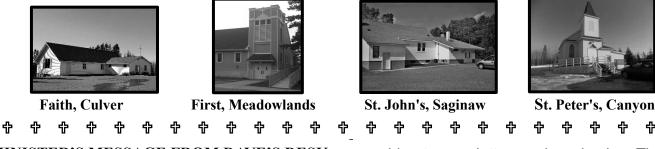
S.A.L.T. Parish (South Arrowhead Lutherans Together) A joint newsletter from the Minnesota congregations of:

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE FROM DAVE'S DESK

For this month's message, I'd like to approach the difference between "Grace," and "Mercy" in biblical terms. Many refer to "Grace" and "Mercy" as being interchangeable. Simply put, Grace is getting what you don't deserve, and Mercy is not getting what you deserve. Let me explain with the following illustration:

A college professor, R.C.Sproul, at the start of the semester had 150 students that were given three papers that were due October 1, November 1, and December 1. The penalty for late papers was a zero grade. At noon on October 1, 140 students turned in the assignment, 10 were late. The professor asked" Where are your papers?" They pleaded that they were overwhelmed with papers due and asked to please grant an extension. Dr.Sproul said, "Okay, but next time, they will be late and receive a zero grade." They all agreed.

On November 1st, 125 students turned in their papers on the Professors desk. He asked the remaining 25 students whose papers were late, "Where are your papers?" They said that they were preparing for mid-terms and didn't get time to write the paper and asked, "Please grant us an extension." "Okay," said the Professor, "but this is your final warning. The next late papers will receive a zero grade. Understand?" "Yes," they all replied.

On December 1st 100 students turned in their assignment and the Professor asked the remaining 50, "where are your papers?" One student said, "Don't sweat it, we'll get it done in a

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would get a one letter grade reduction. The
students shouted, "That's not fair." The professor
said, "you want me to be fair, I'll be fair. I
originally said that papers turned in late would
receive a zero grade. Since they are not here,
vou will now receive a zero."

The Professor was illustrating that in setting rules, he had the prerogative to extend "Mercy," which he did the first two times the papers were late but was consistent. But the students presumed the Professors mercy and thought there would be no penalty for late work. But they didn't follow the original instructions and received the full penalty for their failure to perform.

The gift of "Grace" is receiving God's undeserved favor, namely Salvation. It can't be earned but is freely given through faith. "Mercy" on the other hand is forgiveness or withholding punishment for what we've done and deserve. God showed us "Mercy" when he sacrificed his Son for the sins we've committed. God extends "Mercy," through confession and God's "Grace" appears as a gift to all believers and brings salvation. Thanks be to God for his "Grace" and "Mercy."

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 is <u>always</u> available for emergencies. First contact: 218-391-7951 (cell) Secondary number: 218-348-9720 Email: dwerdmann@gmail.com



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

~NEWSLETTER DEADLINE~~ Deadline for the Sep. issue: 2nd Sun of Month: Aug 11th To mail information to Misty: 1236 County Rd 4 Wrenshall MN 55797 Or email to: Bergman.misty22@gmail.com

~~RUBY'S PANTRY~~

5577 Cromwell Park Dr, Cromwell, MN 2nd Thursday of the Month, Aug 8th, 2024 9:00 – 10:30 am

5007 Maple Grove Rd Hermantown, MN 2nd Tuesday of the Month, Aug 13th, 2024 5:00 – 6:30 pm

2300 E Skyline Blvd (Copper Top Church) 3rd Thursday of the Month, Aug 15th, 2024 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Bring your own boxes/baskets for food. (\$25) cash donation at the door is appreciated. Everyone is welcome!!! For more information call 651-674-0009 or visit www.rubyspantry.org.

Save the date October 9^{th.}

Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at Faith from 4: 30pm - 7: 00pm

> Men's Breakfast, August 16th, 8am Country Corner, Hwy 2, Brookston



Sunday Morning Livestream SALT Parish Facebook Page



10:30 am Bulletins will now be available for The Livestream. The link will be posted on the Parish Facebook page or the bulletin can be accessed at saltparish.org/bulletins

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S.A.L.T. Parish Mission is to support the Community through Health and Wellness. How can we help you achieve your full potential. Join us on September 26th at 6:30pm at Faith to discuss some future activities, lectures, and ideas. All are welcome to attend and bring ideas.

SALT Parish July 11th Meeting Summary

In Church news Faith will be hosting VBS on July 22nd -25th. They are very excited about the event and have some great volunteers to help this year. They are also busy working on their 125th Celebration coming up on September 29th. They are working on getting photos from the past 125 years and figuring out food options for the event. If you have anything to share about Faith's history, please bring it to Minister Dave. St. Peter's will also be celebrating 125 years on August 31st, 2025. Another milestone celebration to take place next summer too. Minister Dave will be taking vacation August 5th -11th, pulpit supply will be needed for the 11th. Minister Dave will again be attending the Fall theological Conference at Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge in September. Theme for this year's conference is "Washed in the Same Waters: Rediscovering Baptism in Turbulent Times". We will be excited to hear his takeaways from the conference and how we can implement what he learns. We are also in the search for a new computer for the newsletter editor and treasurer. The current Lenovo laptop no longer supports some of the new versions of software needed to properly function. Misty will search out some options with prices to bring back to the meeting in September.

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