

# 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.

**Office Hrs: Tues. & Thurs. 12-4p** (details on p.5 calendar)

**First contact: 218-391-7951 (cell)**

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**Email; dwerdmann@gmail.com**



### ~SALT SHAKER SUNDAY~



Special Music by:

**Salem's Contemporary Team**

**April 29<sup>th</sup> 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. 29<sup>th</sup>, when we will worship together at Faith, Culver.

**Minister Dave Erdmann presiding** pict

**Please note the worship times at each church.**

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

**S.A.L.T. BOX**

**(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)**

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



**HIDDEN TREASURE SALE & SILENT AUCTION**

**Apr. 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10a – 3p**

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

**Set-up will be on Thurs. Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**(Mon.) 6:30p at St. Peter's, Canyon**

All are welcome!

**S.A.L.T. COUNCIL**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> (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:

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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