

# The Saline Psalter

**HOLY FAITH CHURCH**

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**September & October 2015**

## A note from the Pastor



*Nobody on the road,  
nobody on the beach.  
I feel it in the air,  
the summers out of reach.*

~ Don Henley, "The Boys of Summer"

The fall season can be a glorious time in Michigan as the air becomes cooler and the brilliant hues of the leaves catch our eyes. We can savor the autumn season but there is always the hint of the cool north wind which will all too soon roar down on us from Canada. However, summer is the season when we come alive as schedules relax with vacation time and some opportunities for trips to a lake and time with family and friends. We get our hands dirty as we tend to our gardens or do work in the yard. The longer days enable us to spend more outdoor time to appreciate God's creation.

In the previous issue of the Psalter I encouraged everyone to take the opportunity for Sabbath, i.e., a time of renewal, of recharging, of listening for the voice of God. I trust that you were able to accomplish that in some manner. Some of you continue to spend time at your cottage. Enjoy! For others it is back to the schedules and rhythms of school or work. At Holy Faith we begin a new worship folder and anticipate a resumption of church-related activities.

The Transition Team hosted two events during the summer and will lead two more in September. I encourage you to participate in these activities. They are helpful in the process of determining your identity as a parish and the preparation for calling the next pastor/priest at Holy Faith.

During the first two weeks of September I will be traveling in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic with the German choir I have sung with since I returned to Michigan. They tour every several years and because most of the singers have family ties to the areas in which we travel we are able to visit places the usual tourist doesn't see. As I travel in the tour bus and share meals, I get to know the singers' and their family stories after World War II. There are some amazing stories.

As we journey together into the fall season I look forward to working with you in the call process and helping discern what it means to be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ as you do ministry for the sake of the world

See you in worship!  
Pastor Eckermann

### The New and Improved Holy Faith Website!

*All of the best with a fresh new look.*

[www.holy-faith-church.org](http://www.holy-faith-church.org)

*Check out "Member Pages"  
It is an easy to find link in the footer.  
The password is "Lutherpalian".*

If you can't remember if you are on the schedule to host coffee hour, to assist at the altar or just misplaced your directory—go to "Member Pages".

Also—the newsletters, weekly bulletins and the church calendar are all there.



### Our New Treasurer Team Wendy and Andy Amstutz

Thank you to Mary Barber for all her dedication and hard work. Mary will make sure Wendy and Andy are up to speed and comfortable with the job before they take over completely.

### Tuesday Morning Adult Study Class

Begins September 22  
10:30-11:30am

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

Some of the groups we will explore are the Amish, Mormons, Quakers and other denominations with which we have full communion. This will be more of a survey class rather than an in-depth study of any one religion, and there will be much to learn and understand!

**Join us! Everyone is welcome.**

*Questions?  
See Tish Dersnah or Wendy Amstutz*

## TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The Transition Team consists of Pastor Stan, Katie Garvey, Kent Handelsman, Talle Jolliffe, Dan McGraw, Christen Mitchell, and Rick Wales. During our August 16th event, several members requested more information about the team, so this writing seeks to clarify its work.

### The Path to New Leadership:

The Transition Team's work is to help the congregation think about their needs and form a written record of them. This information should inform candidates about who we are and what we need. The congregation can contribute to this discussion by attending Transition Team events, completing surveys, and chatting with members of the team.

After its work is done, the team will hand off a final report to the Search Team (being formed now), which will liaison with the ELCA and ECUSA to post our position to internet search sites. At this point, the timeline will depend on responses from interested candidates, the screening and interview process, and finding the right match for both congregation and prospective pastor. Everyone is hoping to move as quickly as possible while balancing the time and effort it takes to find quality candidates well-suited for our church community's needs and aspirations. The time and effort spent in this initial phase of the process should help expedite the selection.

### Next Steps:

The team will host several more events in September:

#### Sunday, September 13:

A brief event during which we will have paper surveys for the congregation to complete.

#### Sunday, September 27:

Pastor Stan will lead another discussion session.

*Are you interested in serving on the Search Team?  
Have a suggestion as to who should serve?*

Please contact any member of the PLT.  
Steve Jolliffe, Vicki English, Ann Mayers,  
Susan Cummings, David Dubay, or Clarke Flewelling.

## Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 11, 10:00am



We will begin our Feast of St. Francis Animal Blessing service outside, weather permitting. We will move inside after the animals are blessed for the rest of the service—pets are welcome to come along.

Animals of all kinds are welcome!

## Stewardship 2016

### What is Stewardship?

*Simply stated, stewardship is using the gifts God has given us; to do the things God calls us to do.*

This year we will begin our stewardship conversations together on Sunday, October 4. We have much to be grateful for at Holy Faith and so much more to look forward to.

Our conversations and prayers together are especially important this year as we consider what we are looking for in a new pastor. So please be a part of this process and we will celebrate our financial commitment on Sunday, November 15 when we fill out our pledge cards.

## Fall Clean Up Day

Saturday, October 3

There will be inside and outside jobs. We want to make sure our church is looking its best as we prepare to call a new pastor.

**Please make plans to come and help!**

*Cider and doughnuts will be provided.*

## Sunday School, Nursery Care and Choir

Sunday School dates and times will be announced when everything is in place.

Pastor Stan has some feelers out for a new choir director and nursery care provider.

*Does anyone have any friends that might be interested?*

## BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

Sunday, September 13  
at the 10:00 am service



### Teachers and Youth of all Ages

Bring your books and school supplies for a special blessing to start off the school year.

**Please remember**

**our college bound members at this time too.**

Gina Chan—Loyola University, Chicago

Aaron Leonard—Alma College

Keith Cummings—Washtenaw CC

Cristina Czyrka—State University of NY at Buffalo

Meredith Mitchell—Eastern Michigan University

Rita Garvey-Erickson—Michigan State University

Melinda Murray—Washtenaw CC

Jonathan Amstutz—Washtenaw CC

# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



We all care about hungry people, but what can one person do? You can join in the local CROP Hunger Walk to raise your voice against hunger and raise funds to help hungry people around the world and here in our own area. If you would like to donate or sponsor a member of the church you can do so by signing their form or going online at [hunger.cwsglobal.org](http://hunger.cwsglobal.org).

**Sunday, October 4, 2015**

As in past years, Holy Faith is going to participate in this event. It takes place on Sunday, October 4, 2015. Walkers can choose a one or three mile walk. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with the walk beginning at 2 p.m. from First United Methodist Church, 1200 North Ann Arbor Street.

Twenty-five percent of the local funds raised will be given to Saline Area Social Service. Please consider joining in the walk or helping those in need by sponsoring a walker or donating to this worthwhile event.

Talle Jolliffe is Holy Faith's representative and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.



**Waters of Reconciliation:**  
Race Relations and Diversity  
*The 181st Convention of the Diocese of Michigan*

**181st Episcopal Convention**  
Suburban Collection Diamond Center  
Novi, MI  
October 23 and 24, 2015

Our delegates from Holy Faith are  
Tish Dersnah, Molly Hilton & Talle Jolliffe.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR TABLE**



**The Holy Faith Cookbook**

Cookbooks are available for purchase  
They are still only \$5 each.  
See Joan in the office.

**Meijer**  
*Simply Give*

**Sunday, July 19—Saturday, September 12**

Purchase Meijer Food Pantry Donation cards at the Meijer store at 3145 Ann Arbor-Saline Road in Ann Arbor and Meijer will match that price and give it to SASS (\$10 will become \$20).

**Thursday, September 3rd—Saturday, September 5th**  
If you purchase cards on these 3 days, Meijer will DOUBLE match (\$10 becomes \$30).

*Holy Faith held on to the Special Offerings we gave in June for SASS, along a few other random offerings. A total of \$610 will be used during these days to purchase Food Pantry Cards at Meijer—which will be returned to SASS for a total of \$1,830!*

**DELONIS CENTER**

**Tuesday, September 29, 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 December 29, 2015**

**Altar Flowers are Given...**



**August 30 by Sam Proud**  
*In Memory of his Parents*

**September 13 by Kent & Shanna Handlesman**  
*In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary*

**September 27 by Jeff & Susan Cummings**  
*In Celebration of their 26th Wedding Anniversary*

**October 11—open**

**October 25 by Betsey Hubbard**  
*In Memory of Marianne & Howard Grant*

**November 22—open**



## Mission Café

Sundays, September 20 & October 18  
after the 10am service

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

The September 20th Mission Café will benefit campus ministry at Canterbury House (Episcopal) and Intersection (Lutheran). These ministries have provided campus ministry at the University of Michigan, as well as outreach to EMU, for some decades. They serve students, faculty and staff as well as outreach to the community. Campus ministry around the country faces some of the same challenges as the local parish, e.g., the reduction in the number of people of all ages who attend worship. Financial support to our campus ministries will help sustain and encourage them as they do ministry on our behalf.

### 2015 Giving Update

This is what we have given to our Mission Café "missions" and to our Monthly Special Offerings.

Mission Cafe		
February	Food Garden	\$290
March	SASS	\$383
April	Rec Center Sign	\$224
May	Church Beautification	\$200
June	ELCA Youth Gathering	\$198
		Total = \$1,295

Monthly Special Offerings		
January	SASS	\$555
February	M.I.S.S.I.O.N.	\$275
March	Episcopal Relief & Development	\$70
April	Hope Clinic	\$175
May	Friends-In-Deed	\$85
June	SASS	\$480
July	Elle's Place	\$95
		Total = \$1,735

### Special Gifts Offering Sept. 2015 Therapeutic Riding Inc. (TRI)

Therapeutic Riding Inc. (TRI) is a very special and unique volunteer based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides the opportunity for personal growth to Washtenaw County area youth and adults with disabilities. The TRI mission is to develop physical, mental, and emotional capabilities, and to enhance self-esteem through therapeutic horseback riding. Some of the rider's challenges include ADHD, Autistic Spectrum disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, Seizure disorders, and many other conditions. About 75% of the riders are children and teens. Among the many benefits of horseback riding for these individuals is being able to control an animal larger than the rider. Many of these riders can control little in their life. Controlling the horse builds self-confidence which helps them face other challenges in their life.

TRI has a large beautiful facility on 46 acres on Morgan Road in Pittsfield Township that generous donors made possible. TRI employs 7 people, 5 of them are instructors. About 150 volunteers are needed each week to assist the riders (2 or 3 accompany each rider). A few horses are donated, but most must be purchased and trained. While a fee is charged for riding, donations to a scholarship fund ensure that everyone who can benefit from the program is admitted. Fees cover about 18% of the cost. The remainder of the program is dependent on donations. This program gives us the opportunity to support a community neighborhood service.

More information is available on their website: [www.therapeuticridinginc.org](http://www.therapeuticridinginc.org)

*Please make out a check out to Holy Faith and note TRI on the memo line.*

### Special Gifts Offering Oct. 2015 Heifer International

Heifer International is well known to most of us and has become one of our favorite charities. It is indeed a unique organization that was among the first to promote the idea of helping people to help themselves. They have assisted more than 15 million families directly and indirectly since 1944.

Your gift to Heifer International buys animals such as goats, sheep, rabbits, chickens, bees or plants that become the fuel for hope and give people, not a hand out, but a hand up out of the cycle of poverty and hunger. These are living gifts that not only provide families with the dignity of feeding themselves, but also the means to pay for clothing, an education, doctor visits, and decent shelter.

Heifer also uses our funds to train and educate families to use and care for their animals or plants; and to use sustainable farming methods. Families are also instructed in how to find veterinary care and markets for their products.

Finally, because each recipient family must pass on their first offspring of the animal they receive, or the equivalent, each gift is multiplied again and again with each generation.

There is more information at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) or at [www.facebook.com/heiferinternational](http://www.facebook.com/heiferinternational).

*Please write your check out to Holy Faith and put Heifer on the memo line.*



## Chrysanthemums for Sale!

*Saline Cooperative Preschool is selling chrysanthemums for their fall fundraiser.*

The price is \$8.25 each; the pot is 8 inches. You may choose yellow, white, burgundy or butterscotch. Deadline is September 13. If enough mums are ordered, Saline Flowerland will deliver them to the church. If not, you will have to pick them up at Saline Flowerland on September 25. Order forms are available on the shelf underneath the bulletin board.

Call or email Joan with questions.

Make checks payable to Saline Co-op and put in Joan's mailbox.

### Work Around the Church

**Jeff Cummings** plumbed in temperature mixing valves in the three sinks downstairs in the preschool. We've been turning our water heater down so the students don't accidentally scald themselves. Now, with the mixing valves, the kids can turn the hot water all the way on and it won't get any warmer than "tepid". And now we can always have hot water in the rest of the church!

**Clark Flewelling** has been at the church often this summer weeding and watering. We hope everyone has been admiring the beautiful, well-tended flower bed in the front under the cross.

Thank you to **Mike Centlivre & Suzanne Bulchalski, Christen Mitchell, and Steve & Talle Jolliffe** for the spring garden work; **John Czyrka** for sanding and re-staining the swing in the front; and to **David Dubay** for trimming some of our trees so we can see the church!

The locks on the door finally work well and it was a simple, inexpensive fix. Vogel's Lock & Safe came out and greased and filed our old door locks—and they now work like dream!



## Holy Faith Food Garden

The garden has been well-tended this year. Thanks to **Suzanne Buchalski, Mike Centlivre, Susan Cummings, Barb Czyrka, Connie DeHaan, Mary Hogan, Ian Brown, Clarke Flewelling, Betsey Hubbard and Brooks Hinerman.**

Thank you again to **Katie Garvey** for providing the pepper plants this year; and to **Larry & Jane Darling** for fertilizing, fighting weeds and rototilling this spring in preparation for planting.

We have harvested peas, onions, potatoes, peppers, cucumbers, carrots, radishes and beets. We are still waiting on the acorn squash; the peppers and beans are still going strong.

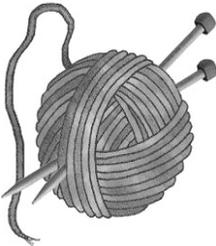
We have planted a second crop of onions, carrots, radishes and spinach. So far, it all looks good.

Most of the produce is given to SASS, but we hope some of you had an opportunity to sample a potato or two that we put out for the congregation a few weeks ago.

Questions? Please talk to Susan Cummings or Suzanne Bulchalski.

## KNITTING AND QUILTING

*Prayer Shawls—A new knitting ministry!*



Last spring, Rosemary Brodie brought a prayer shawl to show the Holy Faith Knitters & Quilters with the thought this might be a ministry we would enjoy. The shawl was given to Rosemary by members of her former church as she anticipated a surgery this past winter.

The person knitting the shawl begins and ends with prayers each time the piece is picked up and put down. When complete, it is washed, blessed and ready for when it is needed.

### Sunday, September 13

We will meet briefly after worship to discuss and view some prayer shawls and learn more about making them. Rosemary Brodie, Marjorie Frank and her daughter Marcia Gridley will also have a few baby quilts they completed this summer. We will have patterns that are simple and pretty.

The baby bonnet ministry is still going strong. U of M Mott Children's Hospital loves having these for their newborns.

*Please talk to Barbara Arnold with any questions.*

*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.

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
<b>Pastor Stan gone Sept. 2—19 Joan Gone Sept 4-14</b>			OA Mtg. 6-7pm			
6 <b>15 Pentecost</b> Gene Curry presiding 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	7 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	8 <i>Office Closed</i>	9 <i>Office Closed</i>  OA Mtg. 6-7pm	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
13 <b>16 Pentecost</b> Blessing of the School Year Jim Graham presiding Transition Event 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	14 <i>Office Closed</i>  Lunch Bunch Noon @ Carrigan's  AA Mtg. 7pm	15	16   OA Mtg. 6-7pm	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>Joan Gone Office Closed</i>	19 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am  Paper Pantry 9:30am
20 <b>17 Pentecost</b> 3 on the 3rd Mission Cafe 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Mission Cafe	21 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	22 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am  PLT Mtg. 7pm	23   OA Mtg. 6-7pm	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25	26 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
27 <b>18 Pentecost</b> Transition Event 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	28 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	29 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am  Delonis 3-7pm	30   OA Mtg. 6-7pm			

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2	3 <b>Fall Clean-Up Day</b>  OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
4 <b>19 Pentecost</b> Pastor Stan Gone Gene Curry presiding Crop Walk 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	5 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	6 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	7   OA Mtg. 6-7pm	8 <i>Office Closed</i>	9	10 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am
11 <b>20 Pentecost</b> Pet Blessing 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	12 <i>Office Closed</i>  Lunch Bunch Noon @ Carrigan's  AA Mtg. 7pm	13 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	14   OA Mtg. 6-7pm	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	16	17 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am  Paper Pantry 9:30am
18 <b>21 Pentecost</b> Healing Prayer 3 on the 3rd Mission Cafe 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Mission Cafe	19 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	20 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am  PLT Mtg. 7pm	21   OA Mtg. 6-7pm	22 <i>Office Closed</i>	23 <i>Joan Gone Office Closed</i>	24 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Diocesan Convention</div>
25 <b>22 Pentecost</b> Reformation Sunday 8:15 & 10:00am Worship 11am Coffee Hour	26 <i>Office Closed</i>  AA Mtg. 7pm	27 Adult Study 10:30-11:30am	28   OA Mtg. 6-7pm	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30	31 OA Mtg. 8:30-9:30am

## SUNDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	15 Pentecost September 6	16 Pentecost September 13	17 Pentecost September 20 <i>Mission Cafe</i>	18 Pentecost September 27
<b>8:15 Reader</b>	Mike & Suzanne	Mary F.	Art W.	Cicely J.
<b>10:00 Asst. Min.</b>	Sandy W.	Katie G.	Lisa R.	Carolyn S.
<b>10:00 Reader</b>	Barbara J.	Betsey H.	Barbara A.	Georgine S.
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	David D.	Talle & Steve	Sam P.	Judie & Rick
<b>10:00 Greeters</b>	Alice K. & Tish	Norlaine & Harold	Sandy W. & Tish	Clarke & Dan
<b>10:00 Acolyte</b>	Branden A.	Nels E.	Elyse N.	Tim C.
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	All of us	Vicki E./Reifert	<i>Mission Café</i> Vaillancourt/Amstutz	Hubbard/Milkey
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christen M.	Betsey H.	Betsey H.	Betsey H.
<b>Counters</b>	Harold & Andy	Steve & Rick	Carolyn & Kent	Harold & Mike V.

	19 Pentecost October 4	20 Pentecost October 11	21 Pentecost October 18 <i>Mission Cafe</i>	22 Pentecost Reformation Sunday October 25
<b>8:15 Reader</b>	Mike & Suzanne	Mary F.	Cicely J.	Art W.
<b>10:00 Asst. Min.</b>	Susan C.	Harold T.	Molly H.	Ann M.
<b>10:00 Reader</b>	Christen M.	Lisa R.	Branden A.	Noelle M.
<b>10:00 Ushers</b>	Sam P.	Talle & Steve	David D.	Judie & Rick
<b>10:00 Greeters</b>	Tish & Katie G.	Alice K. & Tish	Norlaine & Harold	Clarke & Dan
<b>10:00 Acolyte</b>	Bethany M.	Branden A.	Nels E.	Elyse N.
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Dubay	Mitchell/Arnold	<i>Mission Café</i> Vaillancourt/Kitchen	Brown/Baisch/Marr
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Betsey H.	Betsey H.	Betsey H.	Betsey H.
<b>Counters</b>	Steve & Andy	Rick & Carolyn	Kent & Mike V.	Harold & Steve

To the Members of Holy Faith,

My family and I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and assistance during these past weeks since Milo's death. Thank you for your help during the service and afterwards at the lovely reception, which was enjoyed by all.

Many people who are not members of Holy Faith commented on how friendly and caring everyone seemed to be. That is what Holy Faith Church is all about. Milo would have been overwhelmed and greatly appreciative of all the effort and care that made the day such a celebration of his life.

Many thanks again for making a sad time so special and memorable.

Sandy

On a side note: I know he loved the peanut butter sandwich and the glass of lemonade!

## 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.*

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