

S.A.L.T. Parish

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

A joint newsletter from the Minnesota congregations of:

April 2018



Faith, Culver



First, Meadowlands



St. John's, Saginaw



St. Peter's, Canyon



MINISTER'S MESSAGE FROM DAVE'S DESK

As Easter is fast approaching, I'd like to share parts of a story that I read from Norman Vincent Peale on "The one thing we all want."

When we think about it, what is Easter? Is it a day when everybody dresses up? Is it flowers? Is it the end of winter and the coming of spring? Yes, it is all of these. But these are only signs of the main thing. What Easter really demonstrates is the one thing we all want...LIFE. Easter promises life now and always.

There's a story of a middle-aged man who was in a very serious accident some time ago. While doctors worked on him in the hospital, he could hear a voice saying, "There isn't much chance for this fellow." And even in his bewildered state, this middle-aged man thought, "Oh I don't want to die."

It was touch and go for days, but by the grace of God, he got well and now lives life very differently. It was as if he had never really lived before. People were now beautiful. The world was beautiful and even simple things were exciting. What happened to this man was that he experienced a new awareness of life that he previously took for granted.

Easter comes to remind us that life is not just for now, it is forever. Jesus said, "Because I live, you shall live also." He was telling us that life on earth has two outcomes, but the decision is ours. The Resurrection is much more than a single event that happened two thousand years ago. It is also a process whereby the spiritually dead, the unhappy, the sinful, the weak can all find new life through Jesus.

Life can be ordinary, or it can be great... it's our choice. Easter is a perfect time to wake up and become enthusiastically alive in Christ, knowing that because He lives, we may live also.

Let us all share that enthusiasm and the Good news of Easter, and life in Christ, every day of our life. Wishing one and all the blessings of Easter!

In God's Peace,
Minister Dave

8:30a: St. John's, Saginaw

10:30a: St. Peter's, Canyon

Easter Breakfast
9:45a – 10:30a
Sponsored by the
Esther Circle:
St. Peter's, Canyon
followed by
worship at 10:30a

~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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News of Interest...

For our congregations & surrounding communities...

S.A.L.T. PARISH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We continue to have 2 worship services each Sunday except Apr. 29th, when we will worship together at Faith, Culver.

Dave Erdmann, SAM leads worship.

Please note the worship times at each church.

Mar. 29 th	Maundy Thursday	7p St. Peter's, Canyon (No Soup Supper)
Mar. 30 th	Good Friday	Faith, Culver (No Soup Supper)
Apr. 1 st	Easter Sunday	8:30a: St. John's, Saginaw 10:30a: St. Peter's, Canyon Easter Breakfast 9:45a – 10:30a
Apr. 8 th	8:45a: Faith, Culver	10:30a: First, Meadowlands
Apr. 15 th	8:30a: St. John's, Saginaw	10:30a: St. Peter's, Canyon
Apr. 22 nd	8:45a: Faith, Culver	10:30a: First, Meadowlands
Apr. 29 th	SALT SHAKER SUNDAY (one joint service)	10a: Worship & Potluck Faith, Culver

S.A.L.T. BOX

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

Apr. 5th: Ruby's Pantry Arrowhead Hall, Hwy 2, Brkstn)

Apr. 4th 8a: 'Why Weight' (St. John's)

Apr. 4th 6:30p: SALT Parish Mtg. (First, Meadowlands)

Apr. 7th 11a – 1p: Spring Fling (Meadowlands Comm. Ctr.)

Apr. 11th 10:30a: Faith Council mtg. (Faith, Culver)

Apr. 20th 8a: Men's Breakfast (Country Corner, Hwy 2)

Apr. 26th 8a-2p: Set-Up for Hidden Treasure Sale (Faith)

Apr. 27th–28th 8a – 3p: Hidden Treasure Sale (Faith, Culver)

Apr. 29th: SALT SHAKER SUNDAY (Faith, Culver)

10a: Worship followed by Potluck Meal & fellowship

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

Next mtg: Apr. 4th

(Mon.) 6:30p at [First, Meadowlands](#)

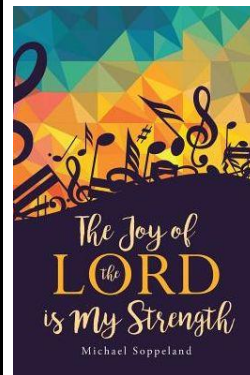
All are welcome!

CHURCH CONTACT PEOPLE

Church	President	Phone
SALT Joint Council	Bob Larson	345-6470
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S.A.L.T. COUNCIL

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



Pastor Mike Soppeland's

2nd book is now available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble & most Christian Book stores.

~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!

~Ruby's Pantry~

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

Thursday, Apr. 5th 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 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 May 3, 2018



**HIDDEN TREASURE
SALE &
SILENT AUCTION**

Apr. 27th & 28th

10a – 3p

**Faith Lutheran Church
5697 Hwy 7, Culver**

Just a reminder of the Hidden Treasure Sale & Silent Auction...

Set-up will be on Thurs. Apr. 26th from 8a – 2p

All are welcome to drop off donations at that time.

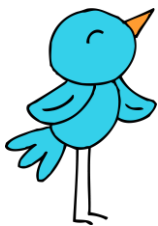
We will NOT be accepting electronics, electronics such as TV's, microwaves, computers or printers.

Clothing that is clean & in good shape, toys, books, household items, tools & seasonal items are welcome.

Donations for the silent auction are most welcome. New or very good items are preferred. Men like to shop also...

Thank you in advance!

If you bid on a silent auction item, be sure to leave a contact number & be available to pick up your item after 2:30p on Sat, Apr. 28th.



**'SPRING
FLING'**

Bake & Craft Sale



**Sat, Apr 7, 2018
11a - 1p.**

Sponsored by First Lutheran Church, Meadowlands

at

Meadowlands Community Center

**-In-House Drawings-
-Lunch Available-**



**Men's Breakfast
Apr. 20th (Fri) 8a
Country Corner, Hwy 2,
Brookston
All Men Welcome**



~SALT SHAKER
SUNDAY~



Please join us as we worship together in one joint service followed by a potluck meal!

April 29th 10a

Faith Lutheran Church, Culver

~QUILTING NEWS~

Quilts are now available at each of the SALT Churches to be handed out to those in need at the discretion of each church. Please let one of the quilters (or Minister Dave) know when quilts have been given out & for what purpose (no names needed) benefit, fire, comfort, fundraiser, etc. We like to keep a record of how many we make & where they are donated.

Thank you!

The Quilters would like to thank everyone who helps us with this ministry: those who have donated fabric, sheets, & time!

~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: May 8th 1p (Faith)



FIRST'S WELCA NEWS

We have collected nearly all the of items needed to make up 20 **Newborn Kits for Global Health Ministries** that will be delivered to the 2018 WELCA Summer Convention/Gathering. There are only a few more things needed to complete the last of the kits and if anyone wishes to make a donation for us to purchase these items, contact Marjorie Johnson.

Our "Spring Fling" fund raiser will take place Sat, Apr 7th, 11a-1p at the Meadowlands Community Center. (See advert)

We voted to purchase two new high-profile toilets for the lavatories at the church. In addition, wains-coating will be installed in the smaller lavatory.

It was agreed that we treat ourselves and invited guests to a Mother's Day Luncheon at the All-American Roadhouse in May. Date will be determined.

Our next meeting will be April 12th, 1:00 p.m. at the church, sponsored by Carol Anderson.



ST. PETER'S ESTHER CIRCLE

2018 Mission Focus: Adult & Teen Challenge

Mtgs: 2nd Thurs. of ea. month; May 10th at 9:30 at St. Peter's.

~ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE~

The Esther Circle at St. Peter's, Canyon is collection the following items for Adult & Teen Challenge:

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| Deodorant | Shampoo | Conditioner | Razors |
| Floss | Lotion | Soap | Body Wash |
| Hard Candy | Towels | Wash Cloths | Socks |

PLEASE NO TOOTHBRUSHES OR TOOTHPASTE

~GOD'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK FOR GRANDPARENTS~

A Grandparent's Axiom
Do a good deed. Sow a good seed.

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.

Philippians 4:8



~FAITH'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECT~

As many of you know, there's been a lot of work going on at Faith... Faith WELCA purchased new light fixtures for the basement. Naturally, that led us to look closely at the ceiling tile, which had seen better days. Jim Witkowski contacted USG Interiors in Cloquet, who donated new tile to replace the old stuff. Work began on Mar. 19th with many men from the SALT Parish as well as the community coming together to make the improvements to the church. The women stepped up & provided meals & snacks for the workers.

A HUGE 'Thank you' to everyone who participated!

~NEWSLETTER DEADLINE~

Deadline for the May issue: 3rd Sun of the mo: Apr. 15th

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Thank you to last month's volunteer mailers!

A VERSE TO REMEMBER~

As surely as the sun rises, he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth.

Hosea 6:3