

S.A.L.T. Parish

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

A joint newsletter from the Minnesota congregations of:

January 2018



Faith, Culver



First, Meadowlands



St. John's, Saginaw



St. Peter's, Canyon



Minister's message from Dave's desk...

As I sit at my desk gathering my thoughts, I can't help but give thanks for each & every one of you that allows me to be a messenger for Christ through the S.A.L.T. Parish. This has been such a rewarding year for me & my family; I can't thank you enough for all that you do. A big shout out of thanks for all the cards, gifts & especially kind words that mean so much this Christmas season. I pray that we all reach out, not only to family & friends, but to those who are on the fringes that need our help & have not yet heard the "Good News" of the Christ Child, a Savior.

Jesus tells us to have the innocent faith of a child... Last night I had the honor of being part of our Children's Christmas Program at Faith Lutheran in Culver. Watching these kids who were so excited to dress up in costumes & share the birth story reminded me of my days in Sunday school & the excitement of Christmas. If you haven't done so & are able, you can watch the live stream of the children's program on the "Salt Parish" page on facebook. It's so important to feed & nourish the faith life of these kids to be workers with us in God's kingdom.

In my many years of retail, & customers who were so absorbed in the materialism of Christmas, it made it difficult to be in the Christmas spirit. It always made me wonder if they really understood the true meaning of Christmas beyond the presents and the parties. Occasionally, I had the opportunity to explain the gift giving as something the Wisemen first did, by bringing gifts to the Christ child. It always gave me a good feeling that maybe I made a difference.

As we check off all the items on our "TO DO" lists for Christmas, please add one more item "TO DO". Let's make it a priority not only to reach out to those who need our help, not just at Christmas but all year long, but to have the faith of a child & share the birth

story of our Savior with at least one person who has not yet heard. You will be giving them the greatest Christmas gift of all, the gift of eternal life.

I look forward to a new year, moving the Parish forward in our mission of making disciples of all nations. I wish you all a blessed Christmas from my family to yours.

In God's peace, invite a friend,

Minister Dave



~CLERGY SCHEDULE & CONTACT INFO~

Dave Erdmann, SAM (Synodically Authorized Minister),
is our worship & faith life leader.

Days off: Mon & Sat. He works from home on Fri
He is *always* available for emergencies.

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News of interest...

For all five congregations and communities...

S.A.L.T. PARISH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We continue to have
2 worship services each Sunday.

Dave Erdmann, SAM leads worship.

Please note the worship times at each church.

Dec. 31 st	SALT SHAKER SUNDAY	10a: St. Peter's, Canyon
Jan. 7 th	8:45a	Faith, Culver
	10:30a	First, Meadowlands
Jan. 14 th	8:30a	St. John's, Saginaw
	10:30a	St. Peter's, Canyon
Jan. 21 st	8:45a	Faith, Culver
	10:30a	First, Meadowlands (Annual Meeting)
Jan. 28 th	8:30a	St. John's, Saginaw
	10:30a	St. Peter's, Canyon

S.A.L.T. BOX

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Jan. 3rd: 8a: 'Why Weight' (St. John's)

Jan. 3rd: 6:30p: SALT Parish Mtg. (St. Peter's, Canyon)

Jan 4th : Ruby's Pantry Arrowhead Hall, Hwy 2, Brkstrn)

Jan 19th 8a: Men's Breakfast (Country Corner, Hwy 2)

Jan 21st: First's Annual Congregational Meeting
(Meadowlands)

Feb. 4th: Faith's Annual Meeting (Culver)

Feb. 11th: St. Peter's Annual Meeting (Canyon)



SALT SHAKER SUNDAY

Dec. 31st 10a
St. Peter's, Canyon

We will worship jointly once again, on Dec. 31st at
St. Peter's in Canyon followed by a potluck meal.
All are welcome!

CHURCH CONTACT PEOPLE

Church	President	Phone
SALT Joint Council	Bob Larson	345-6470
Faith, Culver	Karen Witkowski	345-6962
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St. Peter's, Canyon	Fred Zorn	482-5524

S.A.L.T. COUNCIL

President	Bob Larson
Vice President	Linda Anderson
Secretary	Ginny Richmond
Treasurer	Christine Wolvin

~S.A.L.T. PARISH MEETINGS~

Next mtg: Jan. 3rd
(Wed.) 6:30p at St. Peter's, Canyon

All are welcome!

~KIDS IN CHURCH~

I had been teaching my three-year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer for several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word right up to the end of the prayer:
"Lead us not into temptation,"
she prayed, "but deliver us some E-mail."

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST
THROUGH FOOD**

Next Ruby's Pantry date is Feb. 1st 2018

~~SOUTH RIDGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION~~

Contact Lenny Johnson at (218) 345-6720
for more information or register
at www.southridgeschool.net &
click on "Community Education".

~~THANK YOU~~

The family of Ron Perkins warmly thanks everyone that
donated items, came to, or helped plan his benefit.
ALS is a difficult diagnosis but your care &
concern is greatly appreciated.

Ron died on Sat. Dec. 16th.

The family of Ron Perkins

Dear Members of SALT Parish Churches,

Each year we look forward with anticipation to your
annual trip to Duluth & your generous gifts. This year
you brought more donations than ever. Hand made
baby quilts, warm jackets and coats, toiletries, food
especially for our breakfasts, small appliances and even
homemade jam are just some glorious things we
received. We also acknowledge a generous cash
donation of \$211.

We are grateful to you -- our long standing partner in
service. *Safe Haven* will recognize our 40th year in
March 2018 & you have been with us, if not all the
way, very close to it. We greatly appreciate your
continuing faithful support of *Safe Haven* as an
organization & the work we do with
victims of domestic violence.

Happy Holidays!

Warm Regards, Susan T. Utech, Executive Director

~~NEWSLETTER DEADLINE~~

Deadline for the February newsletter

3rd Sun of the mo: Jan. 21st

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(please direct errors to Karen... Thanks!)

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Thank you to last month's volunteer mailers!

~~HELP! EXCESS ITEMS
AT FAITH NEED NEW HOMES!~~

In Nov, Immanuel (Brookston) joined Faith (Culver).

The following items are no longer needed &
we would like to pass them on to someone
who could put them to good use:

2 couches	1 recliner
1 swivel rocker	1 upright piano

Please bring adequate help to haul your items home.

If interested, please call Jim (345-6962).

~~A VERSE TO REMEMBER~~

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1