



Not Just a Building ...

Holy Faith Church 2025 Year in Review

Whether you've been a part of our Holy Faith church family for decades, or you've just discovered us this year, we hope you'll enjoy watching and reliving 2025 with us. We look forward to following Jesus with you in 2026!



Annual Meeting



Ella O'Malley Birthday from Albuquerque Via Zoom



20th Anniversary Celebration



2003 Milestone 1: Our Merger

Merger of the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches

- Holy Cross Episcopal and Faith Lutheran Churches have shared our building since the mid 1970's. Both churches began their ministry in the mid 1960's.
- By year 2000, both small churches were without pastors. The Lutheran Synod and the Episcopal Diocese recommended we merge our two congregations.
- Pastor Dale Truscott was sent to fill the void and join our two churches into one.
- We created a joint governing council called the Parish Administration Team (PAT).
- We began worship together and Pastor Dale combined our two liturgies helping us through the processes.
- Pastor Dale was instrumental in drafting the new by-laws that were submitted to the two church governing bodies.
- We agreed on a new name: Holy Faith Church - Episcopal and Lutheran.



Pastor Dale Truscott



2005 Milestone 2: Federation

We Become a Federated Congregation

- Merged all financial and property records
 - We achieved Parish Status and were no longer financially dependent on either governing body
 - The PAT governing board is renamed the Parish Leadership Team (PLT)
- 2006
- Pastor Dale retires and Pastor Ian Reed Twiss begins



2008 Milestone 3: New Outreach

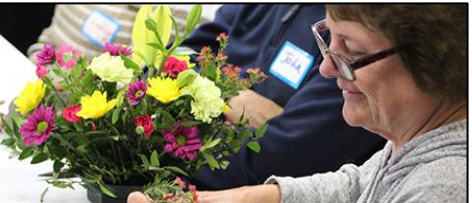
Outreach Was In Informative Stages for the New Church

- Holy Faith Food Garden**
- All-volunteer run program for 13 years that serves Saline Area Social Service and the Fed UP Food Ministries
 - Donations have approached up to 350 pounds of produce in a year
- Paper Pantry**
- Parishioner Lisa Reifert organized a group to distribute toiletries and paper products to disadvantaged people who use EBT cards for food that helps stretch dollars for its users
 - Along with St. Pauls UCC, we serve Mill Pond Manor, Chidester House, Liberty Club and Calvary Bible Church
 - Over the past 11 years, the program has distributed over 41,000 items
- Delonis Center**
- Serving meals at the Delonis Center, a homeless shelter in Ann Arbor

- Prayer Shawl Ministry**
- Donating knitted shawls to those fighting illness or needing a reminder of God's love
- Saline Area Social Service**
- A long-standing partnership providing food items to their food pantry and their holiday food baskets for families
- Saline Cooperative Nursery School**
- Although SCOP terminated their program in December 2024, they used our building since 1988 and have been a significant partner in sustaining Holy Faith Church



Paper Pantry



2019 Milestone 4: Dementia Support

Serving the Dementia Community

- 2019
- Parishioner Jim Mangi recognized the need for dementia support for patients and caregivers within our community
 - Jim developed presentations on living with dementia that has grown to serve the larger county-wide population
 - Saline was designated a Dementia Friendly Community
 - Holy Faith becomes first Dementia Friendly congregation in Southeast Michigan
- 2020
- Memory Café established to provide patients / caregivers with respite and entertainment on a bi-monthly basis
 - Further entertainment opportunities are provided jointly with the Emagine Theater providing special movies, snacks and amenities to the dementia community
- 2024
- A community chorus is started with performances held at Holy Faith
 - Due to massive growth, more space was needed. The UCC will now host future Memory Café events
 - Governor Whitmer recognizes Jim and the Dementia Committee with a Governor's Service Award.



2024 Milestone 5: Outreach Grows

Outreach Coordinator Hired to Expand HFC Presence in the Local Community

- Undue Medical Debt**
- A program to erase medical debt in Washtenaw, Wayne, and Jackson counties
 - For every \$1 we raised, Undue will buy \$100 of medical debt
 - Holy Faith aimed to raise \$10,000, reduce \$1 million of medical debt
 - Exceeded goal: \$21,780 was raised
 - \$2,935,072 of medical debt was erased for 2,381 residents in need
- First Friday Meals at Hope Clinic**
- Volunteers serve meals to residents in need the first Friday of every month
 - Approximately 170 meals are served, including meal prep and clean-up
 - Partner with Saline High School students and Webster UCC



Gemini Concert



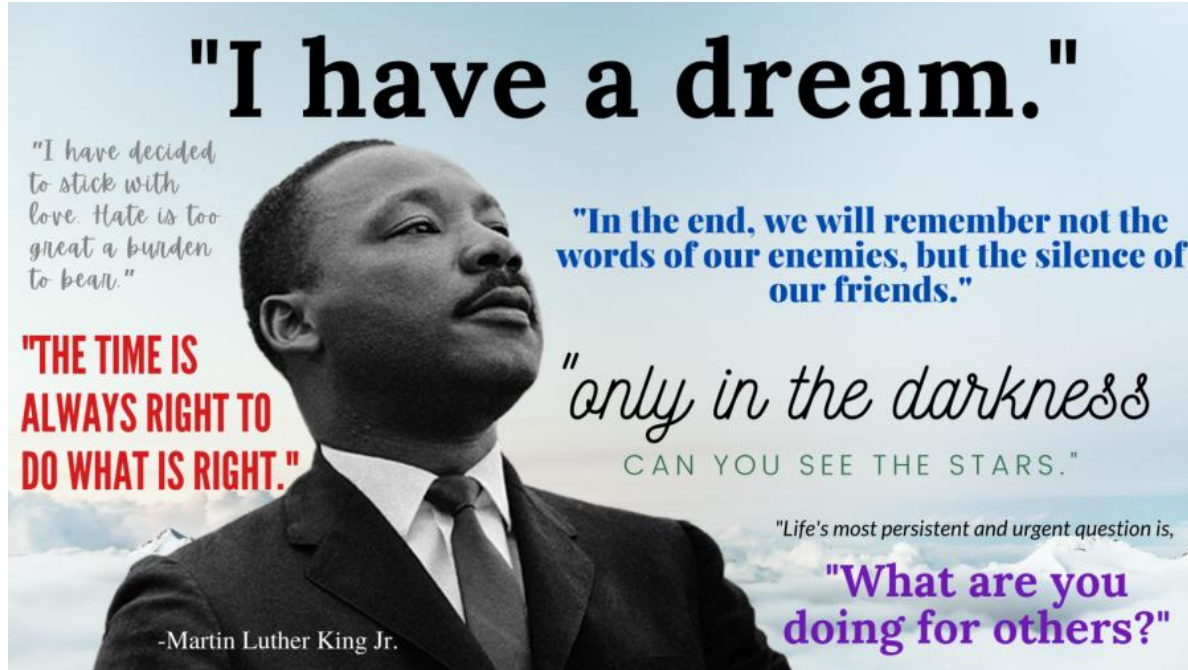
Active Shooters Training



Saying Goodbye to the Old and Hello to the New Chairs



Martin Luther King Jr. Children's Workshop



Tuesday Morning Adult Education



Mindfulness Retreat



Charles Wright Museum Visit



Chrism Mass



Palm Sunday



Easter at Holy Faith



Little Music Makers



New Sidewalk Installed



“The Chosen” Watch Parties Continued



Death & Dying Planning Seminars

**Community Lunch and Learn
Death and Dying:
Planning the Journey**

Talking about death and loss is difficult and can feel overwhelming.

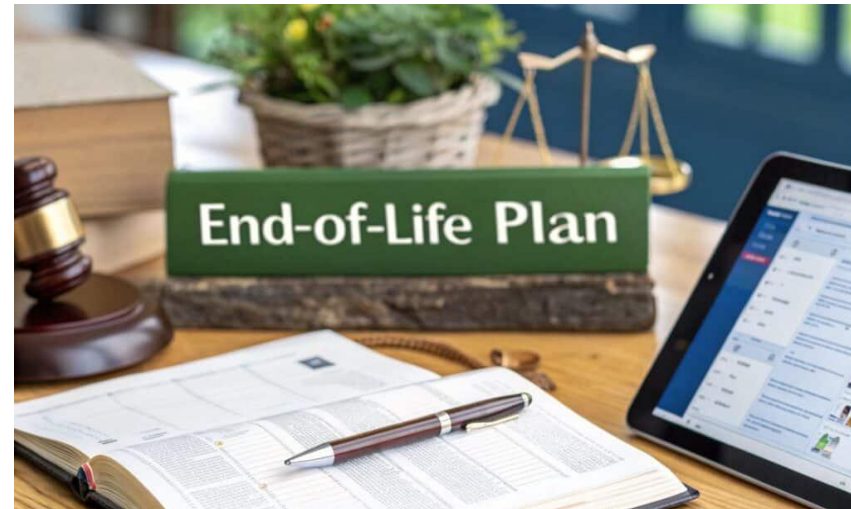
Join us as we explore the social context of death and dying,
and the impact of good end of life care.

**Wednesday April 2, 2025
11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

SPEAKER:
Bill Knight, DDS, MS,MS
Co-Leader of Volunteer Activities for Compassion & Choices (Michigan)
and Member, Academy of Aid-in-Dying Medicine

LOCATION:
Holy Faith Church
6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Saline, Michigan 48176
(734) 429-2991 - www.holyfaithsaline.org

FREE!
You bring a sack lunch. We'll provide the beverages.



Ongoing Community Ministries – SASS Food Pantry



Garden 2025



Hope Clinic – First Friday Meals



Soles4Souls



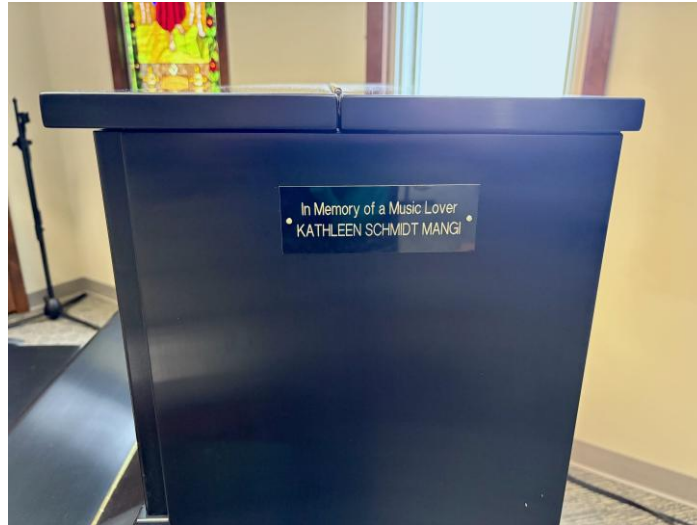
“Stuff the Bus” School Supply Program



Gift Cards / Food for Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets



Arrival of Our New Piano



Removal of Our Beloved Maple Tree



Before



After



Sounds & Silence



SEMI Synod Justice Summit



Lord of Light Dinner



“Voices for Justice” Members Attended No Kings Event



Blessing of the Animals



Blessing of the Animals

EVERYONE WELCOME!
Celebrating All Creatures, Great and Small

Bring your contained or leashed animals (any kind – feathered, furry, scaly, etc.) to receive a blessing, a certificate, and a St. Francis medal.

Join Holy Faith for the worship service at 10 am OR bring your animals to the blessing at 12 noon.

**Sunday
October 5, 2025
12:00 - 12:30 pm**

Outdoors Blessing
Free Ample Parking

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Deacon Don Dersnah's Last Service



Thanks to Saline HS Key Club for Helping at Fall Cleanup



New Sign Installation



St. Nicholas Day



Caroling at Brecon Village



Journey to Narnia in Advent



Tea with Tumnus



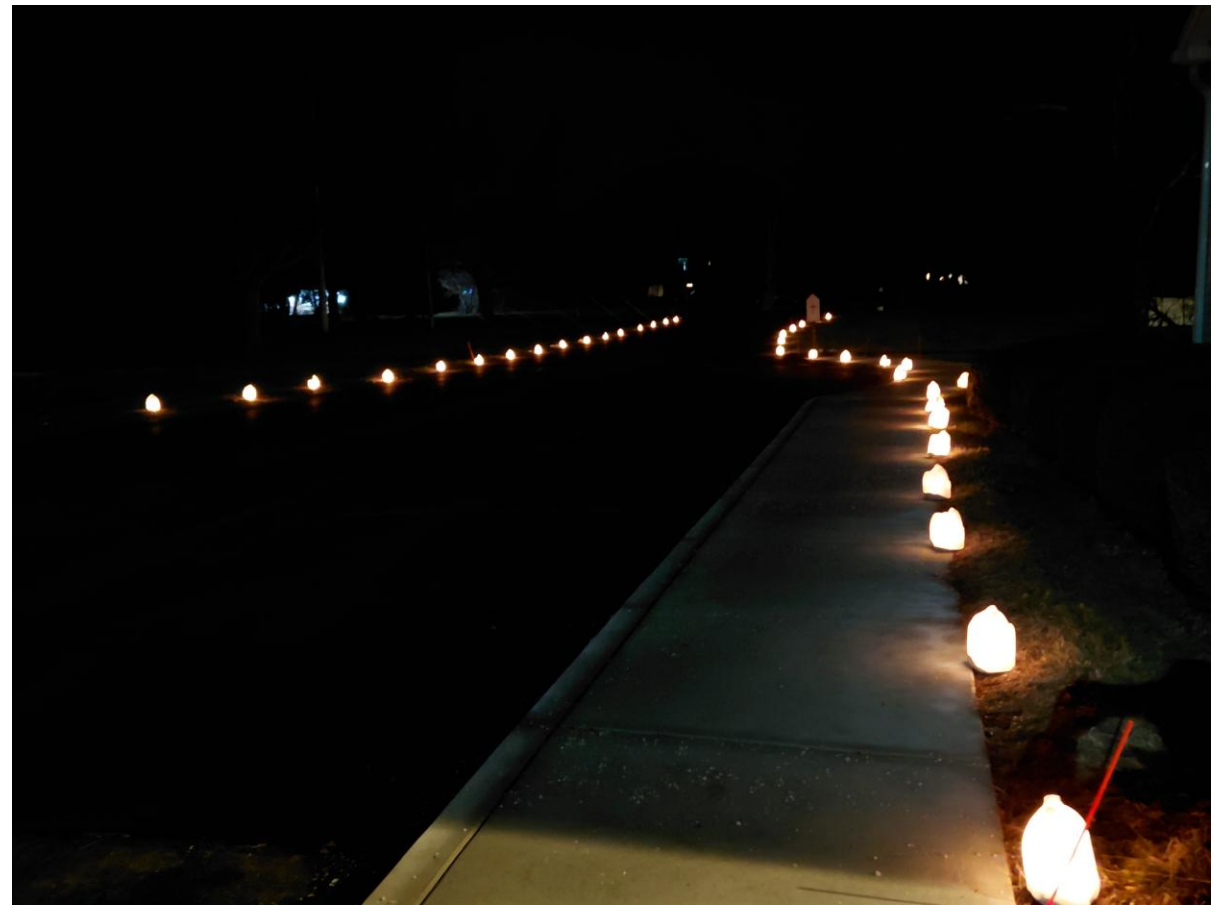
Greening of the Church



Christmas Eve



Luminarias Were Back!



Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. Grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ELW, Prayer for Congregational Ministries