



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

December 1, 2022

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Happy New Year! You might think I am a month early, but in the church year, we begin a new year with the season of Advent. What is Advent? It is a time of waiting. What are we waiting for? The Savior. During this time, we reflect on why we need a Savior. Week 1 we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, the Candle of Hope. It is the light shining in a dark place. It is the hope of the Savior to come who will take away all our sins and make us right with God. IF you do not have a church home, please join us Sunday morning at 9 am or Wednesday night at 6pm for worship this Advent season.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBSITE Our website is up and running! Go check us out at www.salemjaxschool.net



The Ladies of Salem Lutheran are having their annual cookie walk on Friday! School families get first dibs! Stop by the cafeteria when you pick up your children and get your holiday baked goods! \$6/lb



Our first Pack the Hosue at Leo's Pizza was a HUGE success! Thank YOU for your willingness to stick it out and wait in line! We were able to raise over \$145! Money from Pack the House events will be used to start our NEW 2K PROGRAM! See you there on December 15!

Upcoming Events:

Mark your calendars now!

Dec. 2 – Cookie Walk (available when you pick up your children)

Dec. 7- PTL meeting at 4pm

Dec. 14- Students lead Advent Service **6pm** reception to follow

Dec. 15- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza

Dec. 16- End of 2nd Quarter

Dec. 19-Jan 2- NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break

Jan. 16- NO SCHOOL – MLK Day

Jan. 22-28 – National Lutheran School's Week! (Stay tuned for more details!)



FED ON HIS WORD- Each week we are given the opportunity to hear the preaching of His Word. Together, we Rejoice as we share in the fellowship of our Lord, and we respond to worship as His Called People of Faith. Please encourage your child to attend both Church and Sunday School each week to enable them to know more about Jesus.

PRAYER FAMILIES- Each day we pray for all our students and their families. It has long been a custom of our school to divide our families each

year by the number of school weeks and especially pray for them in our morning devotions. **Barnett and Tomhave**

PTL MEETING: Please note this month's PTL meeting will be Wednesday, December 7th at **4:00 pm** to accommodate the Mid-Week Advent Service

Golf Tournament Survey: We are taking a survey to see if there would be enough Parents who would like to put together a team for a Golf Tournament? With Salem no longer hosting the Morgan County Tournament, we are looking for ways to raise more funds for the school. If you would like to participate and bring a team to a Tournament, please contact David Hannel (217)491-0722.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE- Please have your news items in by noon on Tuesdays. Thank you!

SERVICE HOURS: Need to get in your Service Hours? Come to the PTL meeting on Dec. 7 at 4 pm and earn 1 hour! You will be able to hear about upcoming events and other opportunities to serve your school!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU -

Thursday, December 1st Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit and Milk

Friday, December 2nd - Pizza in the classroom due to Cookie Walk in the Cafeteria

Monday, December 5th - Cheeseburger, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

Tuesday, December 6th -- Breakfast Tacos, Fruit, Vegetable and Milk

Wednesday, December 7th - Chicken Alfredo, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

Thursday, December 8th - Tacos, Toppings, Fruit and Milk

Friday, December 9th Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

PRESCHOOL 3's from: Mrs. Wiegand: This week we are finishing up November with the color Brown and Popcorn Day. We compared popcorn kernels with other kinds of corn kernels, learned what makes them go pop and made before and after pictures. We begin December tracing our names and learning the letters in them. Our stories were "Jacob and Esau" and "The Pop Corn Shop". We look

forward to preparing for Christmas. Thank you to the Blanchette family for the snacks.

PRESCHOOL 4's & KINDERGARTEN

News from Mrs. Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Snowflakes This week the students are learning about snowflakes and how God made each and every human being unique and so are the snowflakes no two are ever the same. For science the children will learn how snowflakes are formed and for math they will explore snowflakes shapes and symmetry. Early in the week the children drew their favorite snowflake in their journal and painted snowflakes! Last week's learning focus was I Am Thankful: The students took turns and shared what they were thankful for. They learned about the first Thanksgiving that the Native Americans and Pilgrims started and with paper, scissors, and glue created their own turkey! Next week will be a short week but filled with fun and exciting arts and crafts about what the students are thankful for. They will continue to work on writing their names, cutting, coloring, painting, and creating a paperplate turkey!



1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs.

Deborah Steinacher: For the week of December 5-9, for memory we will be working really hard to know our songs and recitations. We have been working on them since before Christmas. This will give us all week to polish them up. In religion we will be learning about the First Christmas. We will be learning about the wise men, the shepherds, and Mary, Joseph, and Jesus. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 3.4. In reading we will be reading a variety of nonfiction stories. We will be looking for way that fiction and nonfiction differ. In math we be learning about equal groups, identifying intersecting lines and perpendicular lines, estimating differences, working with graphs, and measuring to the nearest centimeter. In science we will be working with wheels and axles. We

will be learning how incline and friction affect wheels. There will be no book report for December. Enjoy the month. We will start again with book reports in January. We would like to thank Lily for our afternoon snack. We all look forward to our snack break. It is greatly appreciated. Be sure to mark your calendar. The children's Christmas service is Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 6 pm. Please come to my room at 5:30 so that we can get ready. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings!

3rd. 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs.

Blayre Petri: For the week of December 5th - 9th we will be starting unit 3 week 5 in both reading and spelling. In reading the 4th grade will be reading a persuasive article titled "A New Kind of Corn." The 3rd grade will be reading an expository text titled "Riding the Rails West." We will work on reading these stories along with going over vocabulary during the week. In 4th grade we will be talking about irregular verbs and correct verb usage in grammar. In 3rd grade grammar we will be working on combining sentences with verbs, subject-verb agreement when combining sentences and punctuation in letters, dates, addresses, and locations. In math we will be working on chapters 55-59. In social studies we will be talking about the United States since World War II. We will also have a small quiz over lessons 4 and 5 in Chapter 2 on Friday, December 9. In Science we will be reviewing for a Lesson 12 test that will be on Tuesday, December 6th and start Lesson 13. We continue to practice our recitations and songs for our Christmas program that is coming up. The students are working hard and it shows! God Bless, Mrs. Petri

6th 7th & 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy

Reitsma: The middle school has been working on formulating their first persuasive essay with research to support their point of view. They are also working hard on their next book report. They need to have their parts for the Christmas Service memorized by Monday. It is hard to believe that we are getting ready to wrap up the second quarter!!!