



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our children are growing up in a high-tech society where they can be slammed with information 24 hours a day. We as their parents and teachers need to teach them the necessity of taking time to rest and recharge. In Mark 6:31 we read: "Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Do you follow Jesus' example and model for your children taking time to rest and reflect? Establish boundaries with technology. Set a schedule for you and your family and stick to it. Spend the time with family, resting, or in prayer with the Lord.

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. **Antemate and Vice**

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



Today we practiced a lockdown drill here at Salem. The Jacksonville Police Department was there to help us assess the areas that we did well and the areas that we can improve on. All the teachers and students did a great job. Please listen to your children if they want to discuss the drill with you as this will help them to process what happened today.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 7- volleyball practice
- Sept. 12-volleyball practice
- Sept. 13 – PTL Committee Meeting 6:30 pm
- Sept. 14 volleyball practice
- Sept. 20-Sock Fundraiser Forms Due
- Sept. 21- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza
- Sept. 22- Preschool/Kindergarten Field Trip to the Springfield Zoo
- Sept. 26- Grades 1-2 Field Trip to Pumpkin Creek Farms
- Sept. 26- Volleyball game at Westfair
- Oct. 1- Pre-school Sing in church- Middle School Plays



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!

PTL COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a PTL Committee meeting for Trunk or Treat and the Chilli Cookoff on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30p.m. We will also have our regular meeting at the end of the month.



Do you know how easy it is to "snip" Box Tops to help Salem? It is ALL DIGITAL! Collect them for Salem today!



CHAPEL OFFERINGS Collection date \$75.18

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.



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS: Looking for a way to add hours to your service hours? The library is looking for volunteers on Monday's from Noon to 3:00 pm. If you would be interested, please call Laurretta Scheller at (636)544-3786.

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 7th – Fis Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Grapes, Cheese stick and Milk

Friday, September 8th – Walking Tacos, Toppings/salad, Strawberries and Milk

Monday, September 11th – Scrambled Eggs w/Cheese, Banana, Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar, Salsa and Milk

Tuesday, September 12th – Breaded Chicken Tenders, Mashed potatoes w/gravy, Corn on the cob, Watermelon and Milk.

Wednesday, September 13th – Tater tot Casserole, Carrot sticks, Apple, String Cheese and Milk.

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

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Hathaway and Ms. Sharrow: This month our theme in class is “pets”. Our students will learn about the different kinds of pets there are. We will talk about what pet(s) students have at home. We will learn about where certain animals come from. Last week our students practiced being a “vet”. Taking care of stuffed animals and checking their heartbeat. We also will be introducing our new class pet! We can't wait to see how excited our students will be! Our letter of the week is “W”. We are practicing tracing and coloring the letter, while also talking about what

things start with the letter W. We really are having so much fun and learning new things every day!

PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Mrs. Blayre

Petri: Learning Focus “Pets” This week the students are learning about what pets are and what type of animals are pets. The books we are reading this week are, "What Pet Should I Get?", "Lola Gets a Cat", and "The Perfect Pet". We will



travel to the library on Wednesday for story time and craft. We are sticking with the letter F and number 1 for our letter and number focus this week, and the class is continuing to work on singing the song Jesus Loves Me for our first chapel sing in October. We will also be making pet puppets, working on our fine motor skills by tracing zig zag lines to get the kitten to her ball of yarn, and continuing to work on recognizing the letters in their name! God Bless, Mrs. Petri

PRESCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Mrs. Mindy

Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Pets This week's learning focus is “Pets”. The students are learning about pets, why they need love, and how they are part of their families. Students will listen to books about pets, create pet artwork, and participate in a pet picture “Show & Tell” on Friday! Last week's learning focus was “Me and My School”! The students learned the value of friendship at school through playing with friends, entrusting in teacher's care, and understanding that going to school is part of growing up. The students used various shapes to design a school, drew pictures of their favorite things to do at school, and made ice-cream with their peers!



Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

This week kindergarten is learning about the importance of friends. In reading we will read books about making friends such as *What About Bear?* and *The Lion and the Mouse*. They will make a friendship bracelet this week as we talk about making new friends and keeping old friends. We will talk about filling each other's buckets with kindness, and create our very own "bucket". In math we are talking about sequencing our daily events/activities. We will be creating a schedule of our day in order of what we do! We are still learning about our five senses in science and we are talking about hearing, touch, and smell this week! In social studies we are talking about leaders in school, in our community, and at home. We are also discussing how to make a decision and will talk about different ways we can make choices, including voting. We will be using oil pastels in art this week as we learn about Pablo Picasso and cubism! This week is going to be great! Have a blessed week!

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

For the week of Sept. 11, memory from the memory book for first grade will be #4 and memory for second grade will be #45. In religion we will be learning about when Isaac blesses his sons. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 1.4. We will be reading about friends of different kinds. We will relate the stories to our own lives. In math we will be working on a.m. and p.m., noon and midnight, dozen and half dozen, reading thermometers, problem solving, dividing into halves, and tally marks. In social studies we are continuing to learn about being good citizens in our community. In science we are learning about things and places in our own habitat. A note has been sent home about our field trip to Pumpkin Creek Farms on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Please read it over and send it back to school by Monday, Sept. 18, so that I can make final arrangements. We would like to thank Jace for providing us with our afternoon snack next week. It is wonderful to have a snack break and a great book! Have a wonderful week. God's blessings to everyone!

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline Steinacher:

Greetings from Mrs. Steinacher! In Social Studies, we are finishing up our unit on communities. We will have a quiz on Friday over the unit. We are also reviewing the Midwest region of the United States this week and next. In Science, we are continuing our unit on astronomy with discussion about the Moon. In Math, we are working through units 21-23, which covers rounding, telling time, and missing addends. We will have a Math test on Friday. In

Spelling, we are on List 3, with a spelling test on Friday. In Language, we are discussing simple and compound sentences. In Reading, we are in Unit 1, Week 3; with a reading comprehension test on Friday. We thank the Antemate family for our snacks this week. Have a wonderful week!

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

The Middle School helped this week with delivering Doorbell Dinners. They do this in conjunction with the church volunteers. This is a great ministry to our local community, and we are thankful for those from the church and school who volunteer to help. Along with this, the class continues to grow in knowledge. They also have begun practicing for their first performance in church.