



The Saline Psalter

Holy Faith Church

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July & August 2017

Visions and Dreams for Holy Faith

*I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see visions,
And your old men shall dream dreams;*

~ Joel 2:28, quoted in Acts 2:17, from the readings appointed for the Feast of Pentecost, June 4, 2017

Dear friends,

I am honored to be serving as your Pastor; I am excited about the future and listening together for God's voice calling us forward.

You may be interested to know that the Parish Leadership Team and I gathered in prayer and discussion on Saturday, June 10. Mostly we got to know one another a bit better. Also, two desires surfaced that day. **The first is a desire to continue creating community with spiritual depth.** In other words, the PLT and I would like to find ways to build upon the sense of community that already exists while strengthening it. For example, there is a desire to steep ourselves ever more deeply in Christ, in the scriptures, and in spiritual practices. There is also a desire for small group experience in which we know others and are known. **The second desire which the PLT named is for Holy Faith to be more visible in greater Saline.**

These are over-arching, lofty goals. We will be working and praying in the coming weeks about small things we might do to further them. One of the many reasons I was drawn to Holy Faith is that it is a congregation that already has a deep sense of community and already connects with people beyond its walls. We don't seek to re-invent the wheel, only build from strength to strength.

Please pray for clarity of purpose as we begin a new chapter. Please contact me or anyone on the PLT with your prayers or to share your ideas for offering your own gifts. Oh, and know that anyone who was here on Pentecost and who wrote dreams and ideas on the newsprint, the PLT is reading and re-reading all of them as we develop plans.

Yours in Christ,
Andrea

Praise God. Praise Morning. Pray Morning Prayer July 30th & August 27th

Morning has broken like the first morning

Cat Stevens popularized this 1931 Christian hymn when he recorded it forty years later.

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing

Praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

The song's popularity owes much to the simple fact that a sun rise—and our being alive to see it—stirs a soul to offer prayer and praise.

Beginning Sunday, July 30th—and on the last Sundays each month—Holy Faith will gather for Morning Prayer. Morning Prayer combines familiar scripture, songs, and prayers in praise of the new day. Morning Prayer will include a sermon and some quiet space for reflection.

Why introduce Morning Prayer on Last Sundays? Well, for two reasons. The first is that Morning Prayer is a staple of spiritual practice. Human beings across the globe—and across the millennia—have gathered in community to start the day with each other and with God. The second reason is that Pastor Andrea—because she is ¾-time—is not at Holy Faith the last Sunday of each month. Morning Prayer may be led by a deacon or by a lay person. Deacon Don has offered to officiate. Any others moved to officiate, please contact Deacon Don or Pastor Andrea for a simple training.

Pastor's Forum July 9th

After church each Sunday, I often get a chance to talk to a few people, but never to as many as I'd like. As one way of getting to know each other better, I hope we can have a wider conversation in the social hall after the 10 am service on July 9th. I'll be there for an informal Q&A.

I also hope to hear from you. I hope you'll tell me what you most like about Saline, what your concerns are, and why you choose to live and worship here (as I try to discover and learn more about this wonderful area).

So please mark your calendars for July 9th. Come for coffee and conversation with me and your fellow parishioners. And please read the Psalter and weekly announcements for future get-to-know each other gatherings.

Andrea+

Special Gifts Offering July 2017

Ele's Place

Ele's Place is a healing center for grieving children and one of their centers is in our neighborhood. Through peer support group programs, children are helped to cope with the death or life-threatening illness of a parent, sibling or other loved one. It is a non-profit community based program. Children ages 3 to 18 and their parents or guardians are welcomed, and there is no fee for any service.

Music, art, storytelling, writing and play are creative tools used to help children express their anger, fears, guilt and sadness. Clinicians and trained volunteers, supervised by professional staff, facilitate age-appropriate group discussions and activities.

Ele's Place is dependent upon community support. Volunteers are needed in many areas. Financial gifts are critical to ensuring that Ele's Place remains accessible to all grieving children, regardless of family income. For more information visit www.elesplace.org.

Please make checks out to Holy Faith and note "Ele's Place" on the memo line.

Glad and Thankful Hearts

*Thank you does not do justice to the gratitude
Chris and I feel as we join Holy Faith.*

In a quiet moment, after my first (official) Sunday with you, on June 4, Chris and I unwrapped the gifts inside the welcome basket. We discovered all manner of fun and useful things. How did you know, for instance, that we'd be beating a path to Ace Hardware and Lowe's? In fact, I think folks at both stores know us by name after buying things like towel bars, s-hooks, and gutter traps. Same is true at Busch's as we've re-stocked our fridge and pantry.

The thoughtfulness didn't end there. We received many gifts which have doubled as an introduction to the area. We can't wait to explore this part of Michigan by visiting the Henry Ford Museum (passes included in the basket); reading a history of Saline; and eating at Mac's.

The gifts given indicate your generosity, love, and radical welcome. Thank you for putting arms around us as we settle in Saline.

Andrea+

Thank You

I so appreciated all of your kindness in celebrating June 18 as Deacon Don Day. Our joint ministry here at Holy Faith is a pivotal part of my life. Thanks again for the cards, Episcopal Bookstore gift card, Nick's House of Pancakes gift card, and, of course, my ginger-lemon candies. And how nice that we could celebrate together on a Mission Cafe day.

Your deacon
Don

Special Gifts Offering August 2017

**Huron Valley
Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley is a very special and unique organization. They partner with families to build a new life for them through decent, affordable home ownership. In their first 20 years they built 100 new homes. In the next 10 years they will more than double that number because they now primarily buy existing homes, many in foreclosure, and totally restore them. This saves money because empty land is still very costly. Habitat owners purchase their home with a non-profit mortgage. They pay taxes to our local municipalities. Mortgage and escrow payments are never more than 30% of each family's gross income. Habitat manages the mortgage. Huron Valley Habitat also works closely with their partner families by offering classes that will prepare them to be successful homeowners. Volunteers and family members provide most of the labor.

Habitat of Huron Valley is a source of hope and inspiration for Washtenaw County, the State of Michigan, and the entire nation. They are a leader in enabling more citizens to have greater opportunities to improve their lives through home ownership. Habitat welcomes volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds and also serves people in need of decent housing regardless of race, religion, gender, political views, or any other distinctions that too often divide people.

Please make your check out to Holy Faith and write "Habitat" on the memo line.

**We Want to Know
What You Think**

That's what you can say to friends, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone else you invite to come to church with you. Ask someone to come once. Tell them we'd like to know what they think by completing a short, on-line survey.

Andrea and the Parish Leadership Team are particularly interested to know the thoughts of people unaccustomed to church. We think they might have valuable things to say to us as we consider the spiritual needs of people in our community.

If they come to church and then complete the on-line survey, Andrea will send a thank you gift certificate to Benny's Bakery.

The survey can be found at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/VisitHolyFaith

This link is on the home page of our website and can also be found on the inside cover of every worship bulletin.

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am
2 4 Pentecost 8:15am & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	3 AA Mtg 7pm	4  <i>Office Closed</i>	5 OA Mtg 6-7pm	6	7	8 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am
9 5 Pentecost 8:15am & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	10 Lunch Bunch Noon @ Carrigan's AA Mtg 7pm	11 PLT 6pm	12 OA Mtg 6-7pm	13	14	15 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am
16 6 Pentecost Three on the 3rd 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	17 AA Mtg 7pm	18	19 OA Mtg 6-7pm	20	21	22 OA Mtg 8:30-9:30am
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August 2017

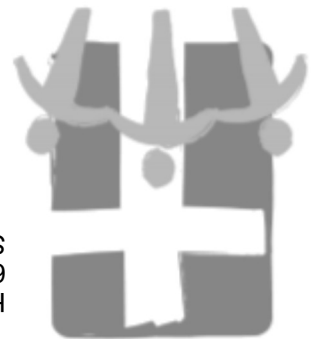
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Ministry Schedule

	4 Pentecost July 2	5 Pentecost July 9	6 Pentecost July 16	7 Pentecost July 23	8 Pentecost July 30
8:15 Reader	Suzanne Buchalski Mike Centlivre	Cicely Johnson	Mary Hogan	Mary Fatchett	Suzanne Buchalski Mike Centlivre
10:00 Asst. Min.	Ann Mayers	Noelle Milkey	Harold Tinsey	Molly Hilton	Susan Cummings
10:00 Reader	Georgine Steude	John Hassett	Wendy Amstutz	Jeff Cummings	Gail Graham
10:00 Ushers	Judie & Rick Wales	David Dubay	Sam Proud Sandy White	Talle & Steve Jolliffe	Judie & Rick Wales
10:00 Greeters	Tish Dersnah	Barbara Arnold	Jane Darling	Tish Dersnah	Dan McGraw Clarke Flewelling
10:00 Acolyte	Timm Custer	Elyse Narbut	Branden Amstutz	Ashley Schneider	Timm Custer
Coffee Hosts	All of Us	Cummings Mitchell			Hilton
Altar Guild	Dersnah	Dersnah	Dersnah	Dersnah	Dersnah
Counters	Rick Wales Mike Vaillancourt	Steve Jolliffe Andy Amstutz	Harold Tinsey Carolyn Schneider	Mike Vaillancourt Steve Jolliffe	Rick Wales Carolyn Schneider

	9 Pentecost August 6	10 Pentecost August 13	11 Pentecost August 20	12 Pentecost August 27
8:15 Reader	Cicely Johnson	Mary Hogan	Mary Fatchett	Suzanne Buchalski Mike Centlivre
10:00 Asst. Min.	Katie Garvey	Lisa Reifert	Harold Tinsey	Carolyn Schneider
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10:00 Ushers	David Dubay	Sam Proud Sandy White	Talle & Steve Jolliffe	Rick & Judie Wales
10:00 Greeters	Tish Dersnah	Barbara Arnold	Norlaine Tinsey	Tish Dersnah
10:00 Acolyte	Bethany Mitchell	Elyse Narbut	Branden Amstutz	Ashley Schneider
Coffee Hosts	Fatchett	Milkey/Zawisza	McGraw/Flewelling Hartley	Arnold
Altar Guild	Dersnah	Dersnah	Dersnah	Dersnah
Counters	Andy Amstutz Mike Vaillancourt	Steve Jolliffe Carolyn Schneider	Harold Tinsey Mike Vaillancourt	Steve Jolliffe Carolyn Schneider

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MISSION STATEMENT

Seek God Together
Grow in Spirit and Love
Reach Out to Our Neighbor and the World

