

The Saline Psalter

HOLY FAITH CHURCH

Episcopal and ELCA Lutheran

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April/May 2015



A note from the Pastor

One of the hymns we sang during the season of Lent contained a verse which reads:

*As the sun with longer journey melts the winter snow and ice,
with its slowly growing radiance warms the seed beneath the earth,
may the sun of Christ's uprising gently bring our hearts to life.*

[text by John Patrick Earls]

Although our winter was not as snowy as last year we endured some bitterly cold days. The current angle of the sun brings warmth to our faces and solar heat to our homes. We know that even if we receive more snow, it will quickly melt under the sun's gaze. The winter's snow and ice can be beautiful to behold but can also be dangerous for our driving as well as walking. Hospital emergency rooms do a brisk business during the winter.

About two weeks ago we experienced the first hint of spring as the temperature suddenly spiked and the snow began to trickle away from our roofs and roads. I observed an immediate joy in everyone I met. Their voices were more animated and there was a smile on their faces and spring in their steps. Their outlook had changed.

As we journey through our lives we can experience the winds and storms of winter. We might be sliding on a slippery surface seemingly unable to control our direction. Relationships end, a job ends, school is stressing us out, or we're between a rock and a hard place financially. We can become physically, emotionally and spiritually drained. Nothing seems to work. We can find ourselves adrift on the ice floes of life searching for a route back to the terra firma.

Then, in the midst of our darkness, a light begins to break through. Someone opens a door by listening to us and helps us to find our way. A teacher senses our struggle and gives us the confidence and skill to move forward. A friend at church is aware of a job opening that matches our skills. We feel the warmth of a new day and joy abounds.

The first followers of Jesus also experienced despair and darkness. They huddled together in fear and anxiety and Jesus appeared in their midst. The Son melted their sorrow. As Christians we believe that God is walking with us on our journey. God loves and cares deeply about each of us.

Holy Week is a stark reminder of that gracious love. We are resurrection people who believe that death in all of its forms is put asunder and we are adorned in light.

One of the Easter hymns we will sing contains this verse written by Herb Brokering:

*Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.*

See you in worship!
Pastor Eckermann

**Office
Hours**

Pastor Eckermann's usual office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday;
but if you plan to stop by to see him, please call first to ensure he is in.

2015 Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

*Rise Up Together
for the sake of the
world!*

May 15 & 16, 2015

**St. John Lutheran Church
23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills, MI**

Vicki English and Andy Amstutz
will be attending as voting members from Holy Faith.

Also...

All congregational members are invited to attend the

Glocal Mission Festival

(Global + Local = Glocal)

**Friday, May 15 at 1:00pm, followed by dinner
Worship begins at 7:15pm**

All are invited to attend the Glocal Mission Festival
on the afternoon and evening of Friday, May 15.

Join in on an afternoon and evening of learning
about local and global missions. This event will be
led by the ELCA Glocal Mission Team and Musi-
cians.

Registration is \$25 and includes dinner. All registra-
tions and checks must be received by May 13.

Questions? See Pastor Stan or Deacon Don

Passover Seder with the Amstutz Family

Holy Faith Church, Wednesday, April 1, 6pm

You MUST RSVP by March 29 (Palm Sunday)

You, your family and guests are invited to come celebrate the
Passover Seder with the Amstutz Family and the Holy Faith
Community.

The Amstutz family has a tradition of celebrating the Passover
Seder and sharing it with others. Come experience and dis-
cuss this special tradition with reflections on the Jewish tradi-
tion, Jesus at the last supper and what it means for us as
Christians today.

RSVP to aamstutz25@yahoo.com or 313-213-5312 (voice or
text), or sign up on the bulletin board.



Holy Faith Website

A new technology team has just been formed to
explore the design of a new website for Holy
Faith.

It is more important than ever to ensure that our online pres-
ence is vibrant, appealing and chock-full of good, well orga-
nized and up-to-date information.

We want to be sure a new website is appealing to those look-
ing for a new church home, but also will serve the needs of our
members. Please don't hesitate to let us know what is im-
portant to you in a website.

During this time, we will be keeping our current site updated
with all the fun happenings going on at Holy Faith.

Please send an email to Susan Cummings or Steve Jolliffe with
your thoughts about our online presence. Our first meeting is
Thursday, April 9 at 7pm.

A Message from the PLT

We all enjoy attending services on Sunday and visiting with our church family after-
wards during coffee hour. BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE... Have you considered join-
ing one of our many ministries or special purpose groups and serving God on other
days of the week? Holy Faith has always relied on the time and talents of its mem-
bers to accomplish its goals and to keep things running smoothly.

When the church offices needed a little freshening up, we didn't need to hire professional cleaners and painters to come in and do the work. Miraculously, a few volunteers showed up and cleaned and painted the Pastor's and Office Manager's offices.

You can make a commitment to help out once a year for just an hour or two, or you can volunteer regularly for activities that interest you. It's a great opportunity to get to know others better and form new friendships.

Here are just a few examples:

- You can be involved in how we worship at Holy Faith by joining the Altar Guild or the Liturgy Team.
- You can work with our youth or help with special events.
- Home cooked meals are sometimes needed when one of our members is recovering from an illness.
- You can join one of our many outreach missions such as the Paper Pantry, the Food Garden, the Knitting/Quilting group, or the new World Mission Team.
- Buildings and Grounds is another area where we need helping hands. Join us for a spring clean up day or help us with routine maintenance around the church. We also need people to advise the PLT on future projects like improved lighting, signage, and hot water for the kitchen. You can choose to attend periodic meetings or just show up when help is needed.

On the Sunday after Easter, we will put out sign up lists including a brief description of each group. Please consider adding your name to one or more of these lists. In the meantime, you can find the names of the leaders of each of these groups on our new organization chart (*see next page*). These leaders would be happy to answer any questions you might have. You can help make a difference and have a good time in the process.

Holy Faith Church Organizational Chart 2015

Each team is listed with its leader/organizer immediately underneath

Pastor

Stan Eckermann

Staff

Office Manager—Joan Barbret
 Musician—Jesse Morgan
 Choir Director—Jeri Shumate
 Nursery Care—Dianne Reinel
 Custodian—Jennifer Wielkopolan

Deacon

Don Dersnah

Parish Leadership Team (PLT)

Steve Jolliffe—President
 Vicki English—Vice President
 Ann Mayers—Secretary
 Susan Cummings
 David Dubay
 Clarke Flewelling
 Mary Barber—Treasurer
 Mike Centlivre —Financial Secretary

PLT Liaisons

Pastor Stan

Deacon Don

David Dubay

Steve Jolliffe

Mary Barber

Don Dersnah

Vicki English

Susan Cummings
 Ann Mayers

Clarke Flewelling

Worship

Pastoral Care

Formation

Building & Grounds

Finance

Administration

Stewardship

Outreach

Children

Tish Dersnah
 Rob Hoffman
 John Hassett
 Kelsey Keyes

Youth

Andy Amstutz

Altar Guild

Mary Fatchett
 Pastor Stan

Liturgy Team

Pastor Stan
 Deacon Don

Liturgical Ministers

Deacon Don

Paper Pantry

Lisa Reifert

Food Garden

Susan Cummings
 Suzanne Bulchaiski

Monthly Special Gift Offerings

Georgine Steude

Saline Area Social Service

Deacon Don

Baskets

Rosemary Brodie

Local Ministries

Knitting/Quilting
 Barbara Arnold

Crop Walk

Talle Jolliffe

Blood Drive

The Wales

Fishing Contest

The Milkeys

Hospitality

Dan McGraw

Mission Café

Barbara Vaillancourt

World Ministry Team

Vicki English



Mission Café

Sundays, April 19 & May 17—after the 10am service

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

Thank you to Barbara, all who helped and all who came and ate!

The Food Garden received \$359.25 and SASS received \$316
which they are going to use to purchase gift cards at Meijer.

The proceeds from the April Cafe will go to pay for the sign
at the Saline Rec Center baseball field.

A New Way to Help Saline Area Social Service

Meijer on Ann Arbor-Saline Road has chosen SASS to be the recipient of the spring **Simply Give** drive. The drive begins Sunday, March 29 and ends May 11.

**April 17 & 18
are especially important!**

Because they are “double match” days. The purchase of a \$10 *Simply Give* card will yield \$30 for SASS. Donations are in increments of \$10, but not limited to that amount, so a donation of \$50 will be double matched to yield \$150. It's a wonderful opportunity to stretch your contribution to SASS and to help keep the food pantry stocked.



Holy Faith Food Garden

*The garden team met Tuesday, March 24
to plan for the 2015 growing season.*

As always, Jane and Larry Darling will prepare and till the garden early in the season. We hope to get the garden laid out and the early crops planted the first week in May.

Crops we are planning for this season include: squash, cabbage, beets, radishes, onions, cucumbers, potatoes, peas, peppers and beans. We are going to make a homemade seed tape (following directions found online) for the tiny carrot seeds too!

In addition, we are planning a sign to announce the presence of our garden, so if you are a carpenter and would like to help with this, please see Vicki English. We also hope to get a couple of large compost bins set up beside the garden so we have a nice contained spot to dump our garden debris.

Besides just taking everything to SASS, we hope to occasionally offer fresh vegetables to members of the congregation throughout the summer.

Please remember to bring in excess produce from your home garden and we will take it in to SASS along with what we grow, or you could offer it to the congregation.

If you wish to be involved, please let Susan Cummings or Suzanne Bulchalski know so we can make sure you are on the list to be contacted with updates and information.

Special Gifts Offering April 2015 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.

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.*

Special Gifts Offering May 2015 Friends In Deed

Since 1983 Friends in Deed has developed into an interfaith network of over 75 volunteers from 47 area congregations to provide for the needs of low income people in our community. While many of the requests they receive are distributed among the three big categories of housing, transportation, and utilities, there is another 4th category where they provide very special, unique services that other agencies can rarely address. Examples are water heater leaks and breakdowns, sewer backups, furnace repairs, and especially, emergency car repairs. Friends in Deed also arranges for delivery of furniture and larger appliances to people needing these items.

Please make your check out to Holy Faith and note "FID" on the memo line.

April 2015

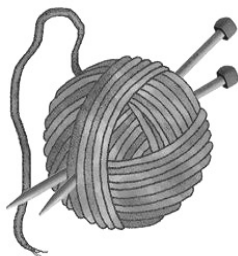
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 29 Palm Sunday 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	March 30 <i>Office Closed</i> AA Mtg. 7pm	March 31 Adult Study 10:30am	1 Passover Seder 6pm OA Mtg. 6-7pm	2 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm	3 Good Friday <i>@St. Andrew's Catholic in Saline</i> 7:30pm	4 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am Easter Vigil 7:30pm
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Everyone is always invited to Lunch Bunch!
 You just have to come!

Lunch Bunch!

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

KNITTING AND QUILTING



Prayer Shawls—A new knitting ministry!

At a recent Lunch Bunch meeting, Rosemary Brodie brought a prayer shawl to show everyone with the thought this might be a ministry the knitters at Holy Faith would enjoy. The shawl was given to Rosemary by members of her former church as she anticipated a surgery this past winter. It was simple and beautiful and given to her with much love.

Obviously this ministry is special; prayer shawls are made with such love. Each person who knits these prays as she/he begins each time for whoever eventually receives the shawl.

When the work is completed, it is washed and blessed and beautifully packaged for delivery for the day it is needed.

Please talk to Barbara Arnold with any questions, or if you are interested and would like more information about how to begin knitting a prayer shawl.

The baby bonnet ministry is still going strong. U of M Mott Hospital loves having these for their newborns. Please bring in your completed bonnets and we will have them blessed in late April or May.

Over the centuries, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace and spiritual sustenance.

Knitters in a Prayer Shawl Ministry lovingly donate their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls, filled with the power of prayer, for those in need. The blessing of the Prayer Shawl provides healing and comfort to the sick, the lonely and the elderly, or shares in the accomplishment of the graduate, newlywed, and newborn. Like all acts of generosity, the presentation of a Prayer Shawl enriches the giver as well as the recipient.

May 2015

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24 Pentecost 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	25 <i>Office Closed</i> AA Mtg. 7pm	26	27 OA Mtg. 6-7pm	28	29	30 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
31 Holy Trinity 1 Pentecost 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 9:15-9:45am Choir Rehearsal 10am Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour						



WORLD MISSION TEAM

The World Mission Team will work in Detroit this summer with Life Remodeled helping clean up the neighborhood near Osborn High School.

The Project is set for August 3-9 and Holy Faith will be working there part of the week.

A presentation about Life Remodeled and the work they do will be shown soon one Sunday after church. The team will be there to sign you up to help, so please set aside some time this summer.

Helping One Neighborhood at a Time

A new church photo directory was just published with all our most current information.

Please Remember:

In order to keep our records up to date, notify the church office of any changes to your email, phone number or address.



SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	Easter Day April 5	2 Easter April 12	3 Easter April 19 <i>Mission Cafe</i>	4 Easter April 26
8:15 Reader	Cicely Johnson	Mike Centlivre Suzanne Buchalski	Art Witbart	Mary Fatchett
10:00 Asst. Min.	Harold Tinsey	Lisa Reifert	Katie Garvey	Molly Hilton
10:00 Reader	Tish Dersnah	Jean Savage	Ian Brown	Clarke Flewelling
10:00 Ushers	Judie and Rick Wales	Talle and Steve Jolliffe	Sam Proud Ingrid Smart	David Dubay
10:00 Greeters	Clarke Flewelling Dan McGraw	Norlaine and Harold Tinsey	Jane Darling	Tish Dersnah Alice Kitchen
10:00 Acolyte	Tim Custer	Branden Amstutz	Nels Erickson	Bethany Mitchell
Coffee Hosts	All of Us	Steude/Donovan	<i>Mission Café/ Vaillancourt/ Kitchen</i>	Wales/Murray/ White
Altar Guild	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett
Counters	Fritz/Kent	Steve J./Carolyn	Harold/Mike V.	Kent/Rick

	5 Easter May 3	6 Easter May 10	7 Easter May 17 <i>Mission Cafe</i>	Pentecost May 24	Holy Trinity 1 Pentecost May 31
8:15 Reader	Cicely Johnson	Mike Centlivre Suzanne Buchalski	Art Witbart	Mary Fatchett	Cicely Johnson
10:00 Asst. Min.	Sandy White	Milo White	Carolyn Schneider	Susan Cummings	Harold Tinsey
10:00 Reader	Milo White	Claire Amstutz	Christen Mitchell	Lisa Reifert	Betsey Hubbard
10:00 Ushers	Talle and Steve Jolliffe	Judie and Rick Wales	Sam Proud	David Dubay Ingrid Smart	Judie and Rick Wales
10:00 Greeters	Tish Dersnah Barbara Arnold	Norlaine and Harold Tinsey	Sandy and Milo White	Tish Dersnah Katie Garvey	Clarke Flewelling Dan McGraw
10:00 Acolyte	Tim Custer	Branden Amstutz	Ashley Schneider	Nels Erickson	Bethany Mitchell
Coffee Hosts	Mitchell/Milkey	Hubbard/Arnold	<i>Mission Café Vaillancourt/ Need Set-up Help!</i>	Crichton/Darling	Baisch/Marr/ Brown
Altar Guild	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett	Mary Fatchett
Counters	Milo/Steve	Harold/Mike V.	Carolyn/Fritz	Steve/Rick	Kent/Milo

Altar Flowers are Given...

April 12 by the Katie Garvey & Steve Erickson
In Honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary

April 26 by Fritz & Lisa Reifert
*In Celebration of
their daughter Mary's Graduation from EMU*

May 10 by Georgine Steude

May 24 by Clarke Flewelling & Dan McGraw
In Celebration of their Marriage



Copier Update

As you know, Holy Faith negotiated a new copier lease with Toshiba last summer. It has proven to be a wise decision due to the cost savings we have already seen.

During the months of July 2013—March 2014, our copy costs were \$3,497.00. We signed a new lease in June of 2014 and our copy costs for the months of July 2014—March 2015 were \$1,959.00.

**That is a savings of over
\$1,500 in just 9 months!**

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MISSION STATEMENT

Seek God Together.

Grow in Spirit and Love.

Reach Out to Our Neighbor and the World.



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