



*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



# 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1960s.
- 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 Formative 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

**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

**Paper Pantry**  
• Parishioner Lisa Reifert organized a group to distribute groceries and paper products to disadvantaged people who use EBT cards for food that helps stretch dollars for its users

**Saline Cooperative Nursery School**  
• Although COOP terminated their program in December 2024, they used our building since 1988 and have been a significant partner in sustaining Holy Faith Church

**Delonis Center**  
• Serving meals at the Delonis Center, a homeless shelter in Ann Arbor

**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 Imagine Theater providing special movies, snacks and amenities to the dementia community

**ALZHEIMERS A DISEASE NOT A DISGRACE 1 MAY 7 PM & 4 MAY 10 AM**



## 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



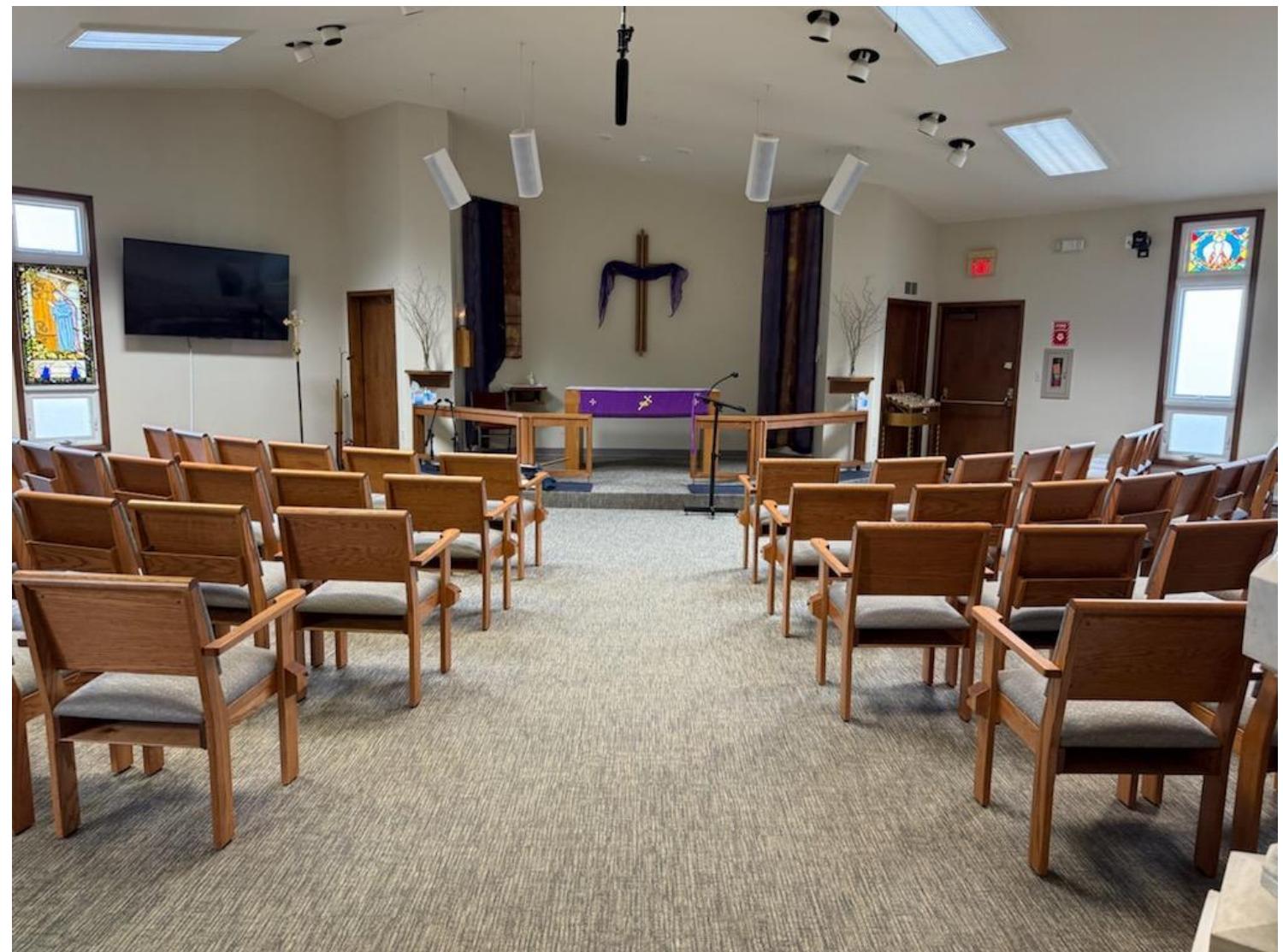
# Gemini Concert



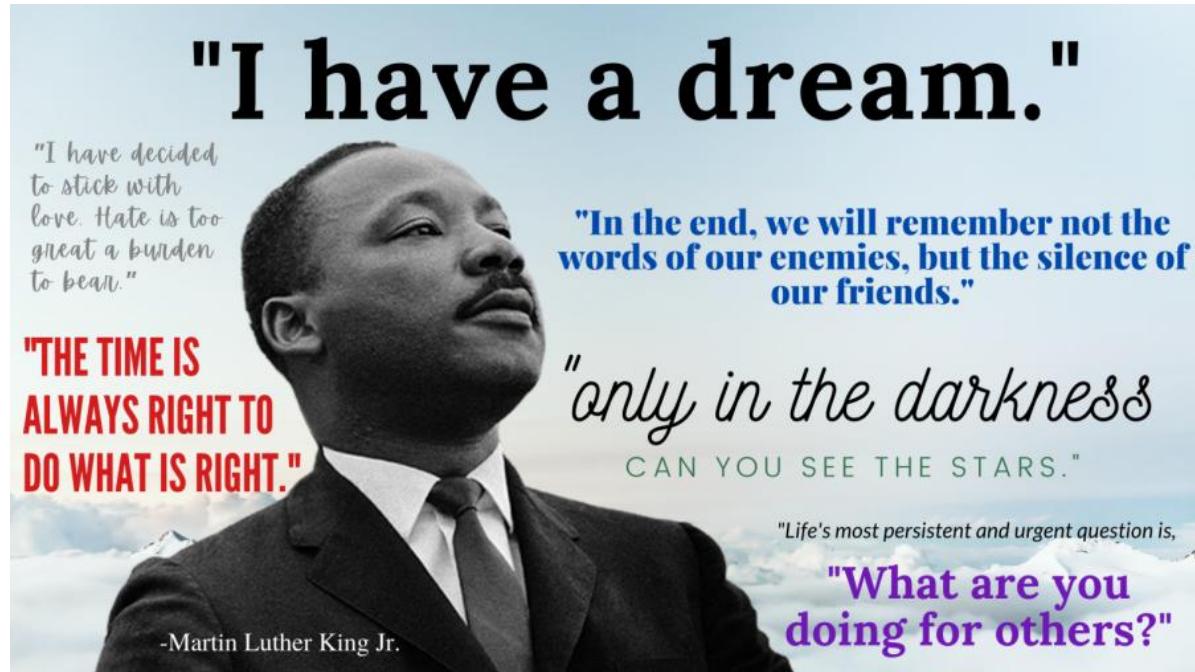
# Active Shooters Training



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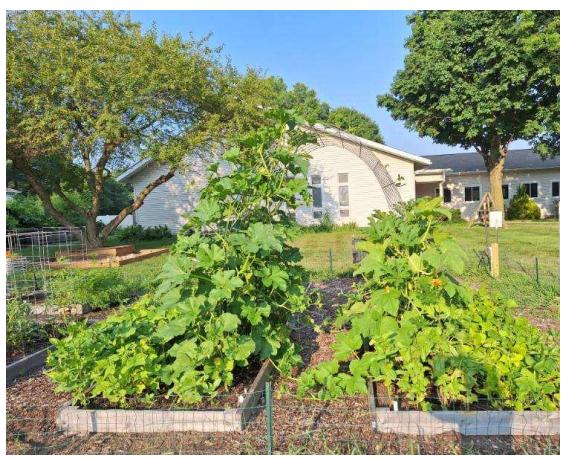
**FREE!**  
You bring a sack lunch. We'll provide the beverages.



# 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



# Carol Singing at Brecon Village



# Journey to Narnia in Advent



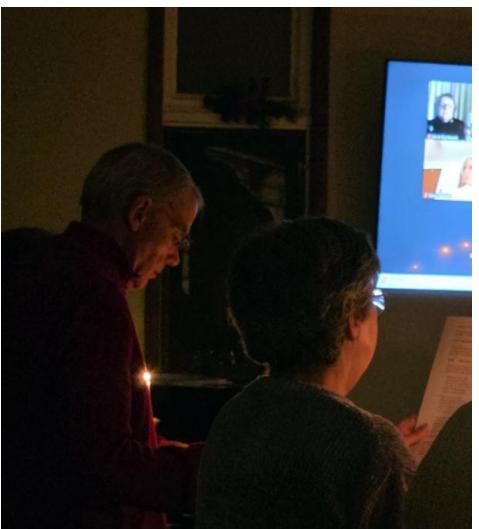
# Tea with Tumnus



# 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