

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

November 21st, 2024



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: Have you ever had a well-intentioned friend say, "I know how you feel!" and you thought to yourself, "No, you really don't." There is someone who does- Jesus! He went through everything we do- temptation of every kind. The only difference? He didn't sin. This allows for Him to stand in our stead in front of our heavenly Father and plead our case. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way. Just as we are- yet he did not sin." Hebrews 4: 15

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 quarter will go to the Jacksonville Food Center. This week's chapel offerings are \$29.93 Grand total \$169.57 Thank you



Sunday we sing in church! The children have been preparing and the song is amazing! Please arrive by 8:45AM and meet in the cafeteria.



Deck the Halls and Luncheon Too! Will be hosted here at Salem December 8 from 11:30am – 2pm. Come for lunch, Christmas crafts and Christmas Karaoke!



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 21- Pack the House-** Leo's Pizza
- Nov. 22- PIE DELIVERY PICK-UP 1-4pm**
Middle School Field Trip to Gold Leaf Gallery
- Nov. 24- Sing in Church- 8:45am arrival**
- Nov. 27-29- NO SCHOOL-** Thanksgiving break
- Dec 3-**Home basketball game vs. Westfair 5:30 pm
- Dec. 5- PTL Meeting** 4:30 pm on the cafeteria
- Dec. 7-Salem Cookie Walk** 10am – Noon
- Dec. 8- Deck the Halls & Luncheon Too 11:30am- 2pm**
- Dec. 10-** Home basketball game vs Springfield Trinity (Burns Gym) 6:30pm
- Dec. 18-** School-led Christmas Advent Service 6pm
- Dec. 19-** Pack the House-Leo's Pizza
- Dec. 20-End of second quarter- NOON Dismissal**
- Jan. 6- School Resumes for third quarter**



Salem Ladies Guild Cookie Walk will be SATURDAY, December 7 from 10am – noon. Plan to get there early to get all your favorite cookies!

DESSERTS NEEDED: We need desserts for the upcoming Deck the Halls and Luncheon Too! which will be held December 8th from 11:30 – 2:00 pm. If you can make a dessert for the event, please contact the office or Jackie Steinacher at (217)461-0096. Thank You



Pie delivery TOMORROW! Pick up from 1-4 pm



TONIGHT! Dine in or carry out at Leo's Pizza. Mention Salem so we get a portion of the sales donated back to the school!



Thank you for all the food donated to the Food Center. We had a wonderful time building castles with the items! Congratulations to the 4-K class for having the best build and 3-K for collecting the most food. We made a parade of wagons and children as we went over to deliver all the items we collected. Many Christmas boxes will be blessed with our donations. We will continue to collect weekly monetary donations until the end of the quarter.

WEEKLY LUNCH MENU –

Thursday November 21st – Crispy Chicken Wrap,
French Fries, Fruit and Milk

Friday, November 22nd – W/G Cheese Pizza, Salad,
Fruit and Milk


Monday, November 25th – Baked Potato Bar, Toppings,
Salad and Milk

Tuesday, November 26th – Roast Turkey, Mashed
Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans and Milk

Wednesday, November 27th No School – Thanksgiving
Break

Thursday November 28st No School – Thanksgiving
Break

Friday, November 29th No School – Thanksgiving
Break

 **RaiseRight.** Do you buy gift
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holiday gifts? Let us help! Buy gift cards
and earn money for our school with Raise
Right Scrips!

How It Works: It's easy! Shop for physical gift
cards or e-gift cards for your family and friends,
and we receive a portion of the purchase! You
can purchase gift cards 2 ways:

1. Order directly online and choose from
hundreds of retailers. Cards will be
shipped to the school or directly to your
home for an additional fee. E-gift cards
can be accessed right away!

First step: Go to Raiseright.com or
download the Raise Right App.
Create an account and enter
enrollment code
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have an account, you can
immediately start shopping!

2. Visit the office and order from a
comprehensive list of gift card options.

NEWS FROM OUR TEACHERS–

**PRESCHOOL Pre-K2 News from Ms. Bethany
Malone, Mrs. Mary Schultz:** Hello Pre- K2
Families!!! This week we are reviewing the 10
commandments, the entirety of the Lord's Prayer, and
the entirety of Apostle's Creed. We have made it all the
way through these lessons and moving forward we will
focus on retaining this information. Our theme this
month is Fish and Bread. The Bible story I have chosen
for this week is "Jonah and the big fish" Jonah 1:1-3:10.
We will be focusing on thankfulness this month and we

found hidden Thankful verses with water colors We
are introducing the color brown this month and learning
a helpful song called "the brown song" as well as using
brown crayons, markers, colored pencils and paint to
create brown art work. This week we've painted
Football and made processed art turkeys. We will also
be making Thanksgiving placemats. Reminders: Nov.
20th before we donate our items, we will be using them
to build a structures for our classroom then we will be
walking our donations over to the food bank. We will
also be presenting 1st bibles to our newest students at
chapel as well. Nov 24th: singing in church. Please
have your student here by 8:45 a.m Nov 26th: Our
class Friendsgiving from 2-3 p.m. Nov 27th-29th: No
School for Thanksgiving break. IMPORTANT: At this
time, we have turkey/ham sliders, uncrustables, juice,
and paper plates covered for our thanksgiving party!
Please let me know as soon as possible if you can
attend and/or bring a dish. 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 have learned the song "I am
Thankful" by Angie Killian for our Thanksgiving service
on Sunday, November 24th. Please arrive by 8:45 AM.
Kids can be dropped off in the cafeteria with the
teachers. The class made some blow art today,
learning that when you water down paint and blow it
with a straw, you can make cool pictures. We are
working on the letter "Tt" this week and talking about
all things Thanksgiving and what to be thankful for. We
have been working on turkey shape matching,
Thanksgiving food patterns, turkey color matching, and
many more turkey-themed activities. Thank you,
families, for sending in all the non-perishable food
items for the Jacksonville Food Center. We ended up
with a sports wagon full of food for the center. These
items will assist many families in our community in their
time of need during the holidays. Next week, we only
have Monday and Tuesday, and we are making those
our Friendsgiving days in class. Mrs. Bezler and I will
have special snacks and drinks for those days, along
with fun activities, so no one misses out on the fun.
Have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving with your
families.



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

We have a new student in our classroom, please help us welcome Kaleb Haxhinasto and his family to the Salem Family. Our friends have been modeling our rules and best behavior to make Kaleb and Eloise (Louie), our new student from last week, feel welcome and help them to fit right in. We have had two friends to celebrate birthdays this week, so we are keeping the sugar suppliers happy. The letters L and I were reviewed and we began studying the letters M and m. In Math we are reinforcing linear numbers; first, second, third, and fourth. We are also practicing our writing of numbers 0 through 9 and our shapes. The students are doing more individual reading to the class. A new Psalm is being worked on and we are helping our two new students to learn the 10 commandments. Just as we are polishing our Thanksgiving song for Church on November 24th, we are beginning work on Christmas music and roles for the program on the 18th of December. Never a dull moment in the classroom as we have also been introduced and featured Maddox Parnell and his family in our Family Tree Project.

Kindergarten – 2nd Grade News from Mrs. Deborah

Steinacher: For the week of Nov. 25 there will be no regular reading or spelling due to the short week. For memory we will continue to work on Psalm 16. In reading we will be working on reading books for AR. We will also be working with reviewing reading skills and the word wall. In social studies we will be learning about saving money. In science we will be starting a new book on sunlight. We will be having left overs for snack for the short week. When we come back from Thanksgiving break on December 2, we will be on a normal schedule. For memory we will learn Psalm 98. We will also be working on our songs for the Christmas service. In reading and spelling we will be on unit 3.4. We will be working with fluency, comprehension, key details, and the main characters. In social studies we will be reviewing chapter 2. In science we will be learning about shadows and the sunlight. We would like to thank Karlie for our afternoon snack for the week of Dec. 2. Have a wonderful week! God's blessings.

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

Steinacher: Greetings from Mrs. Steinacher! We have had a lot of fun prepping for the Thanksgiving season. We will be performing the song "Thankful" in church this Sunday, November 24. Please be in the cafeteria at 8:45am for the 9:00am service. We have been talking about dishes we like to eat in French. Next week, the students will prepare a dish to share with the class and explain how they made it "en Francais". We will work on DRA and AR in reading next week and will not start a new Language Arts unit. We will complete math lessons 53-54. In Social Studies, we will review geography and continue our unit on the economy. In Science, we will have a lab on growing grass in different environments. Have a joyful and blessed Thanksgiving holiday! Mrs. Steinacher

6th 7th & 8th Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma:

The Middle School has been reading the novel Little Women. They have been working through the Middle Ages and covered the crusades this week. We have been practicing for singing in church Sunday as well as working on the Christmas Advent service. They did vortex drawings in art. They are diagraming sentences and have worked through subjects, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and direct objects. We look forward to seeing everyone Sunday when we sing in church.