



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

DECEMBER 14, 2023

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Week 3 of the Advent season focus is on JOY. In Philippians 4:4-5 we are told to “rejoice” for “indeed the Lord is near.” It is the one time during the Advent Season of repentance that we focus instead on the joy of a Savior. Just as the shepherds heard the news and went quickly to greet their Savior, so should we get ready to meet Him again when He returns to take us home to heaven. As we await the celebration of Jesus’ birth, be reminded of the joy that is ours through His death and resurrection.

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 10:15 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. **Griffin and Reif**

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



Second quarter chapel offerings \$8.53 collected to date. \$142.46



Christmas shopping? Getting gift cards? Don’t forget to use the Scrip program! Same prices you pay at the store, but Salem gets to benefit too! Need help? Call the office and they can get you started or order them for you

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 14-** Basketball Practice
- Dec. 19-** Basketball practice
- Dec. 21-** Pack the House at Leo’s Pizza
- Dec. 22-** End of Second Quarter- Noon Dismissal- **NO CARE**
- Jan 8-** School Resumes



Thank you to all the people who made last night such a wonderful experience! It takes many hands to do such a Christmas Service. Thank you to the staff, teachers, parents and students who worked together to share the message of Jesus’ birth!



We have one more opportunity to Pack the House at Leo’s Pizza before Christmas! Next Thursday is pack the House. Dine in or Carry out but always mention Salem’s Pack the House! We get a percentage for every dollar spent. Thank you

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Friday, December 15th – WG Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fruit, and Milk.

Monday, December 18th -- Biscuits and Gravy, Fruit, Vegetable and Milk

Tuesday, December 19th – Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham, Fruit, Salad, and Milk

Wednesday, December 20th – Broccoli Cheese Soup, Fruit and Milk

Thursday, December 21st – Walking Tacos, Salad, Toppings, Fruit and Milk

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Hathaway & Mrs. Wilson: Learning Focus: Holidays and the Birth of Christ: This week’s learning focus is “Holidays and the Birth of Christ”. The students are learning about the story of Christ and preparing for our Christmas Service Program. We are reading books about being kind this holiday season and how we can help others this week. We are focused on learning the letter C as well as counting forward and backward to 5. The students will be making reindeer and snowflakes this week.

PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Ms. Christy

Martin: This week we are continuing to discuss the Birth of Christ and the reason for Christmas. We are working on the letter G, the number 2, and the shape of a Square. We have been working hard and practicing our songs for our Christmas service and hope you all enjoyed it!! Working with their fine motor skills like holding and cutting with scissors as well as holding the writing utensils is a big focus for these kids at this time. Fine motor skills the kids will continue to use throughout their life while they grow and learn more in each grade.

PRESCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Ms. Minday

Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Snowman

This week's learning focus is "Snowman". The students are learning about snowman, what a snowman needs, and how to make a snowman. They will use clay to mold and create a snowman, research into what makes snow, and journal why they love snowman or snowwoman. Last week's learning focus was "Kindness"! The students learned that there are various ways to show kindness to not just their families but to friends and people that they have never met before. The students journal their own personal experience of being kind and made cards for the Walker Nursing Home Inc. in Virginia!



Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

We have a full week of learning this week in kindergarten! This week in reading, kindergarten students are continuing to learn about who their neighbors are. We will be reviewing and talking as a class about our own neighbors. We continue to learn and work on reading independently in class, and students are blossoming! In math, we are continuing to learn about fractions and how we can use fractions in our everyday life. We are also learning about relating numbers to objects and working on problem-solving by drawing a picture. In social studies, we are learning more about weather and how it affects the world around us. In science, we are learning how to use a hand lens and how to study and describe seashells. Students have been practicing music and parts for our Christmas program this week, and have been doing well! In art, we are making giant ornaments and working with different art materials, such as paint, markers, glue and glitter. It is going to be a great week! God Bless!

1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: For the week of Dec. 18, we will be back on a normal schedule. Memory will be from the memory book. First grade memory will be #15 and second grade will be #55. In religion we will be learning about when Jesus was born. We will also be doing a few special projects that they can take home. They will help them share the Good News about Jesus our Savior. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 4.1. The list of spelling words for unit 4 have already been sent home. Memory, reading, and spelling tests will be on Thursday instead of Friday. On Friday we will be doing a variety of Christmas activities. The monthly book report is due Dec. 19. Please hand it in at any time. In social studies we are learning about some of the things that make up our culture. In science we will be learning about various animal habitats. We would like to thank Carlee Jace for providing us with our afternoon snack. Afternoon snacks are the best. Thank you! We all really enjoyed the Christmas service! Thank you everyone for coming and hearing the Good News about Jesus being born. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings.

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

Steinacher: Hello from Mrs. Steinacher! I am so grateful to all of my students and parents for the hard work they put into our Christmas Service. It was amazing to see and hear the students tell the story of Christmas! For the week of December 18, we will finish learning the countries of Europe in Geography. We will have a quiz over Central/Eastern Europe on Thursday. We will also start Chapter 4 in our Social Studies books, which covers the United States Government. In Science, we will begin our unit on Meteorology. In math, we will work on units 73-75, with a math test on Thursday. Spelling next week will be list 17, with a test on Thursday. In grammar, we will continue our unit on pronouns. We will be in unit 4.2 in Reading, with a reading comprehension test on Thursday. We thank Sarah for providing snacks next week. Have a blessed weekend!

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

Middle School has been practicing for the Christmas Service. In and around that, they managed to finish their unit on the Jewish Nation, Wrap up the science unit on circulation, got topics and prepare for a debate in Language Arts, finished their one point perspective paintings, while continuing to add more Algebraic concepts to their math lessons. They are eagerly anticipating Christmas Vacation to rest and recharge for the second half of the school year.

