

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

August 29, 2024



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: J.R.R. Tolkien was once asked what made him tick. His answer? "I don't tick. I am not a machine." In Psalm 139: 13,16 we read; "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them." God is the Master Designer. He saw that it was good, everything He created. So, what is the problem with our bodies? SIN. Sin is the reason we are not happy with the person God created. Sin is the reason our bodies fail. God didn't want to leave us like that SO he remade us. He sent Jesus to die on the cross. When you believe and trust in Jesus, you are a new creation! The old has gone and the new arrived. What wonderful news this is for us as Christians! Let's all share this news with our children, our families, our friends and all that we come in contact with.

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: 1st Quarter Chapel offerings: Swaddling Clothes Ministry of Salem Lutheran Collected to date: \$43.15



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 tomorrow, 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. 5- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game away at MVCS in Alton 5pm
Sept. 5- PTL Meeting at 5:30 pm in the cafeteria
Sept. 8- Sing in church 8:45am arrival
Church & School Potluck at the Steinacher's Farm 3pm
Sept. 10- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game away at Trinity Springfield 6pm
Sept. 16- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game away at Our Savior Springfield 6pm
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
Sept. 26- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game HOME (ISD gym) against Westfair 5pm
Sept. 30- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game HOME (ISD gym) against Beardstown 5pm



year.

PTL –The first PTL meeting of the year will be Thursday, September 5th at 5:30 pm. Please join us in the school cafeteria as we discuss fundraising opportunities and events for the school



of our students there!

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



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.



Our Middle School girls are playing volleyball! We have joined a co-op with ISD. Their games begin next week and will be included in the upcoming events. Get ready to come cheer on the ISD/Salem girls volleyball team!



We are happy to announce the opportunity for some after school programs! RoboCoding and WildSide programs will be offered on Tuesdays for ages 4-Grade 1. Build-a-Bot will be on Thursdays for Grades 2-8. Flyers went out earlier this week or last week. The office needs to know if we have students interested by **TOMORROW, August 30**. In order to run these classes, we need 6 students for each. Please see Ms. Reitsma if you need additional information.

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Thursday, August 29th – Bacon & Egg Breakfast Taco, Salad/Toppings, Fruit and Milk

Friday, August 30th W/G Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Milk

Monday, September 2nd – No School – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3rd --Grilled Chicken Sndwich, W/G bun, Salad/Toppings, Fruit and Milk

Wednesday, September 4th Chili Cheese Dogs, Fruit, Vegetable and Milk

Thursday, September 5th – W/G Spaghetti, w/meat sauce, Salad, Fruit and Milk

Friday, August 30th W/G Cheese Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

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

Hello Pre-K2 Families!!! The second week of school has come and gone. We're moving right through August. This week will be the last week we learn about the number 1, the letter A, the color red, and the circle. This week we introduced the 2nd commandment, the 2nd line of the Lord's Prayer, and the 2nd line of Apostle's Creed. Also, as I mentioned before we adopted a Calf!! Her name is Salem, and the kids absolutely adore her! Our theme this month in Enduring the race that God has set before you. The Bible story I have chosen for this week will be "Out of Egypt". We made Footprints of Moses parting the Red Sea. Last week we learned all about the 7 plagues and Moses and Aaron having to carry messages between God and Pharaoh. A couple of reminders! Spirit Wear forms went out Thursday. If you are interested, please turn in forms and payment by Friday August 30th. On September 8th we will be performing at Sunday service please have your child here by 8:45 A.M. if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me!

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!



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

Each morning in Pre-K 3 we discuss the Month of the year, Day of the week, and Date of the month. When doing this these kids are learning the concept of a calendar, word recognition, number and date recognition as well. We then will listen to "Days of the Week" by Dr. Jean to the tune of Adam's Family, and the kids are starting to catch onto the song. We use this song for memory and rhythm, learning that there's certain times to clap and certain times not to clap. When we discuss the date, they are learning to recognize single and double numbers at once. We have reviewed more on the letter S and started to learn the letter A. The kids are really enjoying learning the letters in sign language along with the letter lesson, showing us they can hold their hand the certain way. For math and numbers, we review 3 and jump to 5. Doing them out of order assists the brain to think a little harder for the placement of numbers as well as assisting in the number recognition. Number 3 and 5 are ones that can be tricky to write for little ones as well; therefore, we study them together for understanding and memorization. A couple reminders: spirit wear forms we sent out and are due by the end of the month. There were also Scholastic Book Order Forms that went home last week that can be ordered on-line as well. There will be new book orders every couple month

PRE-SCHOOL Pre-K4 News from Ms. Candy West & Mrs. Khristina Seaton:

Our friends in the pre-K4 classroom have been practicing those first names that they are learning and utilizing the writing center to form their other letters more creatively. We have been working on the numbers 3 and 4 while reviewing the numbers 1 and 2. We have reviewed the upper and lower case letter A's, and we have been working on our upper and lowercase B's, and will be starting the C soon. The students enjoy the teepee in the reading center and are working on choosing a story that they can read to the class next week. Of course, their story will be more interesting than that which is in print. They

enjoy expressing themselves using art and we have shared a few of their art projects in the preschool hallway upstairs. Next week we start the family tree project where one student brings in pictures and introduces their family to the class. We honor them for approximately 10 days and then this privilege rotates to another student in the class. The school year has started off very nicely for our families and I'm sure they will continue in the coming weeks!

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher: For the week of Sept. 3, we will be working on learning Psalm 146: 1-3. In religion we will be learning about when Isaac blesses his sons. In reading and spelling we will be on Unit 1.3. As we read, we will look for the main character and relate the story to ourselves. We will work with comprehending what we read, sounding out words, and looking for word families. In math we will be learning about graphs patterns, telling time, even and odd, and lines of symmetry. In social studies we are continuing to learn how we all can be good citizens of our community. In science we will finish up learning about the stages of an infant to an elderly adult. We would like to thank Quinton for providing us with our afternoon snacks. We all greatly appreciate our snack break. If you would like to order a quarter zip sweater shirt please return the form by Aug. 30. Remember to mark your calendar for Sept. 8. It is going to be a fun day. We sing in the morning at Salem's 9:00 service. Then there is a church and school potluck at our house later. We will be eating at 5:30. I am looking forward to seeing everyone! Have a wonderful weekend. God's blessings.

3rd 4th & 5th Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline Steinacher: Greetings from Grades 3-5! We are getting into a rhythm in our classroom, and a lot of learning is happening. For the week of Sep 2, we will be completing lessons 11-15 in Math. In Language Arts, we will be on Unit 1.3. Please check for spelling/vocabulary notebooks, which will be used for practice at home. Spelling tests are on Thursday; with Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading tests on Friday. We will begin our Botany unit in science by covering lessons 12-15. In Geography, we will continue our World Geography unit by studying 6 major mountain ranges, with a quiz on Thursday. In Social Studies, we are covering unit 2.1. There is a new Psalm for September for the students to memorize by the end of the month. Please practice memorizing this Psalm at home; it should be in your child's take-home folder. Have a wonderful weekend! God Bless, Mrs. Steinacher.

6th & 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma: This week we are working on becoming a well-oiled machine with our routines and responsibilities. We have tasted Turkish Delight to experience what was happening in our novel. We are learning about how government works and why we need one. We will soon be talking about elections! We have practiced with tracks, cars and marbles to internalize the principles of Newton's Laws. We are now ready to talk Mousetrap Cars and are beginning to discuss the Mousetrap Derby!! Stay tuned for more information! Practice for Sept. 8th is going well and we are starting to understand notes chords and rhythm.