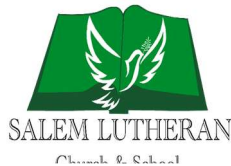


SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

August 22, 2024



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Welcome to the 2024-2025 School year! We are so glad that you have entrusted us to partner with you in the education of your child(ren). Our school theme this year is "Endure." In Hebrews 12:1-3, we are told to run with ENDURANCE the race that is set before us. What race are you running? We want our children to learn to run toward their heavenly father and the gift of eternal life that He has prepared for us. Please join us for worship every Wednesday at 8:15am for Grades K-8 and 9:00am for our preschool in the sanctuary. We would love to see you there!

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.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Each Wednesday, students are asked to bring an offering to chapel. Why do we do this? Is it because we "owe" something to God for our salvation? NO! We do this to show our thanks and praise to the Lord for the grace and mercy He has bestowed on us by sending His Son to die to take away our sin. This is a GIFT of God. Nothing we can do can pay for our forgiveness and eternal life. We want to share His love with others, and we can do that through our offerings. We will have 4 focus areas this year starting with "Our church" and then moving on to "Our nation", "Our country" and "Our world". First quarter offerings will go to help the ministry of our church-Swaddling Clothes. Swaddling Clothes is a Salem ministry to help with children's needs for families.



Every Friday at Salem is Spirit Wear Friday! Students may wear a Salem shirt of any kind instead of a uniform top. New Spirit Wear Order Forms are attached to this newsletter. **NEW THIS YEAR:** quarter-zip sweatshirt that can be worn in the classroom instead of handbook-required sweaters! Orders are DUE by Friday, August 30. The expected delivery date is the week of September 23.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 30-Spirit Wear orders due**
- Sept. 2- NO SCHOOL- Labor Day**
- Sept. 8- Sing in church 8:45am arrival**
Church & School Pot Luck at the Steinacher's Farm 3pm
- Sept. 17- Picture Day**
- Sept. 19- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza**
- Sept. 21- Character Dinner 4:30-6:30pm**
- Sept. 23- Spirit Wear Delivery this week**



Our students sing in church once every quarter. They are learning a song now that we will sing on **Sunday, September 8**. Please have your children here at **8:45 am** in the cafeteria. We hope to see all of our students there!



Please join us for our annual Church and School Potluck on **Sunday, September 8**. It will be located at the Steinacher Farm 2629 Woodson Franklin Road. Main dishes will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair to sit outside, and a friendly smile! Begins at 3 pm with dinner at 5:30 pm.

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU -

- Monday, August 26th** - Walking Tacos, Toppings/Salad, Fruit and Milk
- Tuesday, August 27th** -- Fish Sticks, Fruit, Green Beans, and Milk
- Wednesday, August 28th** Pulled Pork Sandwich w/g Bun, Fruit, Corn and Milk
- Thursday, August 29th** - Bacon & Egg Breakfast Taco, Salad/Toppings, Fruit and Milk
- Friday, August 30th** W/G Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Milk

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS—



PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Bethany Malone, Mrs. Mary Schultz & Mrs. Ashley Smith:

Hello K-2 Families!! This 1st week has been amazing. This group of children is full of personality and the laughs just keep coming. I'm very blessed to have this exceptional group! This week will be our first full week together and we have a lot in store. Last week I introduced the number 1, the circle and the color of red as well as the 10 commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and Apostle's Creed. This week I will start to break these down. We will focus on the 1st commandment, the 1st line of the Lord's prayer and the 1st line of Apostle's Creed. Our theme this month is Enduring the race that God has set before you. The Bible story I have chosen for this week will be "Moses and Pharaoh". The kids really enjoyed last week's story of "Baby in the Basket" and again I was highly impressed with how interested they were in this story. A couple of reminders! Scholastic Book forms went home Friday, if you are interested, please visit the website or send forms and payment back to school. Please make sure that we check take home folders every night. If folders do not go home that just means I did not have anything to send home that day. Lastly if you are not signed up for Remind, please do so. That is my only form of communication, and I do not want anyone to miss important information! Thank you all so much for your participation and communication. This makes the classroom run so much smoother and I hope you all know how much I truly appreciate each of you! Thank You, Ms. Malone

PRESCHOOL Pre-K3 News from Ms. Martin & Mrs.

Bezler: Welcome back to a wonderful school year! We started off with a bang and going with it. The first few days of school we have learned our routines, rules, and so much more! Each day I can tell that kids enjoy coming to school learning by play and faith. We do recite Luther's Morning prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance each morning. Throughout the school year we will be working on memorizing and understanding of the 10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles Creed. For this first full week we are learning about the letter S and the number 3. When discussing the letter of the week the kids are also learning how to sign the letter. Learning how to sign letters and simple words assists the students in ways to communicate with others. At the age of 3, kids have all kinds of emotions, therefore something we will work on throughout the school year is how to use their words with friends to explain why they don't like something or even that they will share when they are done and that of the like. Mrs. Bezler and I are working with them on what words to use so that they are using their communication skills and not their hands with friends. We are looking forward to an amazing school year!!

PRE-SCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Ms. Candy West

& Mrs. Khristina Seaton: The Pre-K4 students are getting settled into the largest classroom on campus. We have 8 learning centers which they have been able to explore in our first five days of school. They have been enjoying using large motor skills in the gymnasium and singing and dancing along with the learning of their alphabet and numbers. We have been working on writing the letter Aa and the numbers 1 and 2. Our friends are learning to form the letters in their first name and will continue to do that in the coming months. Next week we will work on the letters Bb and the numbers 3 and 4. It would not surprise me if they were reciting to you at home the first of the 10 Commandments or parts of the Pledge of Allegiance, also!

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: Wow! It feels good to be back in school. We are learning how to be ready for the day, our class routines, and so much more. It is wonderful to see how they enjoy being with their classmates. Next week we will continue to work on Psalm 23. Please go over it one time with your child every night. We work on it daily in class. They already know half of it. Wow! In religion we are learning about creation and the first sin. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 1.2. Spelling words for unit one has been sent home. Please review the words each night. That will help reinforce our studies in the classroom. For reading in kindergarten, we are working the sounds of each letter, when to use an uppercase letter, and end marks. First and second grade will be working on vocabulary words, comprehension, and retelling of a story. Reading stories will come home each week for the students to practice. In math we are working on counting money, identifying money, using graphs and a ruler, symmetry, and writing math sentences. In social studies we are learning about what it means to be a good citizen in school. In science we are learning about the different stages of a person's life. We have been learning about infants, toddlers, and children. Then we will be comparing each. We would like to thank Emory for providing us with our afternoon snack next week. Thank you so much for our snack break! Be sure to mark your calendar. We sing on Sunday, Sept. 8, at Salem. We are working hard to know our song. This is a wonderful way to add to our worship service. There is also a church and school potluck on Sunday, Sept. 8, at my house. It starts at 3; we will eat at 5:30. It is a great way to catch up with everyone. I

am looking forward to seeing everyone! God's blessings. Have a wonderful week.

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

Steinacher: Hello from Mrs. Steinacher! The students are adjusting well to the new school year, and we have been hitting the ground running. For the week of August 26, we will be completing lessons 8-10 in Math, as well as Investigation 1. We will have our first math test on Friday. In Language Arts, we will be on Unit 1.2. Please check for spelling/vocabulary notebooks, which will be used for practice at home. Spelling tests will be Thursday; with Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading tests on Friday. We will finish our Biology unit in Science by covering lessons 8-10, with our first test on Thursday. In Geography, we will continue our World Geography unit by studying the 5 oceans, with a quiz on Thursday. In Social Studies, we are covering units 1.3 and 1.4. Religion this week will continue with focus on Psalm 23, with memorization of the entire Psalm due on August 29. Please practice memorizing this Psalm at home. Have a wonderful weekend! God Bless, Mrs. Steinacher.

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

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6
What a wonderful group of middle school students we have this year! We are off and running! This year we are doing most of our Language Arts skills through novel studies. We will work our way through 8 classic novels! Our first one is *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We are reviewing nouns and verbs. We are examining figurative speech, story elements, and plot elements. In math we are reviewing the basic parts of math and getting ready to tackle more abstract concepts. In social studies we are beginning a study on government- why it is necessary and what its purpose should be. In science, we are learning about the Laws of Newton. In music, we are learning to play the song that the school will sing in church on September 8. We have already been to the Jacksonville Food Center to help our community. We are looking forward to a terrific year!