



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

April 18, 2024

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Have you ever heard the saying; “Worrying is like sitting in a rocking chair. It gives you something to do but it doesn’t get you anywhere.”? This is so true. Worrying about the future only takes away from living today. Jesus invites us to put everything in His hands, trusting our well-being in God’s goodness. “Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? Matthew 6: 25-27

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 **Blanchette and Steinacher**

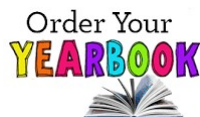
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE- Please have your news items in by noon on Tuesdays. Thank you!



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. \$131.58 collected to date.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 18:** Pack the House at Leo’s
- April 24:** PTL Meeting 6PM
- April 26:** Grades 3-5 Field Trip to Hadden Farms
- May 2-3:** Grades 7-8 Field Trip to Chicago
- May 10-** 4K Moving Up Ceremony
- May 16:** Fine Arts Night 6PM
K-2 Field Trip to Bowling
- May 19:** 8th Grade Graduation Service 9AM
- May 20:** K-2 Filed Trip to Decatur Zoo and museum
- May 22:** Field Day
- May 24:** Closing chapel; last Day of School
Yearbook distribution



Yearbooks are in process now. Order forms came out earlier this week. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY APRIL 22.** Cost is \$20. We will NOT be ordering extras, so get your orders in today! Call the office with any questions or see Ms. Reitsma.



Planning on coming to summer camp? Get your registration in NOW! We are trying to staff for all the campers who want to attend. Thank You!



SAVE THE DATE: MAY 16 Salem will be having a Fine Arts Night. 6pm. Students will have artwork for purchase on display as well as perform the play: Mission Calling. ALL STUDENTS will be in this play. If there is a family conflict, please tell your teacher NOW as parts are being assigned and practiced.



Tonight at Leo’s pizza! This is our last one for the year. Come on out and have some great food and fellowship! Don’t forget to mention Salem!

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning and those who helped at the dinner for our Spring Fundraiser. I would like to thank our staff members who worked on their class projects for the auction, these were a great success. Thank you to all who donated items. We were able to raise more than \$12,000 for the Church and School and the fellowship on Saturday was very nice.

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Friday, April 19th – Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk

Monday, April 22nd -- Fish Sticks, Fries, Fruit, and Milk

Tuesday, April 23rd – Sloppy Pulled Pork Nachos, Toppings, Fruit, and Milk

Wednesday, April 24th --French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Fruit, and Milk

Thursday, April 25th – Grilled Chicken Ponyshoe, Fruit, Vegetable and Milk

Friday, April 26th Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit, and Milk

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Mrs. Wilson &

Ms. Manson: Learning Focus: Types of Weather; Bible Story: The Easter Story. We are now focusing on numbers 11-15, the color of green and the months of the year. We review our shapes by playing a game called 'Around the World,' and I think most of us know the shapes- so that is exciting! We are focused this month on all types of weather and how they are made. Our art will center on this. May will be focused on more Bible stories and summer fun. Thank you to the parents who came to our auction last weekend, we had a big turnout, and our class gift went for \$250! Thanks for all your help. Class field trip money is due May 3rd with the permission slip; I can't wait to show you all the museum!



PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Ms. Christy

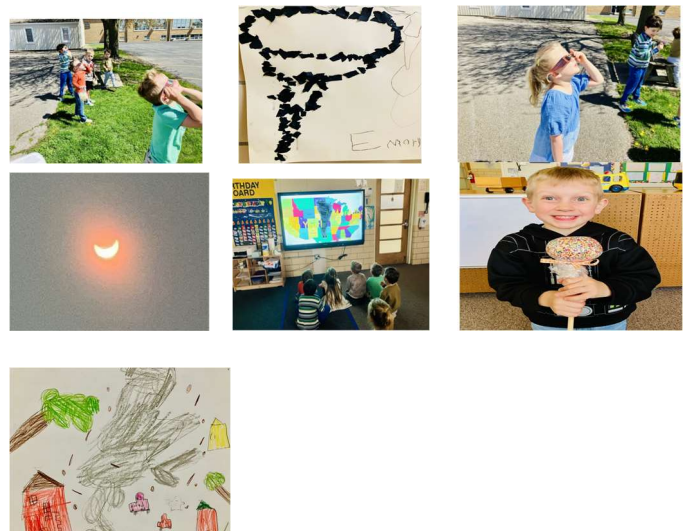
Martin: This week we have been working on the letter T and number 14. The kids have been working hard on their fine motor skills with holding their writing utensils correctly as well as holding and using scissors correctly. We will be discussing more about weather and all the things to do with weather this week. This week we are learning about shadows and when they can show up and when we don't have shadows and why. We took some toys outside with paper to draw/trace the shadows that were created. In the classroom we discussed what shadows are created when our lights are on, and the sun is shining in the

classroom. We will continue to learn about the wind and what weather comes with the wind. Pre-k will be creating windsocks, wind-blown paintings, and windy art printmaking. I want to thank you all again for helping provide supplies for our auction project with two baskets full of family art night fun and the class painting. The project was purchased by the PreK 2 teacher, Ms. Wilson, and she said that the painting should be with the classroom, therefore the kids now still get to admire and check out the painting they did together as will the classes after them. We are working on a school play for our fine arts night in May. Our class has lines to say as a group!! They will also be doing an art piece for that night as well. More details to come.



PRE-SCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Ms. Mindy

Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Snow Weather; This week's learning focus is "Snow Weather". The students are learning about snow blizzards, snowflakes, snowmen, and how snow is formed. For art they will paint and create sparkly blizzards and salt icicles. They will listen to snow books. In math the students will practice identifying numbers 1-30, play a number hopscotch game, and put together 30+ puzzle pieces. Students will continue to practice reading and writing their phonics words based on their individual levels and learn how to say snow in Spanish! Last week's learning focus was "Tornados". The students learned about the various types of tornados, drew tornado pictures, created ripped paper tornados, watched the solar eclipse and created their own rice crispy pop for fun Friday!



Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel: We have so many things happening this week! This week is testing week for grades K-8. Please do not let your child miss school this week as testing is going on daily. In reading, we are talking about how animals are alike and how they are different. We will be reading about animals and learning about different animals in our world. In math, we are learning about how to write addition sentences, working with pictographs, dividing solids in half, and counting. In social studies, students are learning about how each person and every child has a past that we call our personal history. In science we are learning about living and nonliving things and how we can identify if something is living or not. In religion we are continuing to talk about sharing the Good News of Jesus, and learning how we can share the Good News with others. In art, we are working on recyclable art! If you have any recyclables, we would love to take those out of your hands! You can send items in with your students! We are so excited to show you all we have been working on! Have a great week, and God Bless!

1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher: For the week of April 23, we will be back to a normal schedule. Memory for first grade will be #28 and memory for second grade will be #68. In religion we will continue to learn about Jesus and His death and resurrection. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 6.4. We will be working with both fiction and nonfiction stories. In math we will be rounding numbers to the nearest hundred, comparing fractions, reading, and writing Roman numerals, using mental math, and estimating capacity. In social studies we will be learning how life from long ago is different from today. In science we will be on our last booklet. We will be learning about the characteristics of butterflies and moths. Our book report is due April 23. They may be handed in at any time. If you would like something from the book order, please let me know. This will be the last one of the school year. We would like to thank Jasmine for providing us with our afternoon snack next week. We all greatly appreciate our snack break. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings.

3rd 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline Steinacher: Greetings from Mrs. Steinacher! After a week of testing, we are ready to get back to a normal week of school! We are excited for our upcoming field trip on April 26 to Hadden Farms, where we will apply the concepts, we have learned from our agriculture class with Mrs. Hadden. For the week of April 22, we will take all our regular tests on Thursday due to the field trip on Friday. In Social Studies, we are continuing our unit on commerce by discussing goods and services. In Science, we have begun our unit on botany, and will perform a lab about seed germination. In Math, we are finishing up our last few units before we begin to prepare for the end-of-the-year exam. In Language Arts, we are in unit 6.4. 3rd grade will read selections about animals, spell words with r-controlled

vowels, and learn how to use adverbs in sentences. 4th grade will read selections about money, spell words with suffixes, and learn how to use prepositions. God Bless, Mrs. Steinacher.

6th & 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma: Middle School is working hard on their paintings for the Fine Arts Night. We are also practicing for the play. On top of that, it is standardized testing week! In and around all of that, we have still managed to get in some classwork in different subjects. Debates are happening in Language Arts. We continue to learn about the Greek civilization in history. We are also gearing up for our overnight trip to Chicago happening in a few weeks. It is hard to believe that the end of the year and 8th grade graduation are coming fast!