



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made: your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” Psalm 139:14 Each of us and each of our children are a unique creation of God. You are one of seven billion and yet no one else has your voice pattern, your fingerprints, or your DNA. God knew each of us by name before we were born. He knows how many hairs are on our head, the plans he has for us, and everything in between. When we messed up His perfect creation with sin, He didn't leave us to die, but sent us a Savior so that we may live eternally with Him in heaven. Let us give Him praise, serve and obey Him.

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: \$224.74



It's time for school pictures! Tuesday is the day. Students may wear whatever you would like for the pictures and then can bring their uniform to change into afterwards. They use a green screen in order to allow you to choose from multiple backgrounds so.... **DO NOT WEAR GREEN!** When pictures are we will send you the link.



You are invited to come join our students in watching our middle school students race their mousetrap powered cars in our Mousetrap Car Derby Races! See who is the fastest, who can travel the farthest, and who is the best looking! See Newton's Laws of Motion in action! Join us in the gym at 9:00am next Thursday, Sept. 19th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 Mousetrap Derby Races at 9 am.**
- 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**
- Oct. 1- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game HOME (ISD gym) against Trinity Springfield 6pm**
- Oct. 3- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game HOME (ISD gym) against Alton 5pm**
- Oct. 7- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game HOME (ISD gym) against Our Savior Springfield 6 pm**
- Oct. 8- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game @ Westfair 5 pm**
- Oct. 10- End First Quarter**



Join us at the Character Dinner Night, Saturday, September 21 from 4:30-6:30pm in the cafeteria. Enjoy an Italian dinner of lasagna, garlic bread, salad, dessert and a drink while characters visit your table to entertain the young and the young at heart! Free will offering will benefit Salem Lutheran School. Bring your family and friends!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

- Thursday, September 12th** – Burger PonyShoe, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk
- Friday, September 13th** Grilled Cheese, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk
- Monday, September 16th** – Chicken Stir Fry Rice, Fruit and Milk
- Tuesday, September 17th** Carnita Tacos, Salad/Toppings, Fruit and Milk
- Wednesday, September 18th** Cheeseburger w/g bun, Fruit, Fries and Milk
- Thursday, September 19th** – French Toast Sticks, Fruit Salad, Vegetable and Milk
- Friday, September 20th** WG Cheese Pizza, Salad, Bannas, and Milk

Service Hour Opportunity: PTL is looking for volunteers to assist with the upcoming Character Dinner Night on Saturday, September 21 from 4:30-6:30pm. If you cannot make it to the event, you can still earn service hours by donating food and drinks for the event. Please contact Mrs.



Jackie Steinacher at j.steinacher@salemjaxschool.net to sign up. Thank you!

It is that time again! Pack the House at Leo's Pizza! Thursday, September 19th. Dine in or carry out. MENTION SALEM and they give a percentage of the amount you spend back to the school. What a great time to get your friends together and enjoy some good food and good fellowship!



NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS—

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Bethany Malone

Mrs. Mary Schultz & Mrs. Ashley Smith: Hello Pre-K-2 Families!!! We had a wonderful time performing in church as well as visiting with everyone at the Steinacher's potluck! Thank you all so much for coming! Our next church performance will be in November so be on the lookout for information about that. This week we introduced the 4th commandment, the 4th line of the Lord's Prayer, and the 4th line of Apostle's Creed. We will be presenting our 10 commandments projects this week as well as the family pictures returned with them. Also, I will be introducing "The 10 commandments for kids" book that helps explain the 10 commandments in terms that children can understand a little better. Our theme this month is Adam and Eve. The Bible story I have chosen for this week will be "Adam and Eve". We are making Sea creatures, Land creatures, and flowers to help myself and Mrs. Shultz create our bulletin board. We are making a chart to show how God created Heaven and Earth in 7 days. We are continuing to learn about the color yellow with a helpful song called "the yellow song" as well as using yellow crayons, markers, colored pencils and paint to create yellow artwork. We're counting to 2, we are reviewing the letter B and we are reviewing the square. A couple reminders!! Sept. 17 is picture day. Sept. 19 is pack the house at Leo's and Sept. 21 is our Character dinner from 4:30 – 6:30. 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: This week in Pre-K 3 we are reviewing the letters S, A, L, and working on letter E this week. We are continuing to review the numbers 3 & 5 this week

and making groups of objects big and little this week, as well as starting to know and recognize the number 8. The Bible story this week is out of the Children's Bible. We have been discussing what God created for us the first 6 days and that on the 6th day he created Adam. With our letter E this week we are creating the garden of Eden for our classroom. We have been coloring a variety of different plants and flowers of all different colors' shapes and sizes. We will continue with the bible story of Adam and Eve and the forbidden fruit by creating our own apple tree in the classroom. Each day we continue to work on our fine motor skills, as well as our social and emotional skills with each other. Thank you to those that ordered from our Scholastic book. They have been handed out and we look forward to more orders coming throughout the year! Thank you to all that came and sang with us at Church this past Sunday. It was a blessed service hearing their little voices. A reminder that each Wednesday morning we do have our chapel service at 9am and we try to remember to place the offering envelopes in the bags on Monday. This quarter's offerings are assisting our Swaddling Clothes program. It is an amazing program providing families with some of the necessities that are needed for smaller children.

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

In the pre-K 4 classroom this week some students have been writing copies of printed items in the writing center to practice forming the letters and numbers. The upper- and lower-case D and d has been fun this week and the students enjoyed putting "hats" on their number 5's. I have been pleasantly surprised by how many friends now know the shapes and how to pronounce the names of hexagons, and pentagons. As we learn our 10 Commandments, we are building a palm tree in our classroom. It is made of cardboard and construction paper, but it symbolizes our growth with God and it now has three leaves and one coconut. The fourth commandment, "Honor your father and your mother", seemed to be a favorite mostly because it is an idea that the children really understand. Our friend Hazel's family was introduced to the class, and we have been honoring them on our family tree. She loves it when the children ask her questions about her family and they are so interested to hear her answer! Our first trip to the public library was wonderful, we had traffic on South Main stop for us to allow a safe passage, and as we left the library and looked back and the children all remembered to thank Miss Courtney. The librarian's smile was priceless. Next week it is onto the letter E and e and the number six. The children will be having fun working on prepositions. They may not know that word but they will continue to learn; under, beside, to. Seeing the children sing in church and at the Salem cookout at the Steinacher's farm, was a blessing!

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: For the week of September 16, we will continue to work on Psalm 146: 1-8. The class is doing a great job of reciting it in class together. In religion we will be learning about when God gives His people food and water while the Israelites were in the desert. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 1.5. In reading we are learning the difference between fiction and nonfiction. We are also learning about the setting, the main characters, and the problems in the story. In language we are working on knowing that a sentence starts with an uppercase letter and ends with an end mark. In math we will be working with counting to 50 and paying for items with dimes, pennies, and nickels. We will also divide a square and a circle into halves, count by 2, 5, and 10, and use tally marks. By the end of the week we will add larger numbers, practice reading a thermometer, and review geometric shapes. In social studies we are learning about our leaders and how they help us. In science we will be learning about trees and the parts of a tree. We would like to thank Myra for providing us with our afternoon snacks. Thank you so much for sending in snacks! Have a wonderful week! Thank you for your support. God's blessings.

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

Steinacher: Hello from Mrs. Steinacher! We are halfway through first quarter, and the students are preparing for end of the quarter projects. We are excited for our first French Culture Day, which will take place on September 30. The students will give a short presentation of themselves in French, and we will learn about cultural traditions in France. Please remember to send a photo of your child for the presentation. For the week of September 16th, we will be completing lessons 19-21 in Math. We are covering subtraction of 3-digit numbers, multiplication, perimeter, and fractions. We will have a math test on Wednesday. In Language Arts, we will be on Unit 1.5, with a Spelling test on Thursday, and Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading tests on Friday. This is the end of Unit 1, and the students will begin preparing for Unit Assessments next week. We will start Part 2 of our Botany unit in science by discussing life cycles of angiosperms and gymnosperms. In Geography, we will complete our Australia/South Pacific unit with a quiz on Thursday over the capitals in this region. In Social Studies, we are covering unit 2.3 on the history of immigration, and we will begin learning the Presidents of the United States as we prepare to begin talking about presidential elections. We will learn a new President every day, until we learn who will be our 47th president in November. Religion this month focuses on Psalm 146, with memorization of the entire Psalm due on September 26. Please practice memorizing this Psalm at home. Have a wonderful weekend! God Bless, Mrs. Steinacher.

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

Middle school has been working furiously to apply Newton's Laws of motion to their mousetrap cars.

They have been watching videos, reading, building, testing, tweaking, retesting, decorating and so on to get ready for the BIG race next Thursday. We hope you can all come to cheer their car to victory! We are learning the symbolism in our novel that parallels our lives as Christians. We are learning where important parts of the Constitution are from. Thank you all for making sure that your student was able to attend Sunday and play in church. They did an excellent job!