



# The Saline Psalter

**HOLY FAITH CHURCH**

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**January/February 2017**

## **Called to Common Mission** *by Steve Jolliffe*

**H**ave you thought about what it means when we say that Holy Faith is a “federated Episcopal and Lutheran congregation”? Some of the following information was recently posted in the Diocese’s Episcopal News Service.

Holy Faith is among about 65 worshipping communities across the country engaged in Episcopal-Lutheran partnerships. We are part of Called to Common Mission, an agreement between the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to be in full communion, able to share clergy leadership and operate as blended congregations.

In 2005, Holy Cross Episcopal and Faith Lutheran agreed to merge into Holy Faith Church. After the passage of eleven years, we don’t often think about who is an Episcopalian and who is a Lutheran. But there are still some challenges, among them: picking out hymns that please both constituents.

There are many benefits of working together – from sharing the pastoral resources from both denominations and being able to incorporate the best traditions of each into our liturgy. In our case, merging the smaller Faith Lutheran and Holy Cross congregations into one larger congregation created a dynamic, vibrant ministry of “Lutherpalians” intent on serving the community.

We had to work together to figure out how to compromise and sacrifice and how to make everybody feel welcomed and included. Those good habits have carried over and shaped a congregation committed to hospitality and welcoming to strangers and neighbors alike.

We try to make people feel the love of God when they come in the door. We don’t ask whom they know or how long they’ve been here or which denomination they are. We treat everyone who comes here as beloved children of God.”

Some have stated that blended congregations are a living example of what many churches will look like in the future: strong lay leaders and collaborative ministry with other traditions.

On the Synod and Diocese level, the two denominations collaborate and coordinate on social issues. Lutheran Immigration Services is working with the Episcopal Church. And the ELCA is “grateful for the Episcopal Church’s longer attention to some of the questions of justice for Native people. We have really appreciated the leadership from the Episcopal Church in Standing Rock (the controversial proposal to build a pipeline through sacred land).”

Even with the progress of the past eleven years, there is still work to be done. Some is structural. We still don’t have an approved constitution because of conflicting demands by the denominational structures. It is somewhat confusing to some that, for tax purposes, we are “Faith Lutheran Church doing business as Holy Faith Church” and our building is owned by “Venture in Faith” but we plan to tackle these issues soon.

### **Tuesday Morning**

**10:30am**

### **Adult Study Class**

We spent the fall season learning and discussing where and how the books of the Bible were chosen and how they made into the book we know today.

This winter we will begin to discuss women in the Bible.  
All are welcome .

*Questions? See Tish Dersnah*

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**

*Immediately following the 10 am service*

After we have completed church business,  
we will enjoy a potluck meal together.

It is always important for all members of  
Holy Faith Church to attend this once-a-year meeting!

## Ring in the New Year!

by Steve Jolliffe

2017 should be an exciting year for Holy Faith Church. After two years without a permanent pastor, we are hoping that a new pastor will join us soon. Our search team has had a series of meetings with a wonderful candidate this past fall and a call letter was sent to her just before Christmas. As she and her family review our offer, we pray that they will agree to move to Saline and join us at Holy Faith.

Once we get a new pastor, we will be interviewing candidates to be our office manager. In the meantime, Ann Mayers and Tish Dersnah have agreed to be in the office from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday through Friday to keep things running smoothly. If you know someone who might make a good future office manager, let us know.

Later this month our Adult Education group will begin to study "Women in the Bible". This should be every bit as interesting as the previous topics that Tish Dersnah has found for us to discuss. If you are able, join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am.

During 2017 we will continue with some of our old favorites – like the Lunch Bunch, Passover Seder, Mass on the Grass, and Blessing of the Pets.

We are thinking about trying some new events this year. We will definitely bring back the popular Pancake Brunch just before Lent. We would like to have more social events for our members. Who would be interested in getting a small group together to attend a play at the Purple Rose? Another possibility might be staging a Murder Mystery or attempting to solve the puzzles in one of the area's "Escape Rooms". If you have other suggestions please let one of your Parish Leadership Team's members know.

## The Deacon's Den

January 8 had a number of titles on our church calendar. It was the First Sunday after the Epiphany, the Baptism of our Lord, and some churches celebrated it as Epiphany Sunday. The Epiphany commemorates the arrival of the Three Kings, but its longer title is the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Those foreigners, bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, received back the gift that the Christ child had been born, not just for the Hebrew people, but as a savior for them as well.

On January 8 Tish and I showed up in Illinois, like travelers from the East, for the baptism of our latest godson, Ian Michael. Ian is my eleventh godchild. (Tish has 13, I think. We're joint godparents of some, I'm godfather to one alone, and she's godmother to three alone.) Our eldest godchildren are now finishing college and moving on to graduate school and careers. At each of these baptisms the parents and godparents are asked questions which we answer on behalf of the child who, in this instance, was two year old Ian:

Question: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Question: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Answer: I will, with God's help.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

This is pretty weighty stuff. And each time I've been asked and gotten to answer these questions I feel anew the promises I'm making on behalf of a Child of God. God has brought me into a special covenant relationship between God and Ian and that relationship will last on into eternity. What a gift!!

And then, to celebrate this happy day, we all went into the church's social hall for a potluck Three Kings luncheon.

Until next time

Your deacon

Don



## Mission Sunday

Third Sunday of each month

### Mission Café

**Sunday, February 19, 2017 after the 10am service**

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

*Proceeds are donated to missions that are chosen or requested throughout the year.*

### Three on the 3rd

Like always, bring 3 non-perishable food items, paper products or personal items to be donated to Saline Area Social Service.

**Special Gifts Offering Jan. 2017  
Saline Area Social Service**

SASS is our special charity for January. We have traditionally chosen to help our local neighbors at this time of the year. Needs remain after the holidays and SASS funding decreases. Warmth and transportation as well as adequate food become greater problems during the winter months. Please continue your generous contributions of food and paper goods, and then add a monetary gift as you are able.

*Make your check out to Holy Faith and note "SASS" on the memo line.*

**Donations for the Hanna Sa'di Family**

Members of the congregation picked up most of the Olive Wood items set out and contributed \$200.00 to our Christian Palestinian family in Bethlehem. A check for \$400.00 was sent to them and arrived at Christmas. They were delighted and the e-mail note from Hanna Sa'di will be posted on our bulletin Board. What a generous outpouring from everyone.

Would anyone be interested in taking over this project next year? I would be happy to help.

*Georgine Steude*

**Special Gifts Offering Feb. 2017  
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.*

**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.*

**Altar Flowers are Given...**

**January 15—available**  
**January 29 by Steve & Talle Jolliffe**  
*In Honor of their 49th Wedding Anniversary*  
**February 12 by Anne Beaubien Berry & Phil Berry**  
*In Honor of their Anniversary*  
**February 26—available**



**DELONIS  
CENTER**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

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.

**Please sign up by Sunday, January 22**

Food Gatherers holds up to 5 spots for us from Holy Faith on each shift—they cannot take more. They need to know how many are coming a week in advance. Therefore, you need to sign up 2 Sundays before the 5th Tuesday. Numbers will be called in the Tuesday before our date.

**Our next service opportunity is May 30, 2017**

**ALTAR FLOWERS  
FOR 2017**

If you are interested in placing flowers on the altar for specific Sundays, please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. 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.

## January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>1 Christmas</b> 10am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	2	3 Adult Study No class	4 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	5 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	6	7 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
8 <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	9 Lunch Bunch Noon @ Carrigan's AA Mtg. 7pm	10 Adult Study Cancelled due to weather	11 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	12 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	13	14 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
15 <b>2 Epiphany</b> <b>Three on the 3rd</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	16 AA Mtg. 7pm	17 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am PLT 7pm	18 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	19 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	20	21 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
22 <b>3 Epiphany</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	23 AA Mtg. 7pm	24 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	25 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	26 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	27	28 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
29 <b>4 Epiphany</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship <b>Potluck after meeting</b>	30 AA Mtg. 7pm	31 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am Delonis 3-5pm or 5-7pm				

Church Office Hours are  
**Monday through Friday**  
**10:00 am—noon**

## February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	2 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	3	4 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
5 <b>5 Epiphany</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	6 AA Mtg. 7pm	7 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	8 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	9 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	10	11 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
12 <b>6 Epiphany</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	13 Lunch Bunch Noon @ Carrigan's AA Mtg. 7pm	14 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	15 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	16 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	17	18 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
19 <b>7 Epiphany</b> <b>Mission Cafe</b> <b>Three on the 3rd</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 10am Lego Lesson 11am Mission Cafe	20 AA Mtg. 7pm	21 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am PLT 7pm	22 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	23 Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm	24	25 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
26 <b>Transfiguration</b> 9:15am Choir Practice 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	27 AA Mtg. 7pm	28 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am				

# THE HOLY FAITH CHOIR

Unless otherwise announced  
**The Choir rehearses every Sunday at 9:15am and Thursday at 7:30pm**  
 All ages and voices are welcome!

## Sally Clark has moved

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## Lego Lesson with the Kids of Holy Faith!

**Sunday, February 19 at 10am**

John Hassett and Kelsey Keyes will be conducting their popular Lego Sunday Kid's Lesson for kids of all ages.

### SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	1 Christmas January 1	Baptism of Our Lord January 8	2 Epiphany January 15	3 Epiphany January 22	4 Epiphany January 29 <i>Annual Meeting &amp; Potluck</i>
8:15 Reader	<i>No 8am service</i>	Mike Centlivre Suzanne Buchalski	Cicely Johnson	Mary Hogan	Mary Fatchett
10:00 Asst. Min.		Harold Tinsey	Noelle Milkey	Ann Mayers	Lisa Reifert
10:00 Reader	Andy Amstutz	Lisa Reifert	Georgine Steude	John Hassett	Christen Mitchell
10:00 Ushers	Talle & Steve Jolliffe	David Dubay	Judie & Rick Wales	Sam Proud	Talle & Steve Jolliffe
10:00 Greeters	Tish Dersnah	Clarke Flewelling & Dan McGraw	Tish Dersnah	Clarke Flewelling & Dan McGraw	Barbara Arnold
10:00 Acolyte	Branden Amstutz	Tim Custer	Ashley Schneider	Elyse Narbut	Tim Custer
Coffee Hosts	All of us	Mitchell/Cummings	Determan	English/Reifert	<b>Annual Meeting/Potluck</b>
Altar Guild	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage
Counters		Mike Vaillancourt Rick Wales	Harold Tinsey Carolyn Schneider	Fritz Reifert Steve Jolliffe	Rick Wales Harold Tinsey

	5 Epiphany February 5	6 Epiphany February 12	7 Epiphany February 19 <i>Mission Cafe</i>	Transfiguration February 26
8:15 Reader	Mike Centlivre Suzanne Buchalski	Cicely Johnson	Mary Hogan	Mary Fatchett
10:00 Asst. Min.	Molly Hilton	Katie Garvey	Carolyn Schneider	Susan Cummings
10:00 Reader	Katie Garvey	Clarke Flewelling	Wendy Amstutz	Jeff Cummings
10:00 Ushers	David Dubay Sandy White	Talle & Steve Jolliffe	Sam Proud Ingrid Smart	Rick & Judie Wales
10:00 Greeters	Tish Dersnah	Jane Darling	Harold & Norlaine Tinsey	Tish Dersnah
10:00 Acolyte	Bethany Mitchell	Ashley Schneider	Branden Amstutz	Elyse Narbut
Coffee Hosts	Amstutz	Schneider/Narbut	<b>Mission Café</b>	Jolliffe/Milkey
Altar Guild	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage	Jean & Neil Savage
Counters	Andy Amstutz Mike Vaillancourt	Fritz Reifert Steve Jolliffe	Carolyn Schneider Andy Amstutz	Steve Jolliffe Mike Vaillancourt

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Seek God Together.

Grow in Spirit and Love.

Reach Out to Our Neighbor and the World.



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