

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

March 14, 2024



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: “Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.” Proverbs 16:3 We who are followers of Jesus should get our direction from God, not people. We should be in prayer about what God has in store for us, where He wants us to direct our talents. If we do that first, we can then get it confirmed by those around us. What has God called you to do? Before following someone else’s guidance: 1) Check the source of their wisdom. 2) Check their motives. 3) Check the outcome they’re pursuing.

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 **Antemate and Vice**

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



Our fourth quarter chapel offerings will focus on our world. We will be supporting the Lutheran Church’s Global Mission Fund. This fund helps spread the Gospel and human care around the world. \$28.85 collected to date

Please join us!

for Lenten suppers and church. Each Wednesday in Lent. 5:30-6:30 dinner followed by 6:30 church service. We have a seat for YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 15- NO SCHOOL-** parent/Teacher Conferences
- March 19- Lent Worship** 6:30 Supper from 5:30-6:30
- March 21-** Pack the House at Leo’s
- March 22-** Grades 3-5 Field Trip to Capital Building /Illinois State Museum
- March 24-Students Sing in Church: 8:45am arrival**
- March 25-April 1-NO SCHOOL-** Spring Break



Salem Summer Camp information is attached to this newsletter. Please call the office with any questions.



Parent- Teacher conferences are TOMMORROW! Please be on time for your conference time.



Auction preparations are underway! Students are preparing projects for YOU to bid on at the live Auction! April 13 is the date. Dinner starts at 4pm with the games starting at 5 followed by the auction. Plan on joining us for a fun night!



Several Preschool classes only have a few spots left to get immediate notification that you have been accepted. After those fill, we will not be able to give immediate verification of acceptance, but will need to wait to see how many more sign up for additional staffing. The Early registration deadline for grades K-8 will expire on March 20th. Get your registration in now!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Friday, March 15th – No School/Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, March 18th -- Pulled Pork Sandwich, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

Tuesday, March 19th – Walking Tacos, Salad, Toppings, Fruit and Milk

Wednesday, March 20th -Chicken Patty W/G Bun, Fruit, Vegetable and Milk

Thursday, March 21st – French Toast, Fruit, Yogurt and Milk

Friday, March 22nd W/G Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Milk.

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Mrs. Wilson: Learning Focus: Bugs and Butterflies Bible Story: Fishers of Men We are also focused on the number 10: how we count to 10 and make the number 10. We have been focused on red, blue, pink, purple, black, gray and white. We know the shapes of: circle, triangle, diamond, heart, stars, squares, ovals and rectangles. Our Dr. Seuss week was a huge hit. Thanks for sending in your books! We will now be learning all about bugs and what makes Easter so special. We are excited for our Easter party and look forward to parent teacher conferences!

PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Ms. Christy Martin: Hello, we have been working on the letter P and number 7. Also, we are learning about the bible story Fishers of Men. Pre-K 3 is learning the song “I will make you Fisher’s of Men” it’s a catching little tune to go along with our story. This month our learning focus is about bugs and butterflies. We have listened to some books on butterflies and their life cycle. We have painted a butterfly and made a paper plate caterpillar as well so far this week. We will be learning more about other bugs and why some are important for our flowers and trees. The kids have started practicing the song “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” that paster has ask that they sing at church on Palm Sunday. The kids will meet at 8:45 in the cafe’ before church. We have been working on two different art projects for the school Auction in April. We look forward to everyone being there for the Auction. We are finishing out the school year with fun and learning activities. Remider that parent-teacher conferences are this Friday the 15th

PRE-SCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Ms. Minday Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Kindergarten Readiness Skills This week’s learning focus is “Kindergarten Readiness Skills”. As we get closer to

the end of the school year, it is an opportunity for my students to review all of the things that they have learned throughout the school year and gear up for kindergarten success! The students will not only identify letters and numbers but have the mental capacity to place them in the correct order, know which letters/numbers comes before or after, and form a strong foundation for reading and writing! Please give Wacey a big congratulation for being our Star Student for the month of March! I am so proud of you Wacey! Last week’s learning focus was “Insects”. I wanted to thank all of my students for their contributions to our coin drive last year; the money went to purchase additional learning toys, a bike, and a sitting scooter! Fantastic work kids! The students learned about insects and what makes them different from bugs, created ladybugs and bees in the art center, continued to review their numbers 1-20 and the alphabets. They are doing a fantastic job at sounding out letters, blending, and reading their phonics words! Amazing students!



Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

Happy Thursday! This week is full of fun and learning in kindergarten! In reading we are talking about the seasons and what makes the seasons different. We will be talking about how the seasons are accompanied by different types of weather. In math we are learning about numbers 11-30, how to identify quarters and dollar bills, slides, flips and turns when

using tangrams, as well as doubles and equivalent sets. In social studies we are talking about different cultures, and how they are alike and different from our culture, as well as talking about influential people in history. In science we are talking about plants, and how they grow as well as how to plant and care for seeds and plants. Students are working on music for Palm Sunday, and they have been doing a great job! A reminder that parent teacher conferences are March 15th! Schedules and times will be sent out soon! March 24, students are singing in church. I will send more details as the day approaches. March 25-April 1 we are on spring break, and there will be no school! Thank you so much! God Bless!

1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: For the week of March 18, memory for first grade will be #25 and memory for second grade will be #65. In religion we will be learning about Holy Week. In math we will be estimating measurements, measuring to the nearest half inch, identifying symmetry, and identifying the difference between place value and value of a digit. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 6.1. A new spelling list for unit 6 will be coming home soon. In language we are learning about sentence fragments and how to fix them. We will also continue to work with the subject and predicate parts of a sentence. In social studies we will be looking at what school was like a long time ago and compare it to today. In science we will be learning about the circulatory system. We will be working on putting the finishing touches on our chapel message for Wednesday, April 3. Everyone is invited to attend. We are continuing to practice our song for Palm Sunday on March 24. All of the students have been working hard to know the song! It sounds wonderful! The next book report is due March 20. They may be handed in at any time. Have a wonderful week! God's blessings.

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

Steinacher: Greetings from Mrs. Steinacher! Our auction project is coming along nicely, and the students are very excited to see the progress we have made. For the week of March 18, we will be reviewing the capitals in the Western region of the United States. In Social Studies, we will continue our unit on American History. In Science, we are finishing up our geology unit, and will begin to study for our test over this unit. In Math, we are covering lessons 103-105, which cover basic division, rounding, geometric solids, and problem solving. In Language Arts, we are in Unit 6.1 this week. 3rd grade will read selections about treasures, spell words with similar root words, and learn how to use adjectives and articles. 4th grade will read selections about old and new things, spell words with /en/, and learn how to use adverbs. God Bless!

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

Middle school has been learning the difference between the Athens and Spartan societies in history. In science we have been learning about the nervous system. In Language arts they are learning about the art of persuasion. In math they are continuing to expand their understanding of algebraic terms. In art they are working on their auction project. In music, they are practicing for singing on Palm Sunday.