



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

March 23, 2023

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL Happy Spring! It is hard to believe that spring officially started this week what with the cold temperatures and flurries, but here it is! Time to plant those seeds and get ready to reap the harvest. We don't need to know and understand the process by which seeds grow; we just have to water, nurture and protect them. It is the same way with our spiritual life and God's Word. In I Thessalonians 2:13 we read; "And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believes." God's Word is self-sustaining. It doesn't require others to validate it. When God speaks to you through the Scriptures not everyone will agree with or support you. Take Peter who, when he saw Jesus walking on the water asked if it was truly Jesus to tell him to come (Matthew 14:28). Jesus indeed told him to come and Peter started walking over the water to him. I am sure that was quite the sight for the other disciples who, probably didn't think he could walk across the water to Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. Once Peter's faith started to waver, he started to sink. That is true for us as well. We sometimes let those around us who doubt, distract us from following God's Word. But just like the seeds we plant in the spring, we don't need to fully understand how it works. As long as we feed on His Word and believe it, it can work effectively in us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PTL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS: The PTL is looking for donations of Pies, Cakes, Brownies or anytype of dessert for the Spring Festival Cake Walk which will be Saturday, April 29th. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Jackie Steinacher (217)461-0094



Upcoming Events:
Calendars now!

March 27-31- No School- Spring Break
March 28- Girls Volleyball at OSS 7:45pm
April 2- Students sing in church 8:45 am arrival
April 4- Girls Volleyball at OSS 5:45pm
April 18- Girls Volleyball at OSS 7:45pm
April 5- Silent Auction bidding begins
April 21- pack the House at Leo's Pizza
April 25- Girls Volleyball at OSS 5:45pm
April 27- Girls Volleyball at OSS 6:45pm
April 28- No School- Teacher Work Day
April 29- LIVE AUCTION 4-7 pm

Thank you for those of you who have already turned in registration forms. As you are turning in forms, please remember to include your registration fee for grades K-8 and your first month's payment for 2K-4K. Some grades are filling up fast, so get those registration forms in soon!



Next week is Spring Break! Enjoy your time off. Remember we sing in church on Sunday, April 2! 8:45am arrival.

Do you like Volleyball? Come watch our 6th grade girls play at OSS! Next game is Tuesday, March 28 at 7:45 pm



Our Auction begins soon! The classes are all submitting projects to the auction for you to bid on! Silent auction bidding begins on April 5th ending with the LIVE Auction event on April 29th. Middle School will have a stained-glass window, Grades 3-4 will have a giant personalized handmade "Jenga" set, Grades 1-2 will have a customized cornhole set. Preschool will have offerings as well. Make sure to mark your calendar now!



Do you love Salem and want to help us grow? Our referral program is now open. Refer a family who joins our Salem family and receive \$200 towards your tuition. Know someone who would be a great addition to our staff? Refer them and if they are hired, you get paid \$200 toward your tuition! There is NO LIMIT! The more you share, the more you can earn! To whom can you refer today??



PRESCHOOL 3's from: Mrs. Wiegand:



We are excited to already have children signing up for summer camp! If you need a payment plan in order to sign up early,

please let the office know. The sooner we know how many children to expect the better! Tell your friends too!

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: Arnold & Oxley

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

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –
No School – March 27th through March 31st
Easter Break

Featured Class: GRADES 1-2 First and Second grade has begun work on customizing this cornhole set for the auction.



PRE-SCHOOL 4's & KINDERGARTEN News from Mrs. Lysaythong:

Learning Focus: Review Nursery Rhymes This week the students are reviewing simple nursery rhymes. They are singing rhyming songs, creating rhyming collage, and drawing rhyming pictures. The students will all participate in a hands-on dancing worm science experiment towards the end of the week highlighting chemical reactions! Last week's learning focus was Things that Go. The students learned about things that go which encompasses the various forms of vehicles, how people and products travel from one point to another. The students used Legos and constructed their favorite forms of transportation, built a community filled with roads, tracks, and ramps in the block center, and used shapes to create an abstract art!



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

For the week of April 3, memory will be #29 for first grade and #69 for second grade. In religion we will be learning about when Jesus died on the cross for our sins. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 6.2. In reading we will be reading nonfiction pieces. We will locate facts within the stories, look at what we already know and discuss what is new to us, and relate the stories to our own lives. In math we will be working with estimating, working with probability, and creating symmetrical designs. In language we are working on knowing the difference between a sentence and a fragment. In social studies we will preview vocabulary for unit 4. Then we will begin learning about our culture. In science

we will learn how pitch can be changed by using a box and a rubber band. Be sure to check the folder for the April calendar and book report. The week back from spring break we will have left overs for our snack. Then we will return to our normal schedule. Please remember to mark Palm Sunday on your calendar. We will be singing in church. Please come down to the classroom at 8:45 to warm up. We will be waving palm branches as we walk into church. Thank you for helping us add to our worship. Enjoy your spring break. God's blessings!

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs. Blayre Petri:

When we return from spring break on April 3rd we will begin unit 6 week 2 in both reading and spelling for both grades. The fourth grade spelling words are homophones. The third grade spelling words all have consonant + le syllables. The fourth grade story for this week is a historical fiction titled "Valley of the Moon." The third grade story is a historical fiction titled "Nora's Ark." We will be working on comprehension and vocab throughout the week. In third grade grammar we will be discussing adjectives that compare, adjectives that compare with spelling changes, and correct comparative and superlative forms. In fourth grade grammar we will be discussing comparing with adverbs, comparing with irregular adverbs and punctuation and capitalization practice. We will begin talking about the states in the North East in social studies. The students will be responsible for knowing these states and capitals by the end of this Chapter. The students are also working hard on our class project that we will be donating to the upcoming auction. We are making a large yard size jenga game that will be personalized with the students favorite bible quotes. This will be up for grabs at our live auction in April. I hope you enjoy your spring break and may God bless you always! Mrs. Petri

6th – 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma:

Grade 6-8 are learning about the atmosphere and beginning studies on the Civil War. Algebraic concepts and understanding the grammar of the English language and how to use it effectively to communicate continue. They are foiling all the pieces of the stained glass window getting ready to solder it together.