

S.A.L.T. Parish

(South Arrowhead Lutherans Together)

A joint newsletter from the Minnesota congregations of:

October 2019



Faith, Culver



First, Meadowlands



St. John's, Saginaw



St. Peter's, Canyon



MINISTER'S MESSAGE FROM DAVE'S DESK

As I write this newsletter article on September 11, 2019, I contemplate the anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade center. Everywhere I turn today, may it be TV, radio, newspaper or social media, I hear the words "We'll never forget." September 11th is one of those moments frozen in time. It's one of those moments that everyone remembers where they were and what they were doing when they saw or heard the news. When the first plane struck the tower at 8:45am, I watched the TV in dis-belief. At first, I thought it was an accident, but when I saw the second plane fly into the second tower, I knew it was very real. It was a moment that would reshape life as we knew it and transform the history of our nation.

September 11th will live on as one of the greatest tragedies to strike our nation. We cannot forget the lives that were lost on that dreadful day, and we cannot forget the lives of those who have been forever changed. We cannot forget the widows who are raising children alone. We cannot forget the parents who will never hold their children again. We cannot forget the heroism shown by ordinary people who rose to the occasion in extraordinary ways. There is power in remembering. There is strength in the memory of where we have been, how far we have come, and where we are going.

So many say, "We will never forget," but in the space of 18 years, in so many ways, many have forgotten. For so many, life is back to business as usual, especially in our faith life. Immediately after the tragedy, many were drawn back to their faith and the church. Attendance in worship services jumped dramatically. In the first Gallop poll after September 11th, it provided evidence that faith had gained importance in the lives of Americans. 64% of respondents said religion was very important, the highest it's been in almost a half a century.

Church attendance jumped from 41% up to 47%, and 74% reported that they were engaged in daily prayer.

To this, my response is "What happened?" All the numbers I just quoted have slid backwards, some even less than what they were pre-911. How serious were all the Americans that said, "We will never forget?" Our faith life should not be something we call upon in tragedy and forget about it when the tragedy is past. We were given the gift of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus and are reminded of that every time we come to the communion table. He has never forgotten his promise to us of salvation, and we must never forget our promise in Baptism and the gift of faith. Nor should we ever forget all who were lost in the tragedy on September 11th!

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 Hours: Tues & Thurs 12-4p
(location details on calendar)

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

Next meeting: Wed Oct 2nd
6:30p at St. John's
All are welcome!

Octoberfest Bake and
Craft Sale at the
Meadowlands
Community Center.
Come early for best
selection.
Lunch will be available.

Octoberfest

October 5th
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
7758 Western Ave
Meadowlands, MN

Sponsored by
FIRST WELCA

FAITH FALL BAZAAR

Craft items, Baked goods, donated
items, something for everyone! Quilt
and other prize Drawings for \$1 per
ticket. Lunch will be available

Where: Faith Church, Culver

When: October 5th

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



Donations will be accepted for the
event starting Oct 3 at 9am. No
electronics or used clothing. Please
have your donation priced.

~~CULVER QUILTERS~~

If you would like to support our quilt ministry,
Our 'supply needs list' includes:

- Cotton Fabric (any sized pieces)
 - Thread, Batting, Flat sheets (Dbl., Q or K size)
 - Cash donations can be given to Faith's WELCA
- Thank you!

Culver Quilter's Meet Mondays at Faith 10:30am

ST JOHN'S

CRAFT BAZAAR

October 19th 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Saginaw

~NEWSLETTER DEADLINE~ Deadline for the November issue: 3rd Sun of Month: Oct 20th
To mail information to Misty:1236 County Rd 4 Wrenshall MN 55797 Or email to: Bergman.misty22@gmail.com



Thank You

Thank you to all who mowed the grass, planted the flowers and all the other jobs that keep our S.A.L.T. Churches looking so nice.

~~WOMEN OF OUR SALT PARISH~~

Faith WELCA 2nd Tuesday of Odd months:

Next Meeting: Nov 12th at Faith. 1:30 pm



First WELCA:

Next Meeting: Oct 9th, 11am at Marjorie J



St. John's WELCA: 2nd Wed of the month 6:30P

Next Meeting: Oct 9th 6:30 PM at church



St. Peter's Esther Circle:

Our Mission Focus for 2019 is CHUM

Donations are being accepted all year long.



Men's Breakfast
October 18th (Fri) 8am
Country Corner,
Hwy 2, Brookston

CHURCH CONTACT PEOPLE

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Faith, Culver	Stan Lamb	345-6470
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S.A.L.T. COUNCIL

President	Sharon Zorn
Vice President	Linda Anderson
Secretary	Ginny Richmond
Treasurer	Misty Bergman

WANTED: Vendors for a BIG Fall sale at Faith, November 15th and 16th. You may buy a space for one or both days.

\$15.00 for 1 day \$20.00 for 2 days

To reserve your space or to get more details call Linda at 218-393-8505.

~~RUBY'S PANTRY~~

Locations nearest you:

801 MN Hwy 33

Cloquet, MN

4th Wednesday of the Month

10:00 – 11:30 am

Oct 23rd, 2019

5577 Cromwell Park Dr

Cromwell, MN

2nd Thursday of the Month

10:00 – 11:30 am

Oct 10th, 2019

5007 Maple Grove Rd

Hermantown, MN

2nd Tuesday of the Month

5:00 – 6:30 pm

Oct 8th, 2019

Bring your own boxes/baskets for food. Twenty Dollar (\$20) cash donation at the door is Appreciated. Everyone is welcome!!!

For more information call

651-674-0009 or visit

www.rubyspantry.org

Sexual Assault and College

We have recently spoken with local colleges about how to help students be careful, protect themselves, understand boundaries, as well as consent. Our news has been flooded over the last year with stories of celebrities being accused of sexual assault and warnings about predators and sex trafficking seem to be everywhere. So, how do you talk to your kids about being safe?

The facts are alarming on this subject! Every 92 seconds someone is sexually assaulted in this country. Only 19% of non-consensual acts are committed by a stranger. And, for those going to college, 11.2% will experience some sort of sexual assault.

What advice should you give to those concerned about safety? Be familiar with your surroundings, know where safe places are in your school, neighborhood, or places you hang out. Have a code word with friends or parents so they know that you need help. This can be very beneficial in a dangerous situation as only you and the person you are talking to know that it means there might be trouble. Be diligent about safety on the computer and social media!

Just as important though, is understanding what consent is. Consent is not an assumption; consent is explicit and is always reversible. Conversations about safety can make all the difference. It's important for everyone, male or female, young or old, to know how to keep themselves safe, how to make smart decisions, and know that there are people that can help and support in times of need.

If ever needed, the 24-hour National Sexual Assault Hotline, operated by RAINN, is available at 1-800-656-HOPE. By calling this number you will be automatically connected to your closest crisis center.

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Thank you to last month's volunteer mailers!!!



[Rely on Christ for Salvation](#)

[“For it was by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.”](#)

Ephesians 2:8,9

