

S.A.L.T. Parish

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

A joint newsletter from the Minnesota congregations of:

February 2018



Faith, Culver



First, Meadowlands



St. John's, Saginaw



St. Peter's, Canyon



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

The New Year is here, & it has met our parish with a lot of challenges. We have had members who have lost a loved one, physical illness such as the flu, as well as others illnesses, including needs for surgery. My family has been touched as well. I urge all members to hold your brothers & sisters in Christ in prayer. Take a moment to send a card or make a phone call to see how they're doing. All of these acts of kindness are what parish family members do for each other. Never misjudge the power of prayer!

As we get ready to turn the calendar to Feb, we prepare for the season of Lent. (It seems we just celebrated the birth of the Christ child!) With Lent we also start our Wed. evening soup suppers & worship beginning with Ash Wed. at First Lutheran in Meadowlands on Feb. 14; 6p soup supper & 7p worship. Our theme for Lent will be "Living out the Gospel," focusing on Matt. 25:31-40. Here Jesus talks of tending to the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, & visiting those who are sick & in prison. Jesus tells us, 'Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done unto me'.

Each week we will focus on one need of those who are less fortunate. We will have a collection brought to church each Wed. evening that tends to a particular need .

Here's what I have in mind... Feb. 21st at Faith, 'HUNGRY' - Bring non- perishable food item(s); Feb.28th at St Peter's, "THIRSTY"- Bring some bottled water; Mar. 7 at First, 'NAKED' - Bring clothes (new, gently used or a pkg of socks); Mar 14th at Faith; 'SICK' - Bring 1st Aid products (band aids, gauze pads, ace bandages, anti-biotic ointment, (Bacitracin, Neosporin), alcohol pads, but please NO aspirin or other medicines; & lastly, on Mar 21st at St John's, "VISIT THOSE IN PRISON" - We will collect yarn for offenders at Moose Lake corrections... they knit hats and mittens that are given back to the community.

I will see to it that these items get to food shelves, Domiano. Union Gospel mission, CHUM and Old School Lives. This is truly God's work in action in our communities. If you are able, start picking up items for each week of Lent. Join us for soup supper fellowship & our study of this

Gospel in worship. We will walk together in these 40 days of Lent with Jesus, culminating on Good Friday with the crucifixion, & the glorious celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please come join us, and bring a friend!

May God Bless you this Lenten season,

Minister Dave



~CLERGY SCHEDULE & CONTACT INFO~

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

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He is *always* available for emergencies.

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With grateful thanks.....

First Church would like to thank the daughters of Diane & Lawrence Hansen for the "Sanctuary Bells" that graced the worship area at Immanuel Lutheran Church where they were given in memory of Diane. Diane had ties with First as a young girl attending Sunday School & worship services here. Also, she & Lawrence were married at First in 1956. Their daughters thought it fitting that the bells be donated to First Lutheran Church.

We are appreciative and thankful for this wonderful gift.

News of interest...

For all four congregations & surrounding communities...

S.A.L.T. PARISH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We continue to have 2 worship services each Sunday & 1 midweek service beginning on Feb. 14th, Ash Wednesday.

Dave Erdmann, SAM leads worship.

Please note the worship times at each church.

Feb. 4 th	8:45a	Faith, Culver Annual Meeting to follow
	10:30a	First, Meadowlands
Feb. 11 th	8:30a	St. John's, Saginaw
	10:30a	St. Peter's, Canyon Annual Meeting to follow
Feb. 14 th	Ash Wed.	First, Meadowlands 6p: Soup Supper 7p: Worship
Feb. 18 th	8:45a	Faith, Culver
	10:30a	First, Meadowlands
Feb. 21 st	Midweek Lenten Worship	Faith, Culver 6p: Soup Supper 7p: Worship
Feb. 25 th	8:30a	St. John's, Saginaw
	10:30a	St. Peter's, Canyon
Feb. 28 th	Midweek Lenten Worship	St. Peter's, Canyon 6p: Soup Supper 7p: Worship

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S.A.L.T. COUNCIL

President	Bob Larson
Vice President	Linda Anderson
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S.A.L.T. BOX

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

Feb. 1st: Ruby's Pantry Arrowhead Hall, Hwy 2, Brkstn)

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

Feb. 7th: 8a: 'Why Weight' (St. John's)

Feb. 7th 6:30p: SALT Parish Mtg. (St. John's, Canyon)

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

Feb. 16th 8a: Men's Breakfast (Country Corner, Hwy 2)

LENT 2018

“Living out the Gospel”

Matt. 25:31-40 *“Whatever you have done for the least of these, you have done unto me.”*

Soup Supper 6p Worship 7p

Each week, members are encouraged to bring an item(s) that tends to the needs of members of our communities.

All cash contributions have been designated by the SALT Parish to go to World Hunger.

Feb. 14, Ash Wed., First Lutheran Meadowlands

Feb. 21, Faith, Culver – **“HUNGRY”**

(bring a non-perishable food item)

Feb. 28, St. Peter's, Canyon – **“THIRSTY”**

(bring some bottled water)

Mar. 7, First Lutheran, Meadowlands – **“NAKED”**

(bring new/gently used clothing or adult socks)

Mar. 14, Faith, Culver – **“SICK”**

(bring First Aid products ie: band aids, gauze pads, anti-biotic ointment, travel first aid kits etc. no aspirin or other medicines)

Mar 21, St. John's, Saginaw – **“PRISON”**

(bring yarn for the offenders at Moose Lake Corrections)

~NEW CANDLES & CANDLESTICKS at FIRST~

The new candles and beautiful brass candlesticks that now adorn our alter at First were given in memory of Walter "Buck" Matvey and Audrey Schweiger.

~S.A.L.T. PARISH WEBSITE~

A new parish website has been created with help from Carol, the webmaster, from Salem Lutheran in Hermantown. Thanks, Carol!

The website is pretty basic at this point; it will continue to be developed as time permits.

Check it out at: saltparish.org

~MEN'S BREAKFAST~

Feb. 16th (Fri) 8a
Country Corner, Hwy 2, Brookston
All Men Welcome!

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

Next mtg: Feb. 7th
(Wed.) 6:30p at St. John's, Saginaw

All are welcome!

~Ruby's Pantry~

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST
THROUGH FOOD

Thursday, Feb. 1st 9a – 10:30 a

Arrowhead Town Hall U.S. Hwy 2 – Brookston

*You will receive an abundance of grocery items.

* Everyone who gets hungry qualifies!

* \$20 cash donation at the door appreciated .

Bring your own boxes/baskets for food!

For more information, call 218-345-6334

www.rubyspantry.org

Please consider volunteering for the next distribution of food. No matter your age or ability we can use your help. We meet the first Thursday of each month at the Arrowhead Town Hall on Hwy 2.

Arrive by 7:30a - 8a & you can to help with this worth while project. Everyone is welcome to give \$20.00 to get a huge share of food & household supplies, even the volunteers. The value of each share is \$75 & usually quite a bit more. Bring 2 large boxes or laundry baskets to get your items home.

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

~WOMEN OF OUR S.A.L.T. PARISH~

FAITH WELCA:

Regular WELCA mtgs are held on the 2nd Tues of odd-numbered months. Our 'Hidden Treasures Sale will be held on Apr. 27 & 28 at Faith. Set-up on Apr. 26th.

Next mtg: Mar. 13th 1p (Faith)

FIRST'S WELCA NEWS

At our Jan. mtg, we discussed the success of our *Women's Christmas Luncheon*. There were 38 women in attendance, plus Minister Dave. We would like to thank Bonnie & Marjorie Johnson for the beautiful table decorations & also those who provided hot dishes, desserts & gifts.

We are in the process of collecting **Newborn Kits for Global Heath Ministries** to be delivered to the 2018 WELCA Summer Convention/Gathering in Grand Rapids. A list of items needed is located on the usher's table in the church entry.

The new brushed stainless steel refrigerator we recently purchased has been delivered & installed in the church kitchen.

We are already starting to make plans for our "*Spring Fling*" craft & bake sale. The tentative date is scheduled for April 14th.

Our next meeting will be on Feb. 8th, 1p, sponsored by Percy Turnboom.

ST. PETER'S ESTHER CIRCLE

Mtgs: 2nd Thurs. of ea. month; Feb. 8th at 9:30 at St. Peter's.

~QUOTABLE QUOTE~

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.”

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

SALT Parish Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards & well wishes during my recent hospitalization & continued recovery. I am truly blessed to have every one of you in my life & to be a part of such a caring family. Thank you all again.

With love, Beth Erdmann

~NOTICE~

St Louis County Board will be having their monthly meeting:

Location: Alborn Community Center
[6388 Highway 7](#)
[Alborn, MN 55702](#)

When: Tuesday February 27, 2018
Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

All are welcome to come.

~SOUTH RIDGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION~

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

~NEWSLETTER DEADLINE~

Deadline for the Mar. newsletter
3rd Sun of the mo: Feb. 18th

~Free Community Dinner & Presentation on 'Opiates & MN: Identify Opiates, Their Use & Overdose Reversal'~

Enjoy a free dinner with your fellow community members & learn about the impact of the opiate epidemic in our state, current opiate trends, & overdose deaths. You will be able to identify possible opiate use & learn how to potentially save a life from an opiate overdose. There will be informational hand-outs and professionals on hand to answer your questions, all while enjoying a free dinner!

**PLAN TO ATTEND ON MON, MAR 19 AT 6P
in the SOUTH RIDGE SCHOOL FORUM.**

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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~

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Hebrews 6:10