

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

October 17th, 2024



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: The words on a tombstone read: "Died at forty, was buried at eighty." What does that mean? It means that God created us to be life-long learners, but if we stop learning, then you might as well be dead. What have you learned today? Let's help our students to embrace becoming life-long learners and to be excited about new opportunities.

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.

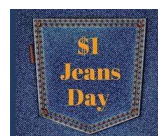
CHAPEL OFFERINGS: Chapel offerings this new quarter will go to the Jacksonville Food Center. This week's chapel offerings are \$16.02. Thank you



2nd Quarter offerings will go to help our community through the Jacksonville Food Center. We will collect money weekly as usual. We are also collecting items needed for their Christmas Food Baskets. We will collect the items by class. We will have a building contest on November 20th with the items each classroom collected. Items needed are: Sweet potatoes, instant potatoes (regular & large size), Gravy mix (package or can), egg noodles, chicken broth, corn/green beans, mushroom soup, stuffing mix, macaroni & cheese, pumpkin pie mix/evaporated milk, cereal, flour/sugar. Start looking for those grocery sales and bring in items NOW so that YOUR class has building material!



Parent-teacher conferences are TOMORROW! We look forward to sharing with you about your child! NO SCHOOL for the kiddos!



\$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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 4-6pm
- Oct. 28- Preschool Field Trip to Market 6
- Oct. 30- Reformation Chapel 9am
- Nov. 6- Combined chapel 9 am
- Nov. 11- NO SCHOOL- Veterans Day
- NOV. 20- Combined chapel 8:30, building contest 9:00, walk to deliver food following
- Nov. 24-Sing in Church- 8:45am arrival
- Nov. 27-29-NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 18- School led Christmas Advent Service 6pm
- Dec. 20- End first quarter- NOON DISMISSAL



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 4-6pm. 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 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. We need to know how many spaces to prepare.**

SALEM PTL: Selling 2025 St. Louis Cardinals wall calendars again this fall. Order blanks will be sent home with the children with calendars arriving around the end of November. They are selling for \$20 each this year.



The Next PTL meeting is October 24th at 5:30pm

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Thursday October 17th – French Bread Pizza, Carrots, Applesauce and Milk

Friday, October 18th **NO SCHOOL- P/T Conferences**

Monday, October 21st - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Applesauce, Fried Potatoes and Milk

Tuesday, October 22nd Baked Potato Bar, Salad/Toppings, Fruit and Milk

Wednesday, October 23rd Ham & Cheese Rollup, Salad, Mandarin Oranges and Milk

Thursday October 24th – Chicken Patty Sandwich, Carrots, Pineapple and Milk

Friday, October 25th – W/G Cheese Pizza, Mixed Fruit, Salad, and Milk

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Bethany

Malone, Mrs. Mary Schultz: Hello Pre-K2 Families!!! This week we introduced the 9th 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 9 "thou shall not covet thy neighbor's house" Our theme this month is David and Goliath. The Bible story I have chosen for this week will be "best friends" (1 Samuel 16:14-23) we will also be creating hidden messages from the Bible with white crayon and watercolor. We are introducing 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. This week we will be making oranges with construction paper. We will also be coloring the number 3 and gluing 3 poms to it. We have gotten our 2-month update on our cow, Salem, and will be discussing her in class this week. Reminder: No School Friday October 18th for parent/teacher conferences If you have not returned your student's fieldtrip form and money, please do so by Friday October 18th. 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: We are halfway through October already! This week the kids are working on recognizing their own name and the order of their letters. We will start working on tracing their names as well. We have created some leaf and pumpkin outlines while using the color dot stampers. The kids enjoy collecting leaves, flowers, feathers, and grass while we are outside. Mrs. Bezler and I have been keeping these nature items for a bigger project later in the year. This

week we are starting to work on the letter Dd and going over number 7. We have read the bible story "A Good Heart" 1 Samuel 15: 1-16: -3. While we learning about what it is to have a good heart, we are discussing good and bad choices as well. Express that helping others is a great way to show you have a good heart full of God's love. We are continuing to work on our fine motor skills to assist with their hand writing skills. Reminder that October Book order need to be submitted by October 18th I will be closing the order at the end of the day. 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.

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

& Mrs. Khristina Seaton: This week in the Pre-K 4 classroom, we have been working with the number 9 and the letters H and h. We have changed our seasons and theme for October, so you will see Fall colors on our paper chains, hand cutouts, and leaves. The Ten Commandments studies have given us the opportunity to talk about "false testimony against our neighbors" and how this affects them. Our favorite activities this week were the slime, playdoh, and sand centers. We are getting to know Georgia and her family through our Family Tree project. It is amazing to witness our students beginning to understand the connection of the layers or generations within a family.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: For the week of Oct. 21, memory will be Psalm 46: 1-9. The class is doing a great job of learning the Psalm for the month, the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostle's Creed. In religion we will be learning about when God gives Hannah a son. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 2.4. All of the students are doing a great job of reading their stories to me. It is wonderful to hear them read to me and to a friend. In language we are continuing to learn about end punctuation of the different types of sentences. In math we will be working with our problem-solving skills, comparing larger numbers, counting money, estimating length, and multiplying by 10. In social studies we will be learning about goods and services. In science we will be learning about the life cycle of a tree. We would like to thank Emory for providing us with our snacks for the week. It is wonderful to have an afternoon snack break! Be sure to mark Trunk or Treat on your calendar! It is October 27 in Salem's gym. It will be a fun time for everyone! The next time we sing will be Sunday, November 24. The students are doing a wonderful job of learning our new song. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at parent teacher conferences. This is a great opportunity for us to get together and look at how much our child has accomplished! I am so proud of each of them. Have a wonderful week. God's blessings.

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

Steinacher: Hello from Mrs. Steinacher! We are looking forward to a full week of school after many short weeks!

A reminder that our Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 26 from 4-6pm. Please consider preparing a booth for the event and let the office know what theme your booth will be. For the week of October 21, we will complete math lessons 36-39, with a math assessment on Tuesday. We will be in Unit 2.3 in Language Arts this week. Spelling tests will be on Thursday, with Grammar, Vocabulary, and Reading tests on Friday. The students are continuing to work on their book reports over a biography of their choice. In Science, we will continue our unit on Zoology by taking a more in-depth look at invertebrates such as insects and arachnids. Geography this week will move to the continent of Africa. The students will learn about 10 countries in Africa and will have a quiz on Thursday over these countries. In Social Studies, we will continue to discuss the United States government and the election process. We will continue to learn the Presidents of the United States and have a quiz over Presidents 1-20 on Friday. Have a blessed weekend!

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

Middle School continues this week with the reading of *A Wrinkle In Time*. They are working on their persuasive papers on if they could vote, who would they vote for and why. We continue our unit on electromagnetics. We are looking forward to singing in church in November and have been learning the song. As hard as it is to believe, we will begin learning parts for the Christmas Service! We continue to serve at the Food Center on Tuesdays