



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

December 8, 2022

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It is the second week of Advent. Week 2 we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, the Candle of Faith. It is also called the Bethlehem candle. Micah foretold of the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem, the birthplace of King David. The light of the flickering candle flames reminds us who Jesus is: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5). 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



Our next Pack the House is coming December 15th. Proceeds from this event will go to the start up cost of starting our new 2K program coming this summer!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE: In observance of Christmas Break, after school care will be available until 4:00pm on Friday, December 16. Please contact Mrs. Jackie Steinacher for any questions (217)461-0094.



Our students have been working hard preparing for their Advent Service **Wednesday**. Costumes have been fitted, parts have been learned and we are excited to share and worship with YOU about the birth of Our Savior. Students will need to be **IN THEIR CLASSROOM BY 5:30 pm** on Wednesday.



Upcoming Events:

Check our calendars now!

Dec. 14- Students lead Advent Service 6pm
Cookie 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!)

A BIG THANK YOU to Laretta Scheller for heading up our costume creations for the Christmas Service. She along with Gloria Kusy and Leta Malcott put together all our costumes! We couldn't have done this service without all of you!!

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. **Bezler and Steinacher**

SALEM PTL: Salem PTL is hosting a cookie reception immediately following the Children's Christmas Service, December 14th. Please join us in celebrating this Christmas season!

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!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU -

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

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

Monday, December 12th - Grilled Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

Tuesday, December 13th -- Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

Wednesday, December 14th - Vegetable Beef Soup, Fruit and Milk

Thursday, December 15th - Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

Friday, December 16th Walking Tacos, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

FEATURED CLASS: Featured Class: Kindergarten: The kindergarten worked on creating the nativity in religion class.



PRESCHOOL 3's from: Mrs. Wiegand: Why do we hang wreaths and stockings at Christmas? Why do we use poinsettias and evergreen trees and the colors red, white and green at Christmas? This week the class has been learning about the meaning of why we use certain decorations and traditions at Christmas time. We are also learning about how Christmas is celebrated around the world in other countries. Writing of our names is coming along nicely and we are practicing cutting shapes with scissors. We read "Curious George's Christmas", "The Special Christmas

Tree" and "The Biggest Christmas Tree Ever". Thank you to the Petri family for snacks this week.

PRESCHOOL 4's & KINDERGARTEN News from Mrs. Lysaythong:

Learning Focus: Snowman This week the students are learning about what it takes to make a snowman. The students started their week by listening to stories about a snowman, began their long-term paper clay project, and will proceed with their ABC's phonics sounds as well as high frequency words. For handwriting the students will persist in writing their first and last names as independently as possible and recognize/identify numbers 0-13. The Kindergarteners will carry on with counting by 2's and 3's; work on telling time with a clock, and read their weekly books to strengthen reading comprehension and language skills! Last week's learning focus was Snowflakes. The students learned that not two snowflakes are alike and how some are already broken during its downward trajectory journey. For science the students recognized that the formation of snowflakes takes place in the clouds not from freezing rain. For art the students painted and cut out snowflakes to enhance their creativity and eye-hand coordination!



1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher:

For the week of Dec. 12 there will be no regular memory. Instead we will be working on putting the finishing touches on our songs and recitation. There will also be no regular reading or spelling. Instead we will be practicing the Christmas service. In math we will be predicting outcomes, making and labeling arrays, and showing transformations, rotations, and reflections. In social studies we are learning about trading with other countries. In science we will be working with wheels and axles and reviewing some of our science concepts. We will be having left overs for our afternoon snack. On Friday we will be doing a variety of activities to celebrate

Christmas. There will be no gift exchange. Instead we will be finishing up some cards and making a special decoration to send to some nursing home residents. Just a short reminder. Our children's Christmas service will be Dec. 14 at Salem. Please have the students at Salem at 5:30 so that we can get everyone ready. The service is at 6 pm. There will be a reception afterwards. Everyone is invited to attend. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings.

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

Blayre Petri: The week of the 12th-16th will not be a regular week in third and fourth grade. There will be no spelling or reading tests this week. We will be practicing our songs and speaking parts for our Christmas Program on the 14th. The students will need to be at the school that night at 5:30, and our program begins at 6:00. There will be a reception for students and their parents directly after the program in the cafeteria. We will have a small Christmas party on Friday the 16th. The students will participate in fun games and sing happy birthday to Jesus. We are continuing to try and meet our AR goals and will try to squeeze Math in when we can throughout the week. I hope you all have a blessed Christmas break, and enjoy celebrating the birth of our dear savior! God Bless, Mrs. Petri

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

Reitsma: The middle school is wrapping up the quarter with a final science test, spelling test and math test. We have been busy preparing for the Christmas Service and volunteering with doorbell dinners. Their final book report of the quarter is due Friday.