



# SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:** What scary or uncomfortable things do you or your child have to do? Is it speaking in front of people? Taking a test? Learning a part for a Christmas service? Whatever it is, you never have to go through it alone. We always have the Lord Jesus in our corner helping us through those tough times. "Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

### 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 \$24.27. Grand total \$220.58 Thank you

**SALEM PTL:** Selling 2025 St. Louis Cardinals wall calendars again this fall. They are selling for \$20 each this year.



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DRESS DAYS** as we Countdown to Christmas vacation!  
Monday, Dec 16: Christmas socks and hats

Tuesday, Dec. 17: Red & Green attire

Wednesday, Dec. 18: Grinch attire

Thursday, Dec. 19: Christmas headbands

Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: Christmas parties,

Christmas shirts. NOON DISMISSAL

CAMPUS CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK



Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at Leo's Pizza! Dine in or carry out. Mention Salem so we get a portion of your spending back!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**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**



Next week on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> our students lead the Advent service at 6pm. ALL STUDENTS have a special part in the service. Please arrive by 5:30pm in your classroom.



The office will be closed at points during the Christmas vacation. If you need us, please call ahead to make sure that we are in.

### WEEKLY LUNCH MENU -

**Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>** – BBQ Pork Sliders, Mashed Potatoes, Fruit and Milk

**Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** W/G Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Milk.

**Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** - Ham and Beans, Cornbread, Fruit and Milk

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** Garlic Butter Chicken Bites over Noodles, Fruit, Vegetable and Milk

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham, Fruit, Salad and Milk

**Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>** Tacos, Salad/Toppings, Fruit and Milk

**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** W/G Cheese Pizza, Salad, Fruit and Milk.

### 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 the birth of Christ. The Bible story I have chosen for this week is "Jesus is Born" Luke 2:1-7. We will be focusing on the meaning of Christmas and the birth of the Jesus. We have made a Hand Print Nativity scene as well as

processed art baby in the manager. We are introducing the color green this month and learning a helpful song called "the green song" as well as using green crayons, markers, colored pencils and paint to create green art work. We also made a snowstorm in a jar science experiment, and we will be writing letters to Santa and making processed art Frosty the snowmen. For December we will watch a movie on Fridays and make a craft to go along with it. This week we will be watching Frosty the Snowman! Reminders: Dec 18th: Christmas Advent Service 6p.m; Dec 19th: Leo's pack the house; Dec 20th: Christmas party 11-noon & noon dismissal. Happy Holiday Season!! 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:** I'm sure that you all had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving break. I want to say that I am extremely thankful for all of the students and families. It is a pleasure to be teaching these young minds each and every day! We are now in the final week of school before our Christmas break. We have started listening to and practicing for our Christmas Advent Service on Wednesday, December 18th at 6 PM. We will meet around 5:40 PM in the classroom to get the kids into their costumes. Our class will be the shepherds and animals. They can wear their Christmas best if you'd like. Their program costumes will be a headband with ears and a piece of cloth, color-coded for the animals or white for the shepherds, wrapped around their shoulders. This is a whole school program and look forward to having all the kids put on this awesome. On Friday, December 20th, we will have our class Christmas Party. Parents are invited and encouraged to come. We will dismiss at noon that day with no aftercare. This week, we have continued to discussed how God told Mary that she would bear a child and name him Jesus, the Son of God and moving into the birth of Jesus and the reason for celebrating Christmas and the holiday season. Look forward to all the fun and exciting process art projects and Christmas art!

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

In our classroom, friends have transitioned easily from our Thanksgiving song to the Jesus Is Christmas to Me music. They are learning the words and will be dressing the parts come the 18th. We reviewed the M and m letters and are learning about the N and n letters. We were practicing attention to detail and examining groups of three items to see which one was different, not matching the other two, and what detail was different: they really enjoyed the challenge. Our friends are very good at prepositions and sequencing... what happens first, then what, and how does it end. They have been practicing counting one to thirty and then learning counting backwards from thirty to one. In the gym,

we continued with our soccer skills and the girls won a game against the boys. This was a good experience of being good winners and good non-winners and overall good sportsmanship. The two favorite activities this week were folding coffee filters and using our scissor skills to create snowflakes for our bulletin boards and hearing and acting out the birth of Jesus, the first Christmas story. The students swaddled a baby and took turns holding and appreciating the size and vulnerability of baby Jesus. We will be talking about what gifts we can offer for His birthday and enjoy giving to others as much as receiving from Santa this season.

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

For the week of December 16, we will not be doing our regular memory, reading, or spelling. For memory we will be going over our songs and recitations for the children's Advent service which will be on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6 pm. Please arrive at 5:40 at Salem. We will be practicing for the service most mornings. After that we will be finishing up AR for the second quarter. We will be making a few Christmas things to help the class tell others about the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. On Friday we will be celebrating Christmas with a variety of games with grades K-8. We will dismiss school after lunch at noon. We will be having left overs for snack next week. In January we will be back on our normal schedule for reading and spelling. A new spelling list has been sent home for unit 4.1 for the week of January 6. 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! A reminder our Christmas service is Wednesday, December 18 at 6:00pm. Please have the students arrive no later than 5:40. Another reminder that we dismiss at noon on Friday, December 20 with No After Care. For the week of December 16, we will complete Math lessons 61-62. We will be beginning Unit 3.4 in Language Arts this week; with Spelling, Reading, Grammar, and Vocabulary tests on Thursday. In Science, we will finish our unit on Ecology. In Geography, we will have our unit test of Europe. In Social Studies, we will finish our unit on the economy. We are practicing how to say things we do/don't do in French class to prepare for our upcoming French Culture Day; where we will talk about Christmas traditions. Have a blessed weekend!

#### **6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade News from Ms. Joy Reitsma:**

Middle School is working on closing out the second quarter. We will be finishing Little Women in the next week and taking a test on the book. We will be taking a test on sentence diagraming. We will finish up math with one more test for the quarter and be half way through our math book! We are looking forward to a few weeks of celebrating Christ's birth with family and friends.

