

# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter September 5, 2024



**A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** In Proverbs 22:6 we read; "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." We at Salem are here are ready to walk beside you to plant God's word deep in the hearts of even our youngest Cyclones. While this doesn't guarantee they won't stray from God's word, it does make sure they know what the "way they should go" is. As they go through their journey of life, they may take different paths as they grow, but we want them to be able to return to the path of salvation. God is always there to welcome us back when we have gone astray. Let's work together to instill the path of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ into all our young people.

### **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:** 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Chapel offerings: Swaddling Clothes Ministry of Salem Lutheran Collected to date: \$178.15



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



Sunday is the day! Our students will be singing in church here at Salem. Please arrive by 8:45am. Children will meet in the cafeteria. They will sit together by class until after they sing and then will come to sit with their families. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 5 – ISD/Salem Volleyball Game away at MVCS in Alton 5pm**
- Sept. 8 – Sing in church 8:45 am arrival  
Church & School Pot Luck 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  
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**



Please join us for our annual Church and School Potluck this **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.



The volleyball team has their first game this week in Alton. Let's wish them good luck!

### **WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –**

- Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** – WG Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Salad, Fruit and Milk
- Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** W/G Cheese Pizza, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk
- Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>** – Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Fruit and Milk
- Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>** --Sloppy Joes on WG Bun, French Fries, Fruit and Milk
- Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** Beef Tacos, Toppings, Salad, Fruit and Milk
- Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Burger Pony Shoe, Vegetable, Fruit and Milk

**Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** Grilled Cheese, Vegetable,  
Fruit and Milk

## **NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS—**

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

Hello PREK-2 Families!!! Welcome to September! We have high hopes for cooler weather and fall activities!! With the new month comes new exciting things to learn about! This month we will be introducing the color Yellow, the number 2, the letter B and the square! We have been working hard on learning “We Praise You, O God” and we cannot wait to share it with you this Sunday! This week we introduced the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment, the 3<sup>rd</sup> line of the Lord’s Prayer, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> line of Apostle’s Creed. I sent home 10 Commandment family projects over the weekend and they are looking amazing! I love the family pictures while creating these projects and everyone did so great! Our theme this month is Adam and Eve. The Bible story I have chosen for this week will be “God Creates the World”. We made Watercolor earths to show how on the 1<sup>st</sup> day God create light to separate the days and the nights. We will touch on how Adam and Eve were both created to prepare us for our Adam and Eve story next week!!! A couple of reminders! PTL meeting is Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria! These meetings will give you time towards your 30 hours of volunteer work. This Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> please be sure to have your student here by 8:45 a.m. to perform in service. This is followed by a potluck at the Steinacher’s Farm at 3:00 p.m. If you need an address 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!! Thank You, Ms. Malone

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

The week in Pre-K 3 we are reviewing the letters S, A, and working on letter L. We are continuing to review numbers 3 & 5 and making groups of objects big and little. The kiddos have been working on their building skills with a variety of blocks of different shapes and sizes. The Bible story this week is out the Children’s Bible ‘The Beginning’. We have been discussing what God created for us the first 6 days. With our letter L we are expressing that God gave us Light and that we can keep it bright with our prayers and following the faith. Each day we continue to work on our fine motor skills, as well as our social and emotional skills with each other. A couple of reminders; that the Scholastic Book Order Forms that went home have on-line as well and I will be finalizing the order On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be new book orders throughout the year. Also, the kids have all been working on our song for church this coming Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Please have children in the cafeteria by 8:45 to line up with their class. The students will walk in together

and stand at the front of the church to sing the Hymn. Once they are done upfront, we will assist the children to parents in the pews. There is a potluck at the Steinacher’s home that afternoon at 3pm as well and all are welcome. Please let me know if you need the address.

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

In the pre-K 4 classroom this week we are working on student’s first names, letters, Cc plus reviewing Aa and Bb. Our journey with numbers continues by adding the number 5 while reviewing numbers 1 through 4. Shapes and colors are entering our lessons. Our friends know their circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles... So, we will begin to work with ovals, hexagons, and pentagons. A dual theme of welcome back to school and one of endurance which is a theme for the school this year was welcomed by the students with the thought of, “if Jesus could do it, endure the human experience and crucifixion, then we should try hard every day to help ourselves and others make it to the finish line”. Our classroom rules have helped us with that theme and one of our social and emotional books of being polite and kind was another way that we’ve been focusing on these themes. For the month of September, we will be thinking about who we are and the family tree project will help us get a good start with that. We are still working on our 10 Commandments and the students have learned the third one, we will review it and start commandment number four next week. We have chosen the Bible story of Adam and Eve to highlight for the month of September. We will also be taking trips to the Public Library this month!

### **Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade News from Mrs. Deborah Steinacher:**

For the week of Sept. 9, we will be working on learning Psalm 146:1-5 for memory. In religion we will be learning about Joseph and how God can make good things happen in bad times. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 1.4. While we are reading, we will look for our sight words, vocabulary words, the main characters, and is the story fiction or nonfiction. In math we will be working online segments, shapes, trading pennies for a dime, and making patterns. We will also be measuring length, identifying pairs, and reading a Venn diagram and pictographs. In social studies we are continuing to learn how we can be good citizens in our community. In science we have been learning about the stages of life. Now we will be looking at things in our habitat such as types of homes, jobs and places, and plants and animals. We would like to thank Kevyn for providing our snack break for the week in the afternoon. Thank you from all of us! Be sure to mark your calendar for Sept. 8. In the morning, we sing at Salem. Please arrive at 8:45 and go to the cafeteria. After the students sing, they will sit with their parents. Then in the afternoon, there is a potluck for the church and school at Steinacher’s (2629 Woodson Franklin Road, Franklin, IL). This is a fun time for everyone! Have a wonderful week! God’s blessings.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade News from Mrs. Jacqueline**

**Steinacher:** Greetings from Mrs. Steinacher! We continue to enjoy the beautiful weather by spending as much time outside as possible! For the week of September 9, we will be completing lessons 15-18 in Math. We will have a math test on Tuesday. In Language Arts, we will be on Unit 1.4, with a Spelling test on Thursday, and Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading tests on Friday. We will finish our Botany unit in science by covering lessons 16-17, and have a test on Friday over this unit. In Geography, we will start our Australia/South Pacific unit with a quiz on Thursday over the countries in this region. In Social Studies, we are covering unit 2.2. 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.

### **6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma:**

Middle school continues working through the novel, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We are reviewing pronouns. We continue to talk about how governments are formed, why they are formed and who is in charge of them. Design work has begun on our mousetrap cars as we prepare for the Mousetrap Derby on September 19. We hope everyone can come! Don't forget! We play in church on Sunday. This is the performance part of our music grade. The church and school picnic is also Sunday. What a great time to get to know each other better. Hope to see you there!