

The Saline Psalter

HOLY FAITH CHURCH

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February 2016

A note from the Pastor



The season of Lent is almost upon us. Hopefully the Christmas decorations are stored and we are ready to receive ashes on our foreheads. Easter will arrive early and children might be searching for Easter eggs in the snow!

I once read that Ash Wednesday always comes as an interruption. Into the mix of basketball season, the Super Bowl and the pleasure of living comes the abrupt reminder, *"Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."* It is a fact of life we would rather not face, so we turn aside and laugh a little louder or immerse ourselves into the busyness of life.

The purpose of the season of Lent is to recall us from diversion and face the facts: *"Remember that you are dust..."* This insistent reminder of the ultimate insignificance of the things of the world might mean that we should live with gusto or live in terror. However, these words are spoken as our foreheads are marked with the sign of the cross. The ashes are a sign of our penitence. It is to recall us from what will disappear to what abides forever. It is a silent proclamation of the love of God. It is therefore a sign of hope—even in the ashes.

The season of Lent begins with the startling reality of our earthly existence. As Christians we know who and whose we are. There is joy and hope in that realization. Even in the somberness of Good Friday we know that God's love will prevail. We can live our lives in joy. We can love and serve others because of that love. We know that we are surrounded by God's love when the days are dark and when the days are joyful and full of the life God intended for creation.

See you in worship!
Pastor Eckermann

Ash Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and the
Imposition of Ashes



February 10, 2016
Noon & 7:00pm

We will have two opportunities for worship on Ash Wednesday: Noon and 7:00pm—Holy Eucharist and Ashes will be available at both times.

Also, if you come to the noon service, lunch and conversation will be provided afterwards. All are welcome.

If you would like to assist with the lunch, please contact Susan Cummings.

Tuesday Morning Adult Study Class

10:30-11:30am

*Have you ever had questions about other denominations?
Have you wondered what they believe, how they began?*

This has been great fun! Mostly recently, we have discussed the Salvation Army, Seventh-Day Adventist and Jehovah Witness—and there are many more to go!

Join us! Everyone is welcome.

Questions?

See Tish Dersnah or Wendy Amstutz



Mission Café

**Sunday, February 21
after the 10am service**

*Enjoy a delicious, hot meal
prepared by our own Barbara Vaillancourt
—for just your free-will offering!*

Our emphasis for the February Mission Café is designated to assist Flint's water crisis.

**Special Gifts Offering February 2016
Safehouse Center**

Safehouse Center provides support for those impacted by domestic violence or sexual assault. Their services are free and confidential for any person living or working in Washtenaw County. The services include emergency shelter for those in danger of being physically assaulted, counseling, legal advocacy, support groups, and especially HOPE. This is all possible because of community donors, business and volunteer partners, and grants. Over 5,000 survivors are served every year. The goal is to build a community free of domestic violence and sexual assault

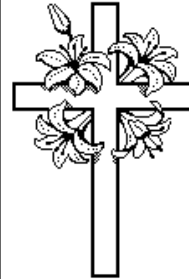
Volunteers provide many thousands of hours every year staffing the 24 hour response teams, shelter, the hotline, the children's program, and the Teen Voice program. The help line, 734-995-5444 is staffed 24 hours, 7 days per week. This is an important service organization in our community doing quiet but tremendous work serving our neighbors in their pain and fear

All donations are appreciated, well used, and necessary to keep all their services functioning. Make your check out to Holy Faith and note Safehouse on the memo line.



**Altar Flowers
are Given...**

**February 7 by
Anne Beaubien Berry & Phil Berry**
In Honor of their Anniversary



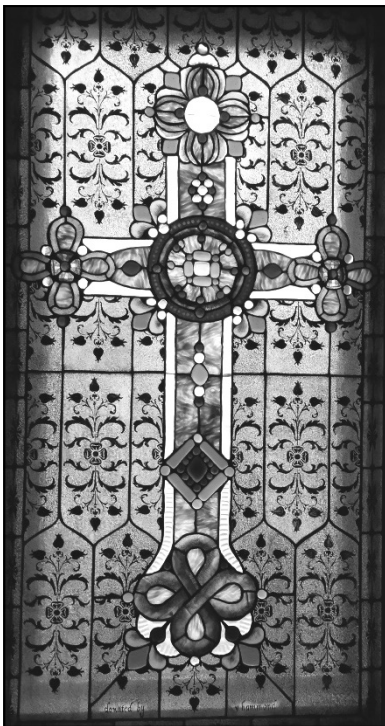
**We do not place flowers
on the altar during Lent**

Watch the bulletin for when the sign-up sheet is available to provide lilies and spring bulbs for the Easter altar.

Given in Memory....

Memorials in Holy Faith. Where did they come from?

These two stained glass panels in the sanctuary were originally in what was the Faith Lutheran worship space, which we now use as our Fellowship Hall. They were moved to our current worship space when the congregations combined.

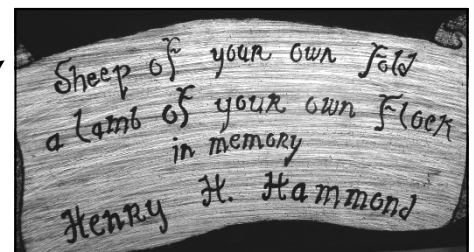


This cross panel in the north window was given by Virginia Hammond in memory of her mother-in-law, Mini Hammond. Mini died on February 5, 1996. Mini was Sandy Dindoffer's grandmother.



This panel in the left most east window was also given by Virginia Hammond—in memory of her husband.

Henry Herbert Hammond
Born: 12/18/22
Baptized: 11/23/86
Died: 4/18/87,
Buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Saline
Virginia and Henry are Sandy Dindoffer's aunt and uncle.



*Sheep of your own fold
a lamb of your own flock
in memory
Henry H. Hammond*

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Office Closed AA Mtg. 7pm	Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	OA Mtg. 6-7pm	Office Closed		OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
Transfiguration 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	Office Closed Lunch Bunch Noon @ Carrigan's AA Mtg. 7pm	Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	Ash Wednesday Noon & 7pm OA Mtg. 6-7pm	Office Closed		OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
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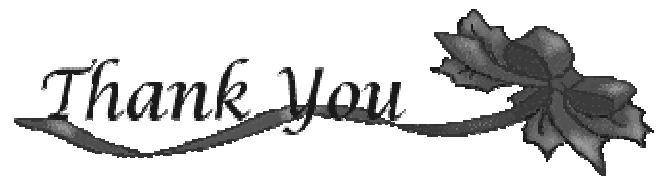


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We are pleased to announce that Carolyn Schneider is the new Thrivent Advocate for Holy Faith Church. Please welcome her in this position.

Thanks for the great support from the congregation for the past many years.
Art Witbart, Former Advocate



Thank you for your thoughtful and generous Christmas gift to all of us. We thank you for the opportunity to serve this parish and for your support during this time of transition. It is good to know that we are appreciated by the Holy Faith community!

Blessings!
Joan, Jennifer, Samantha, Claire, Jesse, Erik, Deacon Don and Pastor Stan

DIRECTORY

We are finalizing the 2016 Holy Faith Directory this week. If there are any changes or updates, or you were planning to send in a new photo—do it now.

Automated External Defibrillator

An AED machine has been ordered for the church, paid for with memorial funds.

A training session will take place for all those that are interested when the machine arrives. More information to come.

Lunch Bunch!

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

**2nd Monday of Each Month
Carrigan's in Saline at Noon**

Please see Barbara Arnold with questions.

SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Transfiguration February 7	1 Lent February 14	2 Lent February 21	3 Lent February 28
8:15 Reader	Mary Hogan	Mike/Suzanne	Mary Fatchett	Cicely Johnson
10:00 Asst. Min.	Harold Tinsey	Lisa Reifert	Carolyn Schneider	Molly Hilton
10:00 Reader	Clarke Flewelling	Georgine Steude	Lisa Reifert	Ian Brown
10:00 Ushers	Talle & Steve Jolliffe	Judie & Rick Wales	David Dubay & Sandy White	Sam Proud & Ingrid Smart
10:00 Greeters	Tish Dersnah	Norlaine & Harold Tinsey	Tish Dersnah & Alice Kitchen	Jane Darling
10:00 Acolyte	Tim Custer	Ashley Schneider	Bethany Mitchell	Branden Amstutz
Coffee Hosts	Amstutz	Jolliffe/Cummings	Mission Café	English/Determan
Altar Guild	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage
Counters	Fritz/Carolyn	Rick/Andy	Harold/Mike V.	Kent/Fritz

	4 Lent March 6	5 Lent March 13	Palm Sunday March 20	Holy Week March 21-26	Easter March 27
8:15 Reader	Art Witbart	Mary Hogan	Mike Centlivre/ Suzanne Buchalski	TBD	Mary Fatchett
10:00 Asst. Min.	Ann Mayers	Susan Cummings	Sandy White		Katie Garvey
10:00 Reader	Barbara Arnold	Jeff Cummings	Carolyn Schneider		Jean Savage
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10:00 Acolyte	Ashley Schneider	Tim Custer	Elyse Narbut		Tim Custer
Coffee Hosts	Erickson/Garvey/ Mitchell	White/Wales	Mission Cafe		All of us
Altar Guild	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell	Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell		Mary Fatchett/ Christen Mitchell
Counters	Carolyn/Mike V.	Steve/Fritz	Harold/Rick		Andy/Mike V.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2016

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar for specific Sundays, please use 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 \$40.

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.

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Reach Out to Our Neighbor and the World.



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