



# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter

### SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

#### **A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Ever have a time in your life when things seem to be going wrong or are too hard? How do you get through those tough times? King David tells us how in Psalm 16:8-9 where we read; "I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety". So, when those tough times come, we need to realize that the Lord is with us and draw from His strength instead of trying to get through it on our own.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**REFER-A-STUDENT** – Remember if you refer a student to Salem for this year and they enroll, you'll receive a \$200 discount on your tuition. Unlimited referrals.

**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. Sunday School at Salem is at 9:15 am.

**PRAYER FAMILIES-** Each day we pray for all of 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 and Vaughn**

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



**CHAPEL OFFERINGS** Collection date \$120.33



It's time to start Packing the House at Leo's Pizza! On the third Thursday of every month, Salem Lutheran Church and School eat in or carry out from Leo's. Mention Salem and a part of every purchase will be donated back to the school!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Sept. 14 volleyball practice
- Sept. 19 volleyball practice
- Sept. 20-Sock Fundraiser Forms Due
- Sept. 21- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza
- Volleyball practice
- Sept. 22- Preschool/Kindergarten Field Trip to the Springfield Zoo
- Grades 3-5 Field Trip to the Steam Show
- Sept. 26- Grades 1-2 Field Trip to Pumpkin Creek Farms
- Grades 7-8 Field Trip to Illinois State Museum
- Sept. 26- Volleyball game at Westfair
- Sept. 28- volleyball practice
- Oct. 1- Pre-school Sing in church- Middle School Plays



#### **Sock Fundraiser**

You should have received your sock fundraising order forms last week. This is a GREAT fundraiser for us, as the return to us for each pair of socks is really high. Please do your best to sell as many pairs as you can to support our school! They are due back September 20. Socks should be in by the end of the month.

**RADON TESTING:** Salem Lutheran Church and School has recently been tested for Radon. This is a test performed every 3 years. Results are in the office for anyone interested in looking at the results.



## WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Hot Ham and Cheese, French Fries, Celery, Grapes and Milk.

Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – WG Cheese Pizza, Green Salad, Watermelon, Granola Bar and Milk

Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Goulash, Ritz Crackers, Apple, String Cheese and Milk

Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> – Hamburger Cheese Helper, Green Salad, Grapes, Tortilla Chips w/Salsa and Milk

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – Cheeseburgers, Banana, Corn, Cheese Stick and Milk.

Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – Hot Ham and Cheese Omelet, Carrot sticks, Watermelon, Cereal Bar, and Milk.

## NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

### PRESCHOOL: Pre-K2 News from Ms.

Hathaway and Ms. Sharrow: This week we have been busy learning about all the different kinds of pets people have! We made a picture chart of “If I could have one of these animals as a pet it would be..” and let the students mark which pet they wanted! We worked on learning how to count with goldfish, I think their favorite part was eating the goldfish afterwards! Our letter of the week is “T”. We have practiced tracing the letter “T” with chalk, paint, crayons and markers. We have had a busy week of learning while having fun at the same time!



### PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Mrs. Blayre

Petri: Learning Focus “Pets” This week in Preschool 3 we will be focusing on the letter T and number 3. We will be working in our journals, finishing our pet puppets, and continuing to work on recognizing and tracing their first name. Our Bible story for this month is “Noah’s Ark”, and we are continuing to practice singing Jesus Loves Me. The stories we will read besides “Noah’s Ark” will be “Pet for Pete”, and “Hooray for Fish”. During our morning meeting the kids continue to work on counting while talking about the calendar and

also discuss the weather. The students love practicing their letter and number of the week on the smart board as well! God Bless, Mrs. Petri

### PRESCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Mrs. Mindy

Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Dinosaurs This week’s learning focus is “Dinosaurs”. The students are learning about dinosaurs, why they are extinct, and what type of dinosaurs are an herbivore, omnivore, and or carnivore. Students will pretend to be a paleontologist and utilize a chisel and brush to excavate dinosaur fossils. On Friday the students will partake in the letter “Dd” collage Show & Tell and take turns batting a dinosaur piñata! Last week’s learning focus was “Pets”! The students learned the value of having pets, discussed about pet responsibilities, and shared pictures of their pet(s) during Show & Tell. They enjoyed looking at pet pictures and listening to the funny pet stories!



### Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

Our kindergarteners are doing amazing things! This week in reading we are talking about baby animals and how they move. Students will be working on a poster to present to the class on Monday next week about a baby animal of their choice and making an animal puppet! In Math we are talking about patterns, sorting, ordering numbers 1-10, counting backwards from 10, and ordinal numbers! Students will be sorting buttons, learning to make AB patterns with their bodies and voices, and creating a math story with teddy bear counters. We are still learning about the 5 senses in science, and this week we will be talking about taste and touch. Students will be doing taste tests to determine what tastes salty, sweet, bitter, and sour. In social studies we are talking about symbols that represent the United States, and talking about different monuments and memorials we have in the United States. It is going to be a great week! Blessings to you all!

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah**

**Steinacher:** For the week of Sept. 18, memory from the memory book for first grade will be #5 and memory for second grade will be #46. In religion we will be learning about Joseph and his brothers. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 1.5. We will be reading several non-fiction pieces. We will be looking at how a non-fiction and a fiction story are different. A new spelling list will be coming home soon for unit 2. In math we are continuing to practice adding larger number with regrouping. We are also practicing our problem solving skills, dividing shapes into half, thirds, and fourths. We will be learning about tally marks, counting money, and identifying angles. In social studies we are continuing to learn about being good citizens. We will learn how a good citizen honors our country. In science we are learning about what is in our own habitat. We started with our house, and now we will look at the plants, animals, and places. We have been practicing our first book report in class. It will be sent home so that you may use it as an example. Each month the students will be required to pick out a book, read it at home, and do a book report on it. Please help your child with this. Please work on it over several days. The book report can always be found in the classroom folder. We would like to thank Skyah for providing us with our afternoon snack next week. We all enjoy our snack and story time. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings.

### **3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline**

**Steinacher:** We seem to be getting into our school routine nicely as we head into our second month of school! In Social Studies, we are learning about the geography of the United States. We will have a quiz on Friday over the states in the Midwestern region. In Science, we are finishing up our unit on Astronomy. This week, we are discussing the planets and the characteristics that make them unique. In Math, we are working through units 24-27, which cover rounding, column addition, counting money, inverse operations, and subtraction word problems. We will have a Math test on Friday. In Spelling, we are on List 4, with a spelling test on Friday. Please remember to have your child practice his/her spelling words at home. In Language, we are discussing run-on sentences and how to correct them. In Reading, we are in Unit 1, Week 4; with a reading comprehension test on Friday. We thank Ben for our snacks this week. Have a wonderful week!

### **6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma:**

The middle school is learning about ancient man and where man originated in history. They are also learning about the skeletal system in

science. In art we are doing silk paintings and in music we are practicing to play in church with the preschool on October 1. Math and Language Arts are moving forward as usual.