



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

January 25, 2024

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. John 15: 1-5 This is the verse we are focusing on this school year and what we will be sharing and learning about NEXT week when we reschedule NLSW. We look forward to celebrating next week and meditating on this scripture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. **Houseman and Nienhiser**

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



CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Our third quarter offerings: Comfort Dog Ministry of the LCMS. \$25.34 collected to date

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 25--HOME** Basketball Game against Trinity Springfield 6pm
- Jan 26- -Family Fun Night 6:30 in gym –**
- Jan 28-** Students **SING IN CHURCH** 9am with **8:45 arrival middle school arrives at 8:30am**
- Jan. 29- NLSW-** Connected to Jesus Through Baptism (Wear your best party hat)
- Jan 30- NLSW-** Connected to God the Father Through Creation (Dress as a piece of creation)
-HOME Basketball Game against Westfair 5:30pm
- Jan 31- NLSW-** Connected to the Spirit and His Gifts (Dress as a piece of fruit)
- Feb 1-NLSW-** Connected to the Church (Wear your favorite TEAM jersey)
-HOME Basketball Game against Trinity Arenzville 6pm
- Feb 2- NLSW-**Connected to God’s Commission to Go Make Disciples (Dress as a dog)
- Feb 5- HOME** Basketball Game against BCA 6pm



FAMILY FUN NIGHT FRIDAY!!

Join us for BIG SCREEN MOVIE night in the gym at 6:30pm. Bring chairs, blankets, pillows, sleeping bags etc to be comfortable during the movie. Popcorn and soda will be served (Alternate snacks for small children available). Let’s GET CONNETED!



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.**



Registration were sent home last week. Please make sure you turn in papers and payment when registering for next year.

Rescheduled to NEXT WEEK!!!!



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK is next week! It is a time to celebrate being a part of an exceptional group of schools across the world. The weekly schedule was sent home earlier this week and has been posted on Face Book as well. Help your student(s) prepare to participate in the fun dress-up events for the week!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Friday, January 26th – WG Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Milk

Monday, January 29th -- Hot Dog on WG Bun, French Fries, Corn and Milk

Tuesday, January 30th – Tacos, Salad/Toppings, Black Beans and Milk

Wednesday, January 31st -Bosco Sticks, Marinara Sauce, Green Beans and Milk

Thursday, February 1st – Chicken Patty Sandwich, French Fries, 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: We have enjoyed our extra few days off and thankful no one was hurt on the ice. This week we are reviewing our numbers and shapes that we have already learned. This week and next we are focused on our community helpers. We have had 3 parents come in and talk to us about being a police officer, a nurse and farmer. We look forward to hearing from a mechanic and our field trip to see all about fire fighters! Thank you so much for coming in and thank you to ALL our community helpers- you do not go unnoticed. The students this week will be making community helper puppets, vehicles, and sort what tools each use.



PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Ms. Christy Martin:

This week we are doing several different things during school to show that we are connected together and connected to God. Each day has some great dress up days and activities to go with it. We will be coloring pictures for the older church congregation that are shut in and unable to come to our church services. Another day we are decorating cards for comfort dogs that go around to make others feel happy. We will also be focusing on the letter J, the number 5, and the shape of the pentagon. Working together to make a class puzzle, our own meal plate, and party hats are some of the other activities we have planned for the week.

PRESCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Ms. Minday

Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Community Helpers that Help You Feel Better: Week of January 22nd learning focus is “Community Helpers that Help You Feel Better”. The students will learn about community helpers that help them feel better when they are sick or get hurt. They will explore the fields of nurses, paramedics, doctors, ophthalmologists, and therapist. This will help the students gain an understanding of each community helper’s job responsibilities and role they play in the community. In art the student will create projects that reflect their favorite community helpers for the week! Week of January 15th learning focus was “Community Helpers that Help Keeps People/Animals Safe”! The students explored community helpers that help keeps people and animals safe such as police officers, fire fighters, lifeguards, military, and sea shepherds. They learned what each job entails and if that particular field is something that they would like to do in the future. In art the students created a police car, fire truck, and a fire fighter collage!





Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

Welcome back! This week in reading, we are practicing our reading by parrot reading, and we are continuing to learn about how we and others can make our community better! In math, we are learning about length and ordering items of different length up from shortest to tallest and vice versa. In religion, we are continuing to talk about how we can connect with God through prayer, Bible reading, and through church. In science we are learning about buoyancy. In social studies and science, we continue to learn about Earth's resources and how we can use them as well as mixtures. This week we were supposed to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week, however, due to the snow and ice days, we will be moving our activities to next week (1/29-2/2). A reminder for parents, we are singing in church this Sunday (01/28/2024). Students should arrive at 8:45am and meet in the cafeteria. Have a wonderful week! God Bless!

1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: Due to the snow days, a few things will be different from the class calendar in the student folders. For the week of Jan. 29, memory for first grade will be #18 and memory for second grade will be #58. In religion we will be learning about Jesus' miracles. We will begin by learning about when Jesus healed a crippled man. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 4.4. In language we have been learning a long list of prepositions. It will help the class be able to find prepositional phrases, the preposition, and the object of the preposition. In math we will be working with money, fractions, regrouping, telling time, and our math facts. In social studies we are learning how we share our culture with others. In science we will be looking at how animals change in the winter. We would like to thank Carlee for providing us with our afternoon snack next week. We all greatly appreciate the snack break! We are all looking forward to Lutheran School's Week next week. All of the special activities will be next week due to the snow days. We will start off the week by singing in church on Sunday, Jan. 28, at Salem. Please arrive at 8:45. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings!

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

Steinacher: Greetings from Mrs. Steinacher! A reminder that we will sing in church **this Sunday**, January 28. Please have your child in the cafeteria by 8:45am on Sunday to warm up. The congregation always enjoys hearing their beautiful voices spreading God's word! For the week of January 29, we will begin looking at state capitals in geography. We will have a quiz on Friday over the capitals in the New England region. In Social Studies, we will review our unit on government in preparation for our chapter test on Friday. In Science, we will continue our unit on meteorology by learning about wind speed and collecting weather data. In math, we will work on units 84-87, which cover multiplication, division, capacity, and decimals. We will have a math test on Friday. In Language Arts, we will begin Unit 5.1, with reading and spelling tests on Friday. 3rd grade will read selections about commerce, study singular and plural nouns, and spell compound words. 4th grade will read selections about different ways to show care for each other, learn about using adjectives, and spell words with closed syllables. Thank you to the Antemate family for providing snack next week. Have a blessed weekend!

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

Middle School has started to tackle some of the more serious issues that affect our bodies in science. We will be having discussions about smoking, vaping, drinking, drugs and other topics that can harm the bodies that the Lord has given us. We continue to learn about Asia is History moving into China to learn about the ancient culture there. We are learning about the uses of the gargoyle in art and sculpting our own gargoyle out of clay. We are excited to defend the traveling trophy for NLSW next week!