; snow plowing and utilities. The HSA payment will even out with time...the plowing and utilities not so much!

## Mission Café

The Mission Cafe sign-up sheet has been revised to focus on those areas where we need the most help. Our new sheet will be on the bulletin board for those wishing to assist with the next event on April 27.

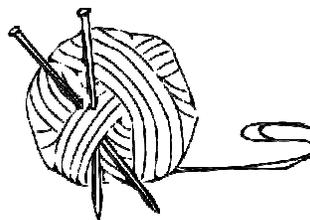
## The Paper Pantry

The Paper Pantry is a joint effort between Holy Faith and St. Paul UCC in Saline. We collect and distribute items that are not covered by Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) like toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, detergent and other necessities. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month we mobilize and bring items to Mill Pond Senior Center and to Adults needing assistance at Chidester in Ypsilanti. So far we have delivered 4,500 units!

How can you help? Lots of ways. There is always a need for volunteers to bag up the items and deliver to people. There is also a need for donations of money or items. We need people to purchase items. And also we need help identifying other groups that would benefit from our ministry.

Our delivery in April is on the 19<sup>th</sup> and in May on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Meet at Holy Faith at 9:30am and then we'll caravan over to Mill Pond Senior Center or to Chidester Place. We will hopefully be bringing supplies to other communities this year and your help will become more important than ever.

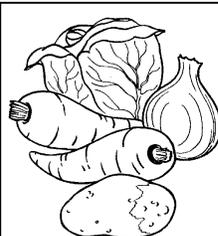
If you would like to volunteer, donate or just need more information, please call Lisa Reifert at 434-0229 or email at [lisareifert@comcast.net](mailto:lisareifert@comcast.net). Also, check out our website at [www.thepaperpantry.org](http://www.thepaperpantry.org).



## Knitting and Quilting Ministry

We have a lovely collection of baby bonnets ready to be blessed and taken to St. Joseph's neonatal clinic. Please bring in the bonnets and quilts you have made and we will schedule a blessing.

If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact Barbara Arnold.



## The Holy Faith Food Garden

*An organic vegetable garden on the Holy Faith grounds and all produce is donated to SASS*

Our first meeting of the year was highly successful. We are looking forward to planting the garden—as soon as the weather cooperates.

As usual, Jane and Larry Darling will bring a load of compost and till and prepare the garden bed. Then we will proceed with laying out the garden and planting potatoes, onions, carrots, snap peas, pole beans, radishes, cucumbers, peppers and butternut squash. These are all crops that we have grown successfully in the past, are appreciated by the patrons of SASS and, importantly, have some shelf life.

We welcome anyone who wants to help and ideas to help with the weeding and watering. A sign-up sheet will be posted so you can sign-up to weed and water for a week this summer.

*For more information—  
Susan Cummings at [a2pinkaster@gmail.com](mailto:a2pinkaster@gmail.com) or  
Suzanne Buchalski at [suzannebuchalski@yahoo.com](mailto:suzannebuchalski@yahoo.com)*

## DELONIS CENTER

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

Come help prepare or serve dinner to the homeless and/or hungry. Holy Faith helps at the Center in Ann Arbor in months that have a 5th Tuesday.

Sign up on the bulletin board to help prepare from 3:00 - 5:00 or to help serve from 5:00 - 7:00.

**Our next service opportunity is July 29, 2014**

## Special Gifts Offering April 2014 Hope Clinic

Hope is an interdenominational Christian organization providing free medical and dental clinics for low income, uninsured children and adults. Hope Clinic began in 1982 as a Saturday walk-in clinic run by Dr. Hefferman as an expression of his Christian faith. With great support from our area churches, medical community, Washtenaw United Way, and hundreds of volunteers, Hope now owns an enlarged building with a fully equipped dental clinic, and has a second clinic in Westland.

Last year over 200 medical professionals conducted more than 7,800 patient visits and provided more than \$2.5 million in prescription medication to God's beloved poor. Hope has arrangements with medical specialists in town and at UMMC to provide care that cannot be covered at the clinic. A full range of social and spiritual services are also provided. Last year 8,000 hot meals and grocery packages were provided to 1,700 households. Prayer partners are always available.

Last year, after reading our article on Hope clinic in the newsletter, someone from our congregation sent someone to the clinic and they had been treated very well.

Hope depends on continuing monetary and volunteer help from all of us to serve ever increasing needs. *Please make your check out to Holy Faith and note HOPE on the memo line.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2014

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar for specific Sundays, please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please note that altar flowers are scheduled for two consecutive Sundays. The cost for two vases is \$30. Flower selection is at the discretion of the florist. If you wish to make a special request, arrangements can be made with the florist, Maureen's Designs, at 429-0700. Maureen will quote on an individual basis at that time.

*Payment for flowers is to be made by check to Holy Faith Church, memo: Altar Flowers*

Questions? Please contact Jane Darling at 734-323-9486 or jldarling44@yahoo.com.

*We do not put flowers on the altar during Lent, but a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to provide spring bulbs and lilies for the Easter Altar.*

# Thank YOU!

Thank you for all the prayers and support and to all who have helped me by providing meals during my course of treatment. I am about half way through now.

*Pam Molascon*

## Special Gifts Offering May 2014 Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR), like ERD, is an international nonprofit organization that, by partnering with local organizations, works to end poverty and injustice by empowering some of the world's most impoverished communities to help themselves.

This month we join with LWR and many other congregations and Christian people to link our faith and stewardship to provide clean and sustainable water to all people. Last year we joined in the Malaria Net Project, and this year we will participate in another of LWR's major projects, FILL the WELL.

97% of the earth's water is salt water. Of the 3% of fresh water, 65% is locked up in glaciers and ice caps. Only 1% of the water on earth is easily available for human use. Demands for water are increasing in developed countries, and water scarcity is growing as droughts are increasing. Poor families, particularly in rural and marginalized areas, are most affected by inadequate access to water. Much of the limited amount of water available in developing countries is contaminated. 4 billion people today lack sewers or wastewater treatment. Every liter of untreated wastewater produced pollutes at least 8 liters of freshwater. 1.2 billion people still lack access to clean and affordable water. 2.4 billion people lack proper sanitation services, and 5 million people (mostly children) die each year from water-borne diseases.

To help LWR "Fill the Well" and provide clean sustainable water to the world's poorest people, *make your check out to Holy Faith and note LWR on the memo line.*



## Altar Flowers are Given...

**May 4 by Larry & Jane Darling**  
*In Honor of their 38th Wedding Anniversary*

**May 18 by Gloria & Clive Francis**  
*In Memory of their brother Woody*

# April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
Joan is gone April 8-11, if you are planning to come in to the office, please call first to see if anyone is in.						
6 <b>5 Lent</b> 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour <i>Peace Pole Project</i>	7 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg 7pm	8 <i>Joan gone</i>	9 <i>Joan gone</i>  OA 6-7pm	10 <i>Joan gone</i>  Liturgy Team Mtg. 5:15pm  Pastor's YOB Mtg 7-8pm	11 <i>Joan gone</i>	12
13 <b>Passion Sunday</b> 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9-10am YOB with Don 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School <b>SASS basket items due</b> 11:00am Coffee Hour 5:30-6:30pm Anti-Bullying 7-8:30pm Teen Group	14 <i>Office Closed</i>  Lunch Bunch <i>British Pantry in Tecumseh (meet at 11am)</i>  AA Mtg 7pm	15 Adult Bible Study YOB Meeting 10:30-11:30am	16	17 Maundy Thursday  Service 7:00pm	18 Good Friday  Service at St. Andrew's 7:30pm	19 Paper Pantry 9:30am  Easter Vigil 7:30pm
20 <b>Easter Day</b> <b>Three on the 3rd</b> <b>Choir Sings at 8am &amp; 10am</b> 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee Hour 11:15am Easter Egg Hunt <i>No Sunday School</i>	21 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg 7pm	22	23  OA 6-7pm	24	25	26
27 <b>2 Easter</b> <b>Mission Cafe</b> 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 7-8:30pm Teen Group	28 <i>Office Closed</i>  LSS 5-6pm  AA Mtg 7pm	29 Delonis Center 3-7pm  PLT Meeting 7pm	30  OA 6-7pm			

# Lunch Bunch!

Everyone is always invited to Lunch Bunch!  
You just have to come!

## A Special Luncheon in April

Monday, April 14th  
The British Pantry in Tecumseh.

If you wish to carpool, please meet in the church parking lot at 11:00am. We will also explore the town a bit—there is a great quilt shop and an embroidery/knitting shop, in addition to Martin's Department Store—all very near the tea room.

*If you have questions, please contact Jane Darling or Norlaine Tinsey*

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				1 Pastor's YOB Meeting 7-8pm	2	3
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11 <b>4 Easter</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9-10am YOB with Don 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 5:30-6:30pm Anti-Bullying	12 <i>Office Closed</i> Lunch Bunch Noon My Favorite Cafe AA Mtg 7pm	13 Adult Bible Study YOB Meeting 10:30-11:30am	14  OA 6-7pm	15 <i>Synod Assembly</i>	16 <i>Synod Assembly</i>	17 Paper Pantry 9:30am  Labyrinth painting
18 <b>5 Easter</b> <b>Three on the 3rd Mission Cafe</b> 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10am Lego Sunday School 11:00am Mission Café 7-8:30pm Teen Group Rain date—Labyrinth painting	19 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg 7pm	20	21  OA 6-7pm	22  Pastor's YOB Meeting 7-8pm	23	24
25 <b>6 Easter</b> 8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9-10am YOB with Don 9:15am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour	26 <b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  LSS 5-6pm AA Mtg 7pm	27 Adult Bible Study YOB Meeting 10:30-11:30am  PLT 7pm	28  OA 6-7pm	29	30	31

Looking Forward to:

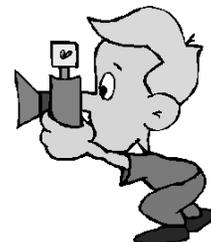
## **MASS ON THE GRASS** Sunday, June 8

We will enjoy a special outdoor worship, and afterwards, we will bless bikes of all kinds for a safe summer season. This will also be the opening and blessing of our new labyrinth. We will conclude with a cook-out/potluck meal together.

## **Thank you** to all who have taken photos of church events!

For archival purposes—when you take photos and give them to the church, please save them on a CD and label the envelopes with the date and event.

This way we can easily save them in a file and print out what we want or use them in a digital format—such as on our website.



# Sunday Ministry Schedule

	<b>5 Lent April 6</b>	<b>Passion Sunday April 13</b>	<b>Easter Day April 20</b>	<b>2 Easter April 27 <i>Mission Cafe</i></b>
<b>8:00 Reader</b>	The Leonards	M. Fatchett	C. Johnson	A. Witbart
<b>10:00 Asst. Min.</b>	S. Cummings	J. Dodge	H. Tinsey	K. Garvey
<b>10:00 Reader</b>	J. Cummings	D. Bingham	L. Kaufman	G. Steude
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	C&G Francis	D. Dubay	R&J Wales	S. Proud
<b>10:00 Greeters</b>	J&L Darling	T. Dersnah	T. Dersnah	T. Dersnah
<b>10:00 Acolyte</b>	N. Erickson	J&A Harrison	T. Custer	N. Erickson
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Jolliffe	Morgan/Mayer	Steude/Erickson/Garvey	Arnold/Savage
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett
<b>Counters</b>	Brian Marr/ Fritz Reifert	C. Schneider/ Steve Jolliffe	H. Tinsey/ K. Handelsman	Rick Wales/ Brian Marr

	<b>3 Easter May 4</b>	<b>4 Easter May 11 <i>Mother's Day</i></b>	<b>5 Easter May 18 <i>Mission Cafe</i></b>	<b>6 Easter May 25</b>
<b>8:00 Reader</b>	S. Buchalski/M. Centlivre	The Leonards	M. Fatchett	C. Johnson
<b>10:00 Asst. Min.</b>	M. White	C. Schneider	S. White	A. Mayers
<b>10:00 Reader</b>	B. Johnston	N. Milkey	M. White	L. Reifert
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	L. Kaufman	D. Dubay	C&G Francis	R&J Wales
<b>10:00 Greeters</b>	H&N Tinsey	T. Dersnah	J&L Darling	T. Dersnah
<b>10:00 Acolyte</b>	T. Custer	J&A Harrison	N. Erickson	T. Custer
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Baisch/Marr/Brown	Wollard/Crichton	Davis/Kitchen	Flewelling/Dubay
<b>Altar Guild</b>	D. Goble/K. Kemeny	D. Goble/K. Kemeny	D. Goble/K. Kemeny	D. Goble/K. Kemeny
<b>Counters</b>	Fritz Reifert/ Steve Jolliffe	Milo White/ Brian Marr	K. Handelsman/ Rick Wales	H. Tinsey/ C. Schneider



## A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Katie Garvey, OTRL and Deirdre Guenther, OTRL will be teaching a class focused on fall prevention for community dwelling seniors. The class will meet twice a week for 4 weeks on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. The classes will begin on Sunday, April 27 and end Tuesday, May 20th and are open to anyone interested in the topic.

To register, please email: kgarvey2011@gmail.com with name, age, and home telephone and/or contact information.

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B will provide course materials free of charge. We must have at least 10 people registered for the class to proceed. We would appreciate if church members could help post flyers in the community to promote the class. Hope to see you there!!!

Sunday, April 27	2-4pm
Tuesday, April 29	6-8pm
Sunday, May 4	2-4pm
Tuesday, May 6	6-8pm
Sunday, May 11	2-4pm
Tuesday, May 13	6-8pm
Sunday, May 18	2-4pm
Tuesday, May 20	6-8pm

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