

S.A.L.T. Parish

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

A joint newsletter from the Minnesota congregations of:

May 2018



Faith, Culver



First, Meadowlands



St. John's, Saginaw



St. Peter's, Canyon



MINISTER'S MESSAGE FROM DAVE'S DESK

Pastors all know that the easiest way to put a congregation member into a panic is to ask them to pray out loud at a church function. Prayer is not always easy for many, publicly or privately. I read a story that I found interesting & maybe reassuring for many, in your prayer life.

A man's daughter had asked the local pastor to come & pray with her father. When the pastor arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on pillows & an empty chair beside his bed. The pastor assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. 'I guess you were expecting me,' he said. 'No, who are you?' replied the old man. 'I'm the new pastor at your church. When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was coming'. 'Oh yeah, the chair,' said the bedridden man. 'Would you mind closing the door'. 'I've never told anyone, not even my daughter,' said the man. 'But all my life, I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it always went right over my head'. 'I abandoned any attempt at prayer, until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here's what I suggest. Sit down on a chair, place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith visualize Jesus on that chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I'll be with you always'. Then just speak to him & listen in the same way you're doing now.'

'I tried it & I've liked it so much that I do it a couple hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to a chair, she'd send me off to the psychiatrist'. The pastor was deeply moved by the story & encouraged the old guy to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, & returned to church.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the pastor that her dad had died that afternoon. 'Did he die in peace,' he asked? 'Yes, when I left the house around 2:00, he called me over to his bedside, told me one of his corny jokes, & kissed me on the cheek. When I got back an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange. In fact, beyond strange; kind of weird. Apparently, just before he died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed.' The pastor

smiled & assured her that he died very peacefully. Prayer is a powerful thing, but nothing more than a conversation with God. Spend time in prayer daily talking to God, you may be surprised at the results!

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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~SALT SHAKER SUNDAY~



Special Music by:

Salem's Contemporary Team

April 29th 10a

Faith Lutheran Church, Culver

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

Invite a friend!

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.

Minister Dave Erdmann presiding pict

Please note the worship times at each church.

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| Apr. 29 th | SALT SHAKER SUNDAY (one joint service) | 10a: Worship & Potluck Faith, Culver |
| May 6 th | 8:30a: St. John's, Saginaw | 10:30a: St. Peter's, Canyon |
| May 13 th Mother's Day | 8:45a: Faith, Culver Mother's Day Brunch to follow worship | 10:30a: First, Meadowlands |
| May 20 th | 8:30a: St. John's, Saginaw | 10:30a: St. Peter's, Canyon |
| May 27 th | 8:45a: Faith, Culver | 10:30a: First, Meadowlands |

S.A.L.T. BOX

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- May 2nd 8a:** 'Why Weight' (St. John's)
- May 2nd 6:30p:** SALT Parish Mtg. (St. Peter's, Canyon)
- May 3rd:** Ruby's Pantry Arrowhead Hall, Hwy 2, Brkstn)
- May 8, 6p:** First's Council Meeting (First)
- May 10th 10:30a:** St. Peter's Council meeting (St. Peter's)
- May 16th 10:30a:** Faith Council mtg. (Faith, Culver)
- May 18th 8a:** Men's Breakfast (Country Corner, Hwy 2)
- May 28th** Memorial Day – see cemetery schedule, p. 3



HIDDEN TREASURE SALE & SILENT AUCTION

Apr. 27th & 28th

10a – 3p

Faith Lutheran Church 5697 Hwy 7, Culver

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

NO ELECTRONICS, PLEASE.

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. PARISH MEETINGS~

Next mtg: May 2nd
(Mon.) 6:30p at St. Peter's, Canyon

All are welcome!

S.A.L.T. COUNCIL

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

~SALT PARISH TREASURER~

Misty Cowell will be our new SALT treasurer. She is currently working with Christine Wolvin to 'learn the ropes'.

Welcome, Misty!

Thank you, Christine, for your service!

~Ruby's Pantry~

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

Thursday, May 3rd 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 June 7, 2018

*Mother's
Day
Brunch*

May 13th

Faith, Culver

Our women will be honored with a Mother's Day Brunch following the 8:45a worship service at Faith.

The men are cooking!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**Men's Breakfast
May 18th (Fri) 8a
Country Corner, Hwy 2,
Brookston
All Men Welcome**

**Sarah
Adamski**

is the woman who does the Spa Day at the Fall Retreat at Lake Vermilion (an annual event for the women of St. Peter's, St. John's, & the women of the SALT Parish.

get your **PINK** on for Sarah

Spaghetti Dinner, Auction, & Band
\$10 Adult \$5 Child

ON JANUARY 9TH SARAH ADAMSKI WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BREAST CANCER. PLEASE COME SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP RAISE SOME MONEY FOR THIS AMAZING LADY. ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO SARAH AND HER CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE A DONATION AT MINERS BANK OF EVELETH REFERENCING THE SARAH ADAMSKI BENEFIT.

12 May 2018
VFW in Gilbert

3-7 Food & 8-12 Band



Memorial Day

May 28, 2018

Services will be held at the following area cemeteries:

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| Arrowhead: 9a | Perch Lake: 9:25a |
| St. John's: 9:45a | Industrial: 10:05a |
| Independence: 10:25a | Alborn/Spruce Hill: 10:40a |
| Indian Hill: 11:05a | Culver: 11:15a |

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~~THANK YOU FROM THE CULVER QUILTERS~~

The Quilters would like to thank those who have donated supplies of material, sheets & time to help with this ministry.

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

FAITH WELCA:

Regular WELCA mtgs are held on the 2nd Tues of odd-numbered months.
**'Hidden Treasures Sale: Apr. 27 & 28 at Faith. Set-up on Apr. 26th.
Next mtg: May 8th 1p (Faith)**



FIRST'S WELCA NEWS

Our "Spring Fling" fundraiser made of profit of \$1700. Thank you to all who participated & a special thanks to JoAnne McMillan and Stacy & Grant Stevens for preparing & serving a delicious lunch.

We will be treating ourselves to a Mother's Day lunch at The Great American Road House on May 10th.

Our next meeting will be held June 14th, 1p at the church hosted by Kathy Walzak.



ST. PETER'S ESTHER CIRCLE

2018 Mission Focus: Adult & Teen Challenge

Mtgs: 2nd Thurs. of ea. month; June 14th 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~~

Grandparents are people who can afford to make jokes at their own expense.

He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.

Job 8:21



**SALT PARISH
PICTURE
DIRECTORY**

We are in the early planning stages to create a new picture directory for our Parish!

At our last SALT Parish meeting, on April 4th, we talked about the need for a picture directory. The Parish Council asked each church to talk about it at their next council meeting; it will then be discussed at the May 2nd SALT Council meeting.

It was suggested that we ask for one or more volunteers from each church who would take photos before/after church on Sundays & compile contact info.

All ideas are welcome!

~~NEWSLETTER DEADLINE~~

Deadline for the June issue: 3rd Sun of the mo: May 20th

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St. Peter's – Roxanne Larson

Thank you to last month's volunteer mailers!

A VERSE TO REMEMBER~~

For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over [and] gone;
The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing [of birds] is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Song of Solomon 2:11-13 KJV