

Monday October 6th 2025

Trinity Lutheran School Nicollet

Trinity Lutheran School proclaims the love of Jesus Christ by partnering with parents to prepare students for this life and eternity.

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**Breakfast Menu:** All breakfasts are served with fruit and milk.  
 Monday: Banana Bread, Tuesday: Cereal Bar, Wednesday: Graham Cracker, Thursday: Poptart, Friday: S'mores Bar

**Hot Lunch Menu:** All Lunch is served with a fruit, vegetable and a milk. Monday: Hamburger, Tuesday: Corn Dog, Wednesday: Hot Ham & Cheese, Thursday: Meatballs, Friday: **NO HOT LUNCH - FIELD TRIP**

Chapel Mission: Our current offering is up to \$227.75. This semester our missions will be going to the Central African Medical Mission.



Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School  
 Praise the Lord, my soul; and forget not all His benefits.  
 Psalm 103:2

## Principal notes:

Oct 3, 2025

### Our Week in Review: Things we learned

- MAP testing is complete! You have amazing kids.
- Grass is growing and we have a few pieces of the grounds back to play and run in. Thank you to Warren and Rachel Krohn for making our playground surround an amazing oasis of green grass.
- Fire Safety. We had a special visit from a local fire fighter who talked to the student body about fire safety. Then he geared up and lit up the fire truck for our Fire Test this week. We were evacuated, cleared and safe in less than 2 minutes. What a blessing to have members who work for our local Fire Department. Thank you, Peter Finken !!!

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### Looking Forward: Things to know

- **PLANNING:** Look forward to October 10th, which is Friday by the way 😞, our first school Field Trip. GET YOUR PERMISSION IN ASAP. Think cool crisp apples and possibly a sweet treat to follow. \$10 for anyone who wants to chaperone.
- Check the weather. As the days start to dip cooler please make sure you have hoodies, sweat shirts and light coats for kids on the playground. It's not yet hats and mittens weather but it will be here sooner than you expect.
- Trunk or Treat: Come support our School and Church with your own Trunk. Here are some early decoration ideas; ---->

### Dates to remember: Plan ahead

10-9: Field Trip to the Fire House for our younger grades

10-10: Field Trip to Apple Farm in Jordan

10-15: **EARLY DISMISSAL**

10-16+17: **NO SCHOOL** [Teachers Conference at MLC](#) Two days for your teachers to go back to school and learn.

10-24: **End of the Quarter - Grades will be coming out.**



# Life in Middle School

Mr. Ritter

**Week Five:** This week went by extremely quickly and I have a feeling the next few before the end of the quarter are going to fly by as well. I have no significant updates based on the past few days, however I would like to encourage parents to ask your students if they have any late work. The time is coming where assignments that aren't turned in will be marked as zeros.

**PE:** We started a new unit, flag football, this week. So far the students have learned proper technique to throw, catch and punt. The progress some of the students have made with only two days of practice is quite impressive. Hopefully next week we can start playing games.

**History:** 5th - 6th is approaching the end of their first textbook based on Europe and Russia. They have a quiz Monday 10/6 on the country of Poland and test on the whole book in a couple of weeks. 7th - 8th is approaching the end of our study on the Civil War. Wednesday included some short presentations on certain battles that took place and they did a fine job for their first presentation of the year.

**Writing:** The first of many lengthy essays started this week. 5th - 6th are currently working on their first multi-paragraph writing assignment and 7th - 8th will be beginning their first five paragraph essay next Tuesday.

**Highlights:** We had our first fire drill and it went very well. The students even received starbursts for their excellent ability to follow instructions and exit the building in a quick and quiet fashion.

## Mrs. Biedenbender's Room

We have sure been enjoying the beautiful weather at recess time! Last week the 3rd graders received new dictionaries from the Lions Club. They have been enjoying looking up words and learning some interesting information, like the longest word, sign language and the braille alphabet.

We are looking forward to going to the fire station on Thursday, and the apple orchard on Friday, next week!

**Math:** 3rd grade has been using play money to work on the challenging concepts of carrying and borrowing from two or three digit numbers. Next week we will learn about counting, exchanging, and adding cents and dollars.

4th grade has been learning about time and temperature. Next week we will learn about shapes, fractions, lines and angles.

**English:** The 3rd and 4th graders will add another part of speech: prepositions, and learn about subject-verb agreement rules.

**Reading:** We have begun reading our new novel "A Taste of Blackberries" by Doris Buchanan Smith. We have been finding many metaphors and similes in the book.

**Christ Light:** This past week we learned how God took care of and blessed Jacob when he traveled so far away from home. This week we will learn how God did the same for Jacob's brother, Joseph, when he was mistreated by his brothers and sent far away from home.

**Science:** We will learn about animal life cycles.

**Social Studies:** We will learn about landforms and how they affect our communities.



The Lions' Club presented the 3rd graders with new dictionaries!



The 3rd graders exchanged play money to better understand carrying and borrowing.

## Mrs. Gronholz's Room:

**Grade 2:** Second graders worked on problem solving, fractions of a whole and doubles-plus-one in math this week. We learned new vocabulary in English. Narrative writing takes time and we worked on revising, editing and sharing our writing. We learned about 'panic' and how Ms. Blossom helped her class and how Jesus helps us. Math next week includes time, temperature and money fun. I read today that Kwik Trip will no longer use pennies but will round down instead! Hmmm! Classifying sentences has become routine for second grade but we just added a skill check. In Super Kids Reading we start a new unit - our third. Spelling words for next Thursday are - **mess, class, buzz, quiz, was, does, doesn't, close, goes, easy, busy, because.**

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**Grade 1:** In Math this week we used pattern blocks to make patterns but we still love to make designs.. In Reading we played a potato game to practice spelling words and read and discussed 'odd pets'. We even made our own drawing of an 'odd pet'. Next week we will continue work on adding doubles and making patterns. Unit Three in Reading next week and it is always fun to start a new chapter and read more books. Our spelling words for Thursday will be - **king, sing, thing, hang, bang, sang, long, song, rung, sung.** May God bless your weekend and our week together!

## **Mrs. Schmudlach's Kindergarten and First Grade Classroom**

Our first time singing in church was last Sunday. It was beautiful! Please start working on the song for late October, *By Faith*.

**Christ Light:** *Joseph is sold by his brothers and Joseph in Potiphar's House and in Prison. God gives us strength to remain faithful to him, even in times of trouble.*

**Math K:** We are still working on shape names, patterns, and the numbers 1-10.

**Reading K:** Letter matching games, medial *a*, and imaginary places.

**Writing K:** We are still working on lists of favorite places.

**Science K and 1:** Why are polar bears white?

**English 1:** We have just finished categorizing SN, V, and Adv. This week we will start the Adjective.

**Art:** Painting Gourds and Decorating our room for Fall and October Fun!

**Music:** We sing in church on the 26th of October! The song is called, *By Faith*. We have started learning the words. We are also singing, *Boom Boom, Ain't it Great to be Crazy?*

### **Coming Up:**

**October 9:** A walking field trip to the Nicollet Fire Station!

**October 10:** Field trip to the apple farm in Jordan. If you are not joining us, you can give spending money for your child to me any time next week!

**October 24:** End of 1st Quarter and Trunk and Treat!

**October 26th:** Sing in Church



## PRESCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Kelly

**THIS WEEK** we are talking about letter C, but mostly the hard <c> sound, like in cookie. In preschool, learning and discerning the phoneme (the sound a letter makes) comes before learning the letter. So we've talked about cookies, clouds, and cars, and sang about and then ate Hot Cross Buns! It's fun how those nursery rhymes we've been doing are remaining with them; I hear them singing them as they play.

**OUR BIBLE STORY** this week has been about Abraham. God promised him and his wife Sarah a son, but they had to wait a long time for that promise to come true. But God always keeps His promises!

**THE FIRE DRILL on Tuesday** was very exciting and a bit overwhelming from a noise perspective for our little people! But they did a super job following the procedures and did great. We are counting the days until we visit the fire station next week!



**LAST WEEK'S VIP DAY** was also exciting and a bit overwhelming! But it was fun sharing our day with our important people.



**OUR BLOCK STRUCTURES** are getting increasingly complex, and tall!

