

The Saline Psalter

HOLY FAITH CHURCH

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June, July & August 2015

A note from the Pastor



We have entered the green season. During the season of Pentecost, the color of the altar paraments is green. It's a long season and it provides us the opportunity to sit on the hillside and listen to Jesus along with the disciples and followers. There is much to learn so don't forget to bring your lunch. The gospel of Mark will be our source for the life and teaching of Jesus. However, John will be our "supply pastor" for six weeks later in the summer.

The green season also reminds us of the colorful green grass which now surrounds us. After the long season of winter we are revitalized by the appearance of green grass and bright blossoms and blooms of trees and flowers. New life abounds. The longer days of sunlight bring us warmth and the opportunity to bask in its rays.

This green season provides occasions for observing the Sabbath. Sabbath is a time for renewal, for rebooting our lives. We can walk in the park, relax by the water, dig in the dirt, ride bicycles, paddle a canoe, enjoy a peaceful evening on the patio with friends or simply taking time to do those things which speak to our soul. After all, our Sabbath time is a spiritual venture.

The story of God resting during the time of creation is a strong reminder to us that we need times of Sabbath in our lives. If God needed Sabbath time shouldn't we? We usually think that we're "ok" or we're recharging sufficiently. Studies continue to show that Americans don't take all of the vacation time to which they are entitled (for a host of reasons). Our physical and emotional health pay the price as we continue to work without allowing adequate time to push the pause button.

I encourage you to take care of yourself during this green season. Laugh, enjoy God's creation, read scripture, allow your body and soul to refresh and don't forget to walk barefoot in the lush green grass!

See you in worship!
Pastor Stan

The New and Improved Holy Faith Website! Coming Any Day Now!

All of the best with a fresh new look.

The web address will remain the same:
www.holy-faith-church.org

A new option we've provided is called "Member Pages". At the bottom, in the footer, you will see a discrete title. If you click on it, you will find it is locked with a password. The password will be quite obvious to members of Holy Faith. It is "Lutherpalian".

On this Member Page, you will find the parish directory, PLT minutes, transition information and the Sunday ministry schedule. Other things may be added as a need arises.

Thank you to our team: Don Dersnah, Stan Eckermann, Susan and Jeff Cummings, Steve Jolliffe, Christen Mitchell and Andy Amstutz.

When we've switched over, we will get the word out though an email and in the Sunday announcements. Feed back is most welcome. Email Joan and she will compile the information and send it on to the team.

DELONIS CENTER

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

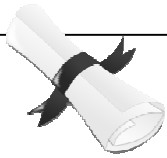
Come help prepare or serve dinner to the homeless and/or hungry. Holy Faith helps at the Center in Ann Arbor in months that have a 5th Tuesday.

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, June 21

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 September 29, 2015



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Rita Garvey-Erickson, daughter of Katie and Steve. Rita just graduated from Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. She will attend Michigan State University James Madison College to study Arabic language and foreign policy.

Adrian Reed Twiss, son of Nan and Ian. Adrian just graduated from Huron High School in Ann Arbor. His mother says, "*Adrian has decided to go to U of M, of all places! He will live on campus and we will pretend he's far away (though Devon is already plotting to learn his schedule and "happen" to run into him quite regularly!)*."

Meredith Mitchell, daughter of Christen and granddaughter of Barbara Arnold. Meredith just graduated from Greenhills School in Ann Arbor. She will be attending Eastern Michigan University where she has been accepted into the Interior Design program.

Kelly Barbret, daughter of Joan (our office manager) and Jim. Kelly just graduated from Saline High School and will attend Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis where she will study nursing.

Mary Reifert, daughter of Lisa and Fritz. Mary just completed her degree in Health Care Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

And last but not least:

Proud and happy mother, Barbara Arnold would like to share that her daughter Carolyn has been granted tenure at Texas A & M, where she is an equine surgeon.



Jake's Cuts

Professional Haircuts and Straight Razor Shaves

Jacob Rankin
Barber

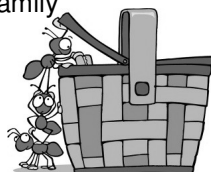
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Jake is Vicki English's son.
He was born and raised here at Holy Faith.
Email or give him a call!

All are Invited to the Diocesan Summer Picnic

Emrich Retreat Center \$5.00/ person
7380 Teahen Road \$20.00 max/family
Brighton, MI

RSVP by July 17th
Registration forms available
at the bulletin board



Lunch Bunch!

We're not taking a summer break!

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

2nd Monday of each Month
Carrigan's in Saline at Noon
(formerly My Favorite Café)

Special Thanks to Thrivent Financial

A special thanks to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their generous matching gift of \$600 to the Paper Pantry. Thrivent matched dollar for dollar spending for the months of March, April and May up to \$600. Art Witbart has made sure this happens for the Paper Pantry over the past few years and we appreciate his efforts in helping this Holy Faith Ministry.



Paper Pantry

The Paper Pantry collects and distributes necessities that are not covered by Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards such as toilet paper, paper towel, detergent, hand soap, shampoo, tooth paste, deodorant, etc. Every month we pass out 50 paper grocery

bags that contain needed items. Currently we are responding to the needs of Seniors at Mill Pond Manor in Saline, Independent living adults at Chidester Place Apartments in Ypsilanti and low income families in the Milan area. We alternate between these groups delivering on the 3rd Saturday of each month. So far we have handed out over 2,000 items.

Our mission is to serve groups that include families, seniors, the homeless, and students. The Paper Pantry is a joint effort between Holy Faith and St. Paul UCC, both of Saline who support this mission with donations of money, items and volunteers. Local merchants have also been generous with donations of paper bags and paper items. The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has provided grants and Thrivent for Lutherans has provided matching funds. The Liberty Club, a day program for young adults with disabilities aged 26+, is also helping put together and deliver Paper Pantry bags to the Seniors at Mill Pond Manor.

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 next deliveries are June 21st and July 19th. Please look for announcements in church as to the time and place we are meeting.

If you would like to volunteer, donate or just need more information, please contact Lisa Reifert at:
734-255-1684 or lisareifert76@gmail.com

From the Transition Team

*Katie Garvey's talk to the congregation
on Sunday, May 24, 2015*

I am speaking to you today as a member of the Transition team. We were formed to coordinate efforts on the part of this faith community to define who we are and where we want to go in preparation for a formal search for a new pastor. Our current, handsome, articulate Pastor Stan, is here to help us during this time of change and is working with Talle, Rick, Christen, Dan, Kent, and myself to organize the information needed by the search committee to articulate the character and direction of our community in order to find a suitable match in a new pastor called to serve our spiritual needs.

Our first step is to meet as a community on June 14th after fellowship to host what we are calling "Come to Know Our Story", borrowing from wording from our new and updated webpage. We invite those who are willing and able to join us to reflect on our roots and traditions, and think about where we are headed in light of what is most important to us now. This will be one of many ways we hope to have everyone participate in the process.

We will use the time line on display, our mission statement and other documents as springboards for people to share their Holy Faith stories. We want to brainstorm in order to begin to articulate our identity as a faith community to help us find a pastor with the right fit for our needs.

I come today to share one of those stories based on my family's experience here at Holy Faith. We joined the church in December of 2007, soon after Ian had come as a pastor. As a mixed faith family of Catholic and ELCA Lutheran, this church uniquely fit our family's needs. Our kids were 7 and 11 at the time. We were all made to feel very welcome immediately. Upon reflection, I think the Advent Pageant series really reflected what I think is this church's strengths.

Pastor Ian was extremely gifted in making the Nativity Story come to life for the kids and adults alike. Using creativity and humor, his interpretations year after year drew people in to the greater lessons of Christ's birth in a manger. Everyone involved was encouraged to participate in whatever way she/he was able. I helped with costuming, someone else brought snacks, another acted as stage manager. The day of the production was standing room only for worship with high anticipation of the next rendition. There was much joy, laughter and celebration.

People at Holy Faith hold fast to traditions while being open to new ways to worship and encourage spiritual growth. People are made to feel welcome and encouraged to share gifts in new and different ways. There is caring, humor and positive regard for all.

THE DEACON'S DEN

Ludington

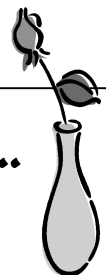
Back in February, on one of the coldest Sunday mornings of last winter, you honored me with a celebration of my ministry here at Holy Faith. Along with the yummy Mission Café food, and cards, and a trophy award, and other gifts, you gave Tish and me a Bed and Breakfast.com gift certificate for \$830. I was really overwhelmed by your generosity and love.

In May, Tish and I got to use part of the gift card for a three day, two night road trip to Ludington. We stayed at Snyder's Shoreline Inn, overlooking Lake Michigan.

One thing that clergy are often reminded is that self-care is important. Road trips and bed and breakfasts are two of the ways that Tish and I try to take care of ourselves. The R&R revitalizes, energizes and provides fresh perspectives.

One thing's for sure—if anyone ever wonders if there is a God, all they need to do is look around at the lake, the sun setting into the lake on the sunset coast, the "miracle" sky with its shades of blue and white and red and pink and yellow and orange and purple, the sand dunes and the forests and farms to know about our Creator. God is alive and well in Ludington, and in Saline, too. As we spend this transition time reflecting on who we are as a parish and where God is calling us and as we prepare to call a new pastor/priest, I'd invite each of you to remember some self-care. Make sure to do some of the things that revitalize and energize you so you bring new and fresh perspectives to this transition time.

Until next time
Your deacon
Don



Altar Flowers are Given...

June 7 by Don Dersnah
In Celebration of Tish's Birthday

June 21 by the Garvey-Erickson Family
In Honor of Dolores & Wilmer Erickson

July 5 by Sarah & Heather Herrick-Zilka
*In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary &
In Thanksgiving for their Children*

July 19 by Ann Mayers
In Memory of Diane Morgan

August 2 by Suzanne Bulchalski & Mike Centlivre
In Celebration of their 23rd Wedding Anniversary

August 16 by James & Molly Hilton
In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary

August 30 by Sam Proud
In Memory of his Parents



Mission Café

Sunday, June 21—after the 10am service

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

The next Mission Café will take place on Sunday, June 21. The emphasis of the free-will donation will be the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit in July. An estimated 28,000 youth and adults will gather for several days of worship, workshops and service projects. Claire Amstutz of Holy Faith will attend the Gathering with the youth of Trinity Lutheran in Ann Arbor.

The funds received through Mission Café will assist the Trinity Youth with their food costs and to purchase diapers (no, not for the youth!). At every youth gathering the participants are asked to bring an in-kind gift. This year they are

encouraged to bring diapers which will be distributed to social service agencies. This effort is also being supported by women's groups across the ELCA. Thank you for your generosity!

This is the last Mission Café until the fall.

The April café netted \$224 which was used to pay for the church sign at the Saline Rec Center baseball field and in May, \$200 was generated to go towards church beautification projects.

Special Gifts Offering June 2015 Saline Area Social Service

Our charity for June is very familiar to us. Saline Area Social Service (SASS) provides essential help to our less fortunate neighbors in many ways. Giving our wholehearted support to SASS programs is a wonderful way to reach out to our community.

While most of us try to remember SASS throughout the year, we choose to designate SASS as our June charity because of their special needs during the summer. Traditionally they receive fewer donations during the summer and additional funds are needed to supply healthy food for all the children who are not receiving school lunches.

They are also collecting funds for school supplies and clothes for the new school year. As always SASS continues to need our monthly donations of food and paper goods on our Mission Sunday Three on the 3rd.

As you are able, make your check out to Holy Faith and write "SASS" on the memo line.

Special Gifts Offering July 2015 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.

Special Gifts Offering August 2015 Huron Valley Habitat for Humanity

closure, 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.

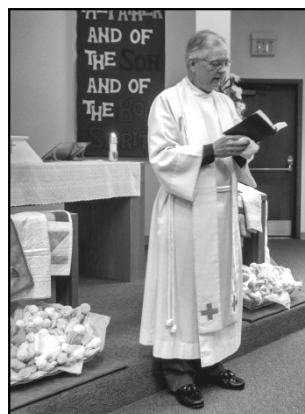
Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley is a very special and unique organization. They partner with families to build a new life for them through decent, affordable home ownership. In their first 20 years they built 100 new homes. In the next 10 years they will more than double that number because they now primarily buy existing homes, many in fore-

June 2015

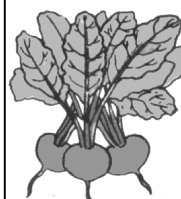
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Baby Bonnet and Quilt Blessing,
before they are sent to UM Mott Hospital.
May 31, 2015

Thanks to Barbara Arnold, Anne Beaubien Berry, Heather Herrick-Zilka, Betsey Hubbard, Marcia Gridley, Marjorie Frank, Alice Kitchen and Jean Savage.



**Holy Faith
Food Garden**



The garden is off the a great start!

Thanks to Larry Darling for his early weed intervention and the diligence of the garden team and many other volunteers.

The garden is fully planted now. The soaker hose system is repaired and installed.

Please consider signing up for a week of weeding and watering. If it is really hot and dry, you will need to water about every other day. All you need to do is pull the hose over and attach it to the end. Then turn the spigot on—only about a quarter of one turn—and then leave it for several hours. You can spend some time weeding and hoeing, go to the store, stop for coffee, etc. Then come back, turn it off and wind up the hose again.

Questions? Please talk to Susan Cummings or Suzanne Bulchalski.

July 2015

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SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	2 Pentecost June 7 <i>Mass on the Grass & Potluck</i>	3 Pentecost June 14	4 Pentecost June 21 <i>Mission Cafe</i>	5 Pentecost June 28
8:15 Reader	Art W.	Mary F.	Mike C./Suzanne B	Cicely J.
10:00 Asst. Min.		Ann M.	Noelle M.	Carolyn S.
10:00 Reader	Carolyn S.	Barbara J.	Barbara A.	Katie G.
10:00 Ushers	Talle & Steve J.	Sam P.	Rick & Judie W.	David D.
10:00 Greeters	Tish D./ Katie G.	Clarke F./Dan M.	Tish D./Molly H.	Milo &/Sandy W.
10:00 Acolyte	Ashley S.	Tim C.	Bethany M.	Nels E.
Coffee Hosts	<i>Pot Luck</i>	Dubay/Jolliffe	Vaillancourt	Determan
Altar Guild	Mary F.	Mary F.	Christen M.	Christen M.
Counters	Steve/Carolyn	Harold/Mike V.	Milo/Kent	Steve/Rick

	6 Pentecost July 5	7 Pentecost July 12	8 Pentecost July 19	9 Pentecost July 26
8:15 Reader	Art W.	Mile C. Suzanne B.	Mary F.	Cicely J.
10:00 Asst. Min.	Lisa R.	Katie G.	Sandy W.	Milo W.
10:00 Reader	Jeff C.	Georgine S.	Branden A.	Noelle M.
10:00 Ushers	Milo & Sandy W.	Talle & Steve J.	Sam P.	Judie & Rick W.
10:00 Greeters	Jane D.	Tish D./Alice K.	Harold & Norlaine T.	Betsey H.
10:00 Acolyte	Branden A.	Ashley S.	Bethany M.	Tim C.
Coffee Hosts	<i>All of us</i>	Handlesman		
Altar Guild	Art W.	Art W.	Art W.	Art W.
Counters	Mike V./Carolyn	Harold/Rick	Kent/Steve	Milo/Carolyn

	10 Pentecost August 2	11 Pentecost August 9	12 Pentecost August 16	13 Pentecost August 23	14 Pentecost August 30
8:15 Reader	Art W.	Mike C./Suzanne B.	Mary F.	Cicely J.	Art W.
10:00 Asst. Min.	Harold T.	Susan C.		Ann M.	Noelle M.
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Reach Out to Our Neighbor and the World.



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