

S.A.L.T. Parish

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

A joint newsletter from the Minnesota congregations of:

March 2018



Faith, Culver



First, Meadowlands



St. John's, Saginaw



St. Peter's, Canyon



MINISTER'S MESSAGE FROM DAVE'S DESK

When you receive this newsletter, we will be into the season of Lent. I recently received the following article from a colleague entitled 'Letting this Lent be God's,' that really makes me think & center myself in the season of Lent. Please take a moment to contemplate the 40 days of Lent. I'd welcome any thoughts you might have as well.

What if this Lent we didn't approach the practices of prayer, almsgiving, fasting with an eye to what we can do to transform ourselves, but rather what God wants to do to transform us?

Too often we approach Lent as though it were a series of New Year's resolutions: to give up a bad habit, share more with the poor, or be more faithful in prayer. Lent is not about self-improvement. Lent is a time of conversion in which God oversees our conversion. We don't.

After all, Lent is preparation for the season of Easter. In Easter we see that Jesus comes to save us, despite ourselves. Peter swears up & down that he will *never* betray Jesus, but then he does. A thief on the cross ends up being the first to be in Heaven with Jesus, a most unexpected consolation. Women go to the empty tomb to mourn & end up being missioned by Jesus, resurrected. Jesus reconciles with Peter despite the betrayals and then gives him a central place in Church leadership. Easter is full of the unpredictable. Easter is a lot of crazy, beautiful surprises with the Resurrection at its heart.

If this is true, then Lent is not a project of self-improvement. Rather, it's a time of allowing God to transform us. Lent is a time of intentional cooperation with God's graces, where God leads & we follow, like a good dance partner. We can choose to follow or not, but God is always in the lead.

What might this look like in practice? The answer will be individual for each one of us, & so a Lent of following God's lead must be grounded in prayer. We can listen for the voice of God & let ourselves be surprised by what the call in Lent might be. Perhaps we not only contribute to our paper rice bowls with alms for the poor, but also feel God calling us to undertake service work where we build relationships with a community of people outside our comfortable social circles

Maybe fasting this year means not only the obligatory fasts, but also fasting from judgment when I do not know the inner workings of another's heart. Perhaps God is calling me to add in a different form of prayer: a few minutes of silence on my lunch break at work or praying as a family just before the children are tucked into bed.

Perhaps we will feel the call of God out of the blue in Lent to follow God into some new place. Are we open to letting this Lent be God's & not our own?

May the Lord bless you as we walk these 40 days of Lent, culminating in the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In God's Peace,
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 our 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. 28th	Midweek Lenten Service	St. Peter's, Canyon 6p: Soup Supper 7p: Worship
Mar. 4th	8:45a	Faith, Culver
	10:30a	First, Meadowlands
Mar. 7th	Midweek Lenten Service	First, Meadowlands 6p: Soup Supper 7p: Worship
Mar. 11th	8:30a	St. John's, Saginaw
	10:30a	St. Peter's, Canyon
Mar. 14th	Midweek Lenten Service	Faith, Culver 6p: Soup Supper 7p: Worship
Mar. 18th	8:45a	Faith, Culver
	10:30a	First, Meadowlands
Mar. 21st	Midweek Lenten Service	St. John's, Saginaw 6p: Soup Supper 7p: Worship
Mar. 25th	8:30a	St. John's, Saginaw
	10:30a	St. Peter's, Canyon
Mar. 29th	Maundy Thursday	7p St. Peter's, Canyon (No Soup Supper)
Mar. 30th	Good Friday	Faith, Culver (No Soup Supper)
Apr. 1st	Easter Sunday	8:30a: St. John's, Saginaw 10:30a: St. Peter's, Canyon

S.A.L.T. BOX

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

Mar. 1st: Ruby's Pantry Arrowhead Hall, Hwy 2, Brkstrn)

Mar. 1st 8a: 'Why Weight' (St. John's)

Mar. 6th 6:30p: SALT Parish Mtg. (Faith, Culver)

Mar. 8th 6:30p: St. John's Council mtg. (St. John's)

Mar. 10th 8-11a: Alborn Fire Dept. Pancake Bkfst.

(Alborn Town Hall)

Mar. 13th 1p: Faith WELCA mtg. (Faith, Culver)

7p: Informational Mtg for Youth (Faith, Culver)

Mar. 14th 10:30a: Faith Council mtg. (Faith, Culver)

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

Mar. 19th 6p: Take Back Night (South Ridge School)
(Dinner & Opiate Presentation)

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)

CHURCH CONTACT PEOPLE

Church	President	Phone
SALT Joint Council	Bob Larson	345-6470
Faith, Culver	Karen Witkowski	345-6962
First, Meadowlands	Chuck Prudhomme	427-2568
St. John's, Saginaw	Carolyn Collum	729-6008
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

~WELCOME NEW MEMBERS~

Welcome to Mandy, Ryan, & Evan Gayken who have joined First Lutheran, Meadowlands.

~S.A.L.T. PARISH TREASURER NEEDED~

The Parish is looking for a new SALT treasurer. Christine Wolvin is stepping down & will train her replacement. Please contact Minister Dave, Christine, or Bob Larson if you are interested.

Thanks, Christine for your service!

~ALBORN FIRE DEPT RELIEF ASSOC.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST~

When: March 10th, 2018 Time: 8a – 11a

Where: Alborn Twp Hall

~INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR YOUTH
RELATED ACTIVITIES~

The community is welcome & encouraged to attend. We are looking for – Ideas (for games, activities etc) & people with a passion to work with or alongside youth!

Donations are also welcome! We are looking for Games, ideas for games, fabric, and Your Time!

Meeting is at Faith Lutheran in Culver at 7 pm
On Tuesday March 13th

Questions: Contact Amber Schwartz or Deb Neuman

~Ruby's Pantry~

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST
THROUGH FOOD

Thursday, Mar. 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 help with this worthwhile 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 Apr. 5, 2018

Men's Breakfast

Mar. 16th (Fri) 8a

Country Corner, Hwy 2, Brookston

All Men Welcome

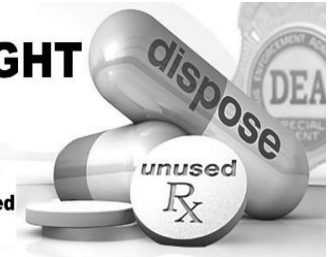
South Ridge School
TAKE BACK NIGHT

6:00 PM Opiate Presentation
with free community dinner

March 19, 2018

Free Childcare Provided

6:00-8:00 PM Turn in your unused
or expired medication



Enjoy a free dinner with your fellow community members at 6:00 P.M., catered by B & B Market. Listen to speakers and stop at the information booths to learn about the opiate epidemic, addiction, and what you can do to prevent this and possibly save a life. Free childcare will be provided. No registration is required. Drop off your unused medications in the South Ridge School Forum from 6:00-8:00 P.M. Sponsored by South Ridge Community Education. Contact Lenny Johnson with any questions at srce@isd2142.k12.mn.us or (218)345-6720.

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

Next mtg: Mar. 6th
(Mon.) 6:30p at Faith, Culver

All are welcome!

