



SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

October 3rd, 2024

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Since 9-11, we have become very secure when it comes to airports and flying. Have you ever thought about the security around your heart? We let things into our hearts all the time that we should guard against: betrayal, bitterness, rage, resentment, lies, slander, gossip.... All these terrorize our hearts. Jesus can rebuild and restore our hearts and help guard them against further damage. The Holy Spirit is sent to live within us to help with this task. "Guard your heart above all else for it determines the course of your life." Proverbs 4:23

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
All School In-House Field Trip_ Fire Department Fire Safety Month 9am
- Oct. 8- ISD/Salem Volleyball Game @ Westfair** 5 pm
- Oct. 9- Combined chapel** at 9am
Pie orders due
- Oct. 10- End First Quarter- Fall Celebration Event-1:00-3:00 pm-**
Families are invited
- Oct. 11- NO SCHOOL-** Teacher Work Day- CID/SID teacher's Conference
- Oct. 14-NO SCHOOL-** Columbus Day
- Oct. 17- Pack the House at Leo's Pizza**
- Oct. 18- NO SCHOOL-**Parent/Teacher conferences
- Oct. 24- PTL Meeting-** 5:30pm
- Oct. 27- Trunk or Treat 4:30-6pm**
- Oct. 30- Reformation Chapel 9am**

CHAPEL OFFERINGS: 1st Quarter Chapel offerings: Swaddling Clothes Ministry of Salem Lutheran. This next week is the LAST WEEK we will be collecting for this ministry. Collected to date: \$382.68



It's hard to believe BUT 1st quarter wraps up next Thursday! We will be having a fall party to welcome the season from 1-3 pm on the playground. Students and families can experience old-fashioned games: three-legged races, sack races, bobbing for apples, 3D Tic Tac Toe, hopscotch and many more, and have a fall snack! We'd LOVE to see our families all come together to visit, socialize and have some fun! Hope to see YOU there!



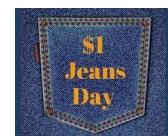
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Don't give up! If you have NOT received your items, they are coming. Thank you for your patience.



Parent Teacher conferences will be October 18. Please fill out the form and return to school by Tuesday, October 8. Conference times will be set and sent out on Tuesday, October 15. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you!



\$1 Jean Fridays are here! Staff and students(K-8) bring \$1 and give it to your teacher. Wear a pair of jeans (no rips, holes etc) with your spirit wear or school shirt. All money collected will go back into the class funds.



It is hard to believe but it is almost time for our THIRD Annual Trunk or Treat event! It will be on Sunday, October 27 from 4:30-6pm. Set up starts at 3pm. This is a BIG community event to show off our school. We need YOUR help!

Can you decorate a "Trunk/Booth" in the gym? (table provided if needed) The theme this year is: Night at the



The Next PTL meeting is October 24th at 5:30pm. YOU already belong! Need service hours? Get 1 just for coming! Find out how to get more! See what you can do to help keep our school great!

Movies. Each area should be decorated with a movie theme (nothing really scary) and provide an activity or candy for the kiddos. We are also looking for someone to run the face painting area. Food trucks will be on hand for dinner and treats as well. Please call the office and let them know your theme so we don't have a bunch of the same ideas.



Pie order forms went home last week. The pies will be delivered before Thanksgiving, so this is the perfect time to stock up on pies for the upcoming holidays. Order forms are due Wednesday, October 9th. There will be a prize for the student who brings the greatest revenue. Happy fundraising!

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Thursday October 3rd – Cheesy Chicken Spaghetti, Fruit, Salad and Milk

Friday, October 4th – WG Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Milk

Monday, October 7th – Taquitos, Strawberry Banana Jello, Corn and Milk

Tuesday, October 8th – Ham and Cheese Rollup, Fruit, Grapes and Milk

Wednesday, October 9th – Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Green Beans, Fruit and Milk

Thursday October 10th – Taco Soup, Chips/Salsa, Fruit, and Milk

Friday, October 11th – No School

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Bethany

Malone, Mrs. Mary Schultz: Hello Pre-K2 Families!!! Welcome to October!!! This week we introduced the 7th commandment, the entirety of the Lord's Prayer, and the entirety of Apostle's Creed. Every day I notice more and more students able to say these things along with me instead of repeating after me! I have introduced "10 Commandments for kids" and this week we are focusing on commandment 7 "thou shall not steal." Our theme this month is David and Goliath. The Bible story I have chosen for this week will be "A Good Heart" which tells us about when the Lord sought out a new king and found David. We will be making "David's Sheep". Friday we will be presenting our family projects so please make sure we have projects and pictures turned in! We are introducing the color orange this month and learning a helpful song called "the orange song" as well as using orange crayons, markers, colored pencils and paint to create orange artwork. We will also be mixing red and yellow paint to create orange. Next Tuesday we will be taking our 1st walk to the library with 3K. This month we will be introducing the number 3, the letter "C" and the

triangle. Reminder: Next Wednesday October 9th our Pie orders will be due Next Thursday October 10th will be picture retake day. If you would like your child's picture retaken, please contact the office. Thank you all so much for your participation and communication. This makes the class room 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 to October!!!! The kids are doing great with our daily center times routine of discussing the Month, day of the week, and the date. When we go over these dates it assists the kids in remembering and understanding that day's change, the months as well, and the actual numbers of each day change. Our class has almost all of the 10 Commandments memorized along with The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles Creed. They amaze us each day when reciting these in class and with little assistance when they may get stuck on a line. This week we are starting to work on the letter Gg and continuing to work on the number 9. We have started learning about the bible Story David & Goliath. We have made our own shields, pouches for our 5 stones and will even have some painted rocks as well. We are continuing to work on our fine motor skills to assist with their hand writing skills. It's crazy to think that the first quarter will be over next week! Ms. Martin will start conducting assessments on each of the children to have ready for the parent teacher conferences middle of October. We have our first Preschool field trip on October 28th to the Market Six pumpkin patch, please have all permission slips and fees turned in by October 18th. The kiddos have been doing amazing things in development and social and emotional skills so far this year and we are excited for the rest of the year to come.

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

& Mrs. Khristina Seaton: In the Pre-K 4 classroom this week we have been working with the number 8 and the letters G and g. The students have had fun nesting blocks in color patterns. We know that the season has changed from Summer to Fall, and the children are looking forward to cooler temperatures. We now have the first 30 days of the school year behind us and I think even the children agree that it has sped by. We have discovered that our students like to have their hands traced and they also enjoy lacing (I call it sewing) activities that we have been doing. In Math, we have been learning different ways to make five : you can remind your students in years to come that they started their algebra careers at the young age of 4.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: For the week of Sept. 30, memory will be Psalm 46: 1-6. In religion we will be reading about when Gideon leads God's people. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 2.3. We will continue to look for key details, the main characters, and the setting.

We will also look at the difference between fiction and nonfiction stories. In math we will look at pictographs, compare the length of objects, and work with line segments and shapes. We will also work with telling time, adding larger numbers, counting by 10's, and problem solving. In language we are working on identifying statements. In science we will be identifying the differences between deciduous trees and evergreen trees. In social studies we will be learning about what we need and what we want. We will also learn about how we get what we need and want. We will be having leftovers for our snack next week. Thank you to everyone for sending in extra snacks. Forms for parent teacher conferences will soon be coming home. Conferences are a wonderful time to learn about things happening in our classroom. It is also a great time to share ideas, look at how each student is learning and progressing, and to let you know how proud I am of all the learning that is happening. Thank you for your support. God's blessings. Have a wonderful week.

fill in the parent teacher conference sheets. I am eager to meet with each of you and share about your young persons progress!

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

Steinacher: Greetings from Grades 3-5. We've had so much fun the last few days with our field trip to the Steam Show and our French Culture Day! We look forward to these fun experiences to enrich the learning we do in the classroom. For the week of October 7, we will have a short week; as there is no school Friday, October 11 due to a Teacher Workday. We will not have Science or Social Studies lessons Wednesday or Thursday to allow the students to watch the movie they have earned. We will be completing lessons 31-33 in Math. 3rd grade is covering writing directions, reading and writing numbers through 999,999, and number lines. 4th grade is covering word problems about comparing, multiplication facts, and writing numbers through 999,999. 5th grade is covering lines and angles, polygons, and rounding. In Language Arts, we will be in unit 2.2, with all unit tests on Thursday. We will continue our Zoology unit in science by learning about classifying animals. In Geography, we will finish our unit on Asia with a quiz on the countries, capitals, oceans, and mountain ranges we have learned. The students will have a word box for this quiz. In Social Studies, we begin chapter 3, which discusses the U.S. government. We will learn about elections and discuss the upcoming election. We continue to learn about the presidents, and are covering Presidents 16-20, with a quiz on Thursday. Have a wonderful weekend! God Bless, Mrs. Steinacher.

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

Middle school wrapped up their novel study on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Connecting to our faith through this novel was very impactful for many of our students. We watched the movie and did an analysis paper between the book and the movie. We have begun a science unit on electromagnetics. We are researching the Presidential candidates and the things that they are promising. We continue to work on color blending in art and note reading in music. Please