



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

January 11, 2023

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." As we begin a New Year, life may seem fresh and new- a new start. It may also be that some are struggling with picking up the pieces from last year and not really knowing how they fit in this new year. Whatever the situation in your life right now, we know that God has the answers. His Word is how we gain knowledge and understanding. Let me challenge all of us to dive into God's Word this year, to seek His guidance and to listen for His voice. Need a Bible? Just come in and ask!

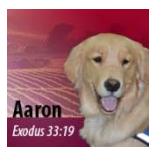
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. **Haley and Oxley**

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



CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Our third quarter offerings will focus on Our Nation. We will be supporting the Comfort Dog Ministry of the LCMS. By supporting them, we will be helping people all over the nation who have had tragedy strike. The comfort dogs help them cope with these difficult times. \$11.19 collected to date

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 11- Basketball Game @ BCA 6pm
- Jan 12-2nd Quarter Report Cards Go Home
- Jan 15- **No School-** MLKing Day
- Jan 16- Basketball practice
- Jan. 17- Awards Chapel
- Jan 18- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza
-Basketball Game @ Trinity Springfield 6pm
- Jan. 22-26 **National Lutheran Schools Week**
- Jan 23- Basketball practice
- Jan 25- **HOME** Basketball Game against Trinity Springfield 6pm
- Jan 28- Students **SING IN CHURCH** 9am with **8:45** arrival



CHANGE OF DATE: National Lutheran Schools Week is just around the corner! All students will **Sing in Church** to celebrate on **Sunday, January 28**. Students should **arrive at 8:45am**.



CONGRATULATIONS to our Basketball Team on their first game and first WIN! We thank Coaches Steinacher and Gehrke for leading the team! The next game is TONIGHT in Beardstown. Let's go cheer them on!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

- Friday, January 12th** – French Bread Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Milk
- Monday, January 15th** -- No School – ML King Day
- Tuesday, January 16th** – Chicken Bacon Ranch, Pasta, Salad, Fruit and Milk
- Wednesday, January 17th** -Pancakes, Hashbrowns, Fruit and Milk
- Thursday, January 18th** – Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Fruit and Milk

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS—

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Hathaway & Mrs. Wilson: Learning Focus: Community Workers Bible Story: The Good Samaritan: This week we are learning all about the circle; how to draw one, cut one and pick one out of a group. We are reinforcing number one with how to read it, write it and pick it out of a group of numbers. Our reading and vocabulary this week will be focused on our community workers and their jobs. The students will be finger painting, cutting and sorting this week.



PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Ms. Christy Martin: Hello, we have been working on the letter H, the number 3, and the shape triangle. We are learning about the Bible story of the Good Samaritan and what a community helper is this month as well. Students are making a classroom community helper map, making their own construction hat, and creating their own band-aid. With our fine motor skills, we are continuing to be working on holding and cutting with scissors as well as tracing to make letters, numbers, and shapes. Math we are comparing things that are big and small and making groups of 3.

PRESCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Ms. Minday Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Winter Wonderland: Week of January 8th learning focus is "Winter Wonderland". Welcome back and I hope that everyone had a relaxing winter break! This week the students will explore what winter wonderland looks like in their own perspectives through hands-on paintings of a snowy day and winter landscape using various contrasting watercolors to showcase the beauty of winter wonderland! The students will review their numbers 1-20, uppercase and lowercase alphabets, practice writing their first and last names, and make glitter snow playdough! Starting January 29th students will be given individualized homework to reinforce what is being taught in the classroom and for those who are ready for reading will start the beginners reading books as well. Homework will go home on Monday and must be returned on Thursday completed every week. If you have any questions regarding the homework please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you!



Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel: Happy New Year! This week we are practicing our reading by parrot reading. We are also practicing our sight words. We are doing various activities to learn our sight words, such as, reading emergent readers, cut and paste our sight words, and writing them out. In math, we are reviewing addition. We are also learning more about fractions and are talking about halves, wholes, thirds and fourths. In religion, we are talking about how we can connect with God through prayer and reading our Bibles. In art, we are learning how to apply paint using different methods, such as stamping, with a paint brush, or with our fingers. Just a reminder that Monday (1/15) we do not have school as it is MLK Day. Have a wonderful week! God Bless!

1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher: It's great to be back at school! Christmas break was a wonderful time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and to spend lots of time with family and friends. Now we are back to a normal schedule. For the week of Jan. 16, memory for first grade will be #17 and memory for second grade will be #57. In religion we will be learning about when Jesus preaches at Nazareth. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 4.3. While reading we will be looking for details, the setting, and the solution. In social studies we will continue to learn about cultures and all the things that make up a culture. We will talk about how we share our culture with others. In science we will look at various habitats. We would like to thank Isaiah for providing us with our snack next week. The next book report is due Jan. 23. They may be turned in at any time. One hundred day will soon be here. Look for more details as it gets closer. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings.

3rd, 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline Steinacher: When speaking with the students, it sounds like everyone had an amazing break. We are back into the swing of things in our classroom, and are optimistic about learning in the new year! A reminder that we will not have school Monday, January 15 due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day. For the week of January 16, we will learn about MLK Jr. in Social Studies. We

will also have a quiz over African countries on Friday. In Science, we are continuing our unit on Meteorology, and will learn more about the water cycle. We will also have Mrs. Hadden visit us for Ag in the Classroom. We always enjoy learning about agriculture and how it affects our community. In math, we will work on units 79-80, which cover length, mass, symmetry, and division. We will have a math test on Friday. In Language Arts, we will be in Unit 4.4, with reading and spelling tests on Friday. 3rd grade will read selections about flying, learn how to write complex sentences, and study homophones. 4th grade will read selections about astronomy, learn how to use possessive pronouns, and study diphthongs /oi/ and /ou/. Thank you to Sam for providing snack next week. Have a blessed weekend!

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

Middle School has started the second quarter with new units. We are studying the respiratory system in science. In History, we have moved to ancient civilizations in India. In math everyone is entrenched in algebraic concepts. We are looking forward to national Lutheran Schools Week that is coming soon!