

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

April 4, 2024



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” Luke 24:5 With the dawn of the first Easter, the world awoke to a new era. Living in a broken, sinful world, the end resulted in death. Easter redefined life as we know it. Jesus rose from the dead, defeating sin, death and the devil. As sin came in to the world through one man, so eternal life comes through one man- Jesus. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

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 **Barker and Tomhave**

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



IN SCHOOL FIELD TRIP: Grades 4K-8 will be experiencing the Solar Eclipse together on April 8. We have purchased the appropriate glasses for viewing. Classes will be learning about it this week before the viewing. 2K-3K will be napping as is their usual schedule during viewtime and will be safe from visual injuries. If you have any questions, please contact the office or your teacher.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25-April 13: Online Silent Auction

April 4: Pizza PICK-UP

April 8- In-school Field Trip: Solar Eclipse Grades 4K-8

April 13- LIVE AUCTION EVENT

April 15-19- SAT Testing Week

April 18: Pack the House at Leo's

May 16: Fine Arts Night



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. \$77.89 collected to date



Salem Summer Camp registration is open! Please get your registration in as soon as possible. This will help us with staffing appropriately.



It is time for standardized testing! Grades K-8 will be testing the week of April 15. Please DO NOT take students out of school during testing. Have them well rested and well fed in the mornings.



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.



SALEM'S ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL IS HERE!

The **Silent Auction** is on now! Bid from the privacy and comfort of your own home. Over 300 items to bid on. Go to Spradlinauction.com. Closes April 13 at 7:30pm

APRIL 13 ACTIVITIES:

Dinner: Spaghetti Dinner from 4-6pm

Coloring Contest with prizes!!

Let's Make a Deal Game at 5pm

Live Auction: Bid on classroom projects

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS—

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Mrs. Wilson &

Ms. Manson: Learning Focus: Types of Weather. Bible Story: The Easter Story, I hope everyone had a well deserved Spring Break and ready for these last two months! We will be focused on all the types of weather, the true meaning of Easter, numbers 6-10 again and continuing with our colors and shapes- this week is orange. Our new helper, Ms. Melissa has started with us and we are happy she is here. If you have any questions regarding that please feel free to reach out! We have started practicing for our Fine Arts night and rehearsing our part for the play; we can't wait to show you in May. We hope to see you April 13 for our Silent Auction and Game night!!! SO many items up for grabs you won't want to miss out! Lastly, thanks to all the parents who came and helped with the Easter Party in any way, I truly appreciate it!!!

PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Ms. Christy

Martin: So excited to be back to school after our Easter break and ready to knock out the last 8 weeks of school!! This week we have been working on the letter R and number 12. 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. Discussing weather this month and this week we are talking about rain and clouds. They have a few different painting techniques to try out this week by making rainy windows and puffy clouds. We have finished the painting for the school Auction this month and thank you for providing the supplies for the family art basket to go along with it. We look forward to everyone being there for the Auction. We are finishing out the school year with fun and learning activities. Reminder, they are accepting summer school sign ups as well. They have some exciting themes and activities planned for a great summer here at Salem.

PRE-SCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Ms. Minday

Lysaythong: Learning Focus: Thunderstorm: This week's learning focus is "Thunderstorm". The students will learn how a thunderstorm is formed, what cause

the loud sound in a thunderstorm, and create a thunderstorm with lightening art. In math the students will start learning numbers 21-30, how to count by tens, and 3-D shapes. In science the kids will create hypothesis, test an experiment (thunderstorm in a cup) and analyze their results! For cognitive development the students will continue to read and write their individual phonics words and consistently master their weekly homework! Last week's learning focus was "Butterflies". The students learned about the life cycle of a butterfly, how butterflies communicate, and sleep. They drew caterpillars and butterflies, decorated eggs, continued to practice reading and writing, and on Friday celebrated Easter with an egg hunt and party!



Kindergarten News from Mrs. Audrey Sprinkel:

Welcome back from break! We have so many things happening this week! In reading, we are talking about how to stay safe in bad weather. We will be talking about tips on how to stay safe, things you may need in an emergency, and where to find safety when needed. Students will be working on a safety tips poster with the class! In math, we are learning about non-standard distance measurement, subtraction word stories, symmetry, and counting pennies up to 30 cents. Students will work with play money, use drawing to learn about symmetry, and work with manipulatives to work on their subtraction stories. In social studies, students are learning about influential people in history, and we are talking about Abraham Lincoln. In science we are wrapping up our plants unit and will be working

on how to take care of different types of plants, and how plants and trees help our Earth. In religion we are talking 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 off your hands! You can send items in with your students! We are so happy to be back and learning! Have a great week, and God Bless!

1st & 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: It has been wonderful to hear about what everyone did over spring break! We are now heading into the final stretch of school. For the week of April 8, memory for first grade will be #27 and memory for second grade will be #67. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 6.3. We will be reading a variety of nonfiction stories. As we read we will learn how sunlight is important to our daily lives and how some people communicate in other ways such as using sign language. In math we will be working with estimating differences, squaring numbers, finding a perfect square, and regrouping when adding larger numbers. In language we will continue to work with sentence fragments. In social studies we will be learning how a timeline is useful. In science we will be learning about the central nervous system and healthy things for you to eat and do. We would like to thank Kirk for providing us with our afternoon snack next week. We all really appreciate your donations. Be sure to mark your calendar for Salem's silent auction. It will end with a spaghetti supper on Saturday, April 13, from 4-6, with the live auction at 6 pm. The April book reports have been sent home. They may be handed in at any time. Have a wonderful week! God's blessings.

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

Steinacher: Hello from Mrs. Steinacher! I hope everyone had a fabulous Spring Break. In our class, we are back into the swing of things as we gear up for the end of the year. We will spend the next few weeks reviewing the 50 states and their capitals, as well as learning some facts about our home state: Illinois. In Social Studies, we will begin Chapter 7, where we will learn about goods and commerce. In Science, we are finishing up our Geology unit, and will have a test on this unit on Friday, April 12. In Math, we are working through units 108-110, which cover estimation, fractions, and area. In Language Arts, we are in unit 6.3. 3rd grade will be reading selections about success, learn how to spell words with vowel team syllables, and learn how to use adverbs in sentences. 4th grade will read selections about Resources, spell words with prefixes, and learn about negating sentences. God Bless, Mrs. Steinacher.

6th & 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma: Middle school is studying the wars of Ancient Greece in History. In Science we are studying about the Solar Eclipse and getting ready for the viewing next week. In Language arts we are working on the art of persuasion. In Math we are putting together all the math concepts from the year to work on higher level math skills. In art we are finishing our auction project and beginning work on the fine arts festival.